

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

November 28, 2007

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard and Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Commissioner Hyde was not present.

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2007 Board meeting and November 21, 2007 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. With that, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 11/27/07.
- (B) Cancel the **November 28, 2007** 2:00 pm Staff meeting.
- (C) Order No. 150-2007, (Initiating/Finalizing Vacation Proceedings) "In the Matter of the Proposed Vacation of a Portion of Bonneville Drive Near Scappoose, Oregon, and Accepting the Dedication of Additional Right-of-Way Along Bonneville Drive [Michael and Virginia Taylor]".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (D) Award the Contract to Pape' Machinery for \$28,550 for the Purchase of a Self-Propelled Sweeper and direct staff to prepare the contract.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Democratic Central Committee meeting last night. They had lengthy discussion on the LNG project. The committee passed a resolution that, if the LNG project were to go forward, they expect to have a very long list of items addressed. They would

urge all elected representatives to be supportive if all of the items were addressed. They also talked about the family in St. Helens that us being harassed and the committee's interest in getting the word out that this type of behavior is unacceptable.

Yesterday afternoon, she attended a meeting over at 911 for the people who participated in the TOPOFF 4 exercise. Those participants received certificates. Afterwards, there was a debriefing on how the exercise went, what they learned from this exercise and improvements can be made. Personally, she was very pleased with how the TOPOFF exercise went.

Monday night, she attended the Watts House Holiday Lighting. It was very nice as usual, but the weather was so bad, it kept a lot of people from attending.

Yesterday, she attended the CAT meeting. They had a couple of visitors from the Columbia County Commission on Children & Families to recognize Laura Hudsinger, who is doing the After School program in Scappoose. Unfortunately, Laura was working and could not attend. It's nice to recognize these efforts because these after school programs are invaluable to so many.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Not present.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia has been attending a lot of holiday events around the county, doing a lot of preparation with Kiwanis for their upcoming holiday events. One thing they are doing is taking rotating nights to visit with Dena Nelson in her recovery and take her dinner. That has worked out very well and all are please with her recovery.

On Monday, he worked with the Cultural Trust Committee. They talked about a number of things that they would like to do, particularly with the Oregon 150 coming up. At the November AOC meeting, the Governor's wife talked about 2 out of the 4 different avenues that they are going to pursue. They will be contacting the State to see what they can connect up with them for other funding sources. Larry Cole will be contacting the local historical societies to talk about commonalities of the city museums and what they can do interact with them and possibly bring the three museums together under one umbrella at some point.

The meeting was recessed and carried over to Thursday, November 29, 2007 at or after 11:30 am.

The Board reconvened the meeting on Thursday, November 29, 2007 at 11:30 am. Present were Commissioner Bernhard, Commissioner Hyde and Commissioner Corsiglia, along with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting back to order.

2008 JAIL EXPANSION:

Phil Derby, Jim Carpenter, Jerry Simmons and Brian Cutright were present for discussion. Phil first wanted to say that the Jail just had a inspection by the State and the Columbia County Jail received a 99.8 on the inspection. Phil wanted to commend the staff for doing such an outstanding job. Phil noted that the statutes say that the Board of Commissioners also do an inspection and Phil would suggest that be done annually. Phil presented a draft form to be completed by the Board during that inspection. Commissioner Hyde would like to see space on the form for comments.

Phil then presented a packet of information on a proposed Jail expansion. The US Marshall's Service (USMS) is asking the county to enter into a contractual agreement for an extended length of time to house pre-trial incarcerated inmates. The proposal is intended to help relieve the housing shortage that the USMS is experiencing due to the growing number of Federal inmates. The County would build a 225 bed expansion onto the existing facility in accommodate the USMS. Phil went over the list of additional personnel and costs that would be required to do this.

Under the Garfield proposal - the expansion would be built, and then the county would lease it from whoever built it. The increased revenues from this proposal would pay for the expansion with approximately \$1,930,000 additional revenue for the Jail per year. This is based on 180 inmates. The USMS is willing to contract with the county for 15 years with a guarantee of at least 180 inmates. Commissioner Hyde would like to see a 25 year agreement from the Federal government, as opposed to 15, unless the payoff could be amortized over 15 years. We don't want to be stuck paying for an additional 10 years with no guarantee from the feds.

Commissioner Corsiglia suggested a courtroom included with this expansion and would like to see the figures on that. He is not sure if there is any potential for that, but should be considered.

Phil also presented a request to increase a part time position to full time. After discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to authorize the Sheriff to increase the .49 position to a temporary full time position and direct the Sheriff to move forward on the concept of this proposal. The motion carried unanimously.

While present, Phil Derby requested \$27,000 for IT equipment but IT doesn't have it. Understanding the need for this, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to authorize up to \$40,000 for IT equipment for the Sheriff's Office. Under discussion, Commissioner Corsiglia would agree with the \$40,000, but only if it is subject to ratification of the specific dollar amounts by the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed the meeting at 12:30 to reconvene at 2:00 pm. Present were Commissioner Bernhard, Commissioner Hyde and Commissioner Corsiglia, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h)(f):

The Board immediately recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(h)(f). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

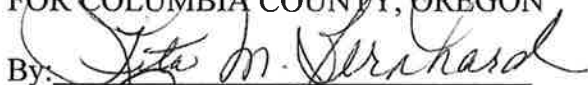
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 28th day of November, 2007.


NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON


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Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: _____

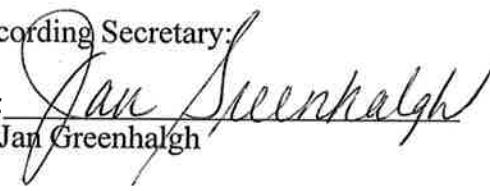

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____


Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____


Jan Greenhalgh