

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 5, 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, Spencer Parson, Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Commissioner Hyde was in Vernonia and not present.

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

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the November 27, 2007 Work Session and November 28, 2007 Board meeting were held over one week.

Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2007 Emergency Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2007-10: SUMMIT POWER ZONE CHANGE:**

This is the time set for the second reading of Ordinance No. 2007-10, "In the Matter of the Application of Summit Power Group for a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zone Change from Primary Agriculture (PA-38) to Rural Industrial Planned Development".

Spencer gave the first reading of this ordinance on November 21, 2007, with the second reading being set for today. With no objections, Spencer gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 2007-10, by title only. There is no emergency clause included, so this ordinance will become effective in 90 days.

With that, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2007-10, "In the Matter of the Application of Summit Power Group for a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zone Change from Primary Agriculture (PA-38) to Rural Industrial Planned Development". The motion carried unanimously.

**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 12/4/07.

- (B) Ratify Partition Plat for Samantha Amick.
- (C) Ratify letters to the Oregon Emergency Management Department Declaring a State of Emergency for Columbia County, City of Vernonia, City of Clatskanie, City of St. Helens, and the City of Scappoose.
- (D) Ratify Letter to DLCD Regarding Vested Rights Determinations Under Ballot Measure 49.
- (E) Order No. 151-2007, "In the Matter of Establishing an Interim Procedure to Make Vesting Determinations Under Oregon Statewide Ballot Measure 49".
- (F) Ratify **Resolution** No. 152-2007, "In the Matter of the Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Severe Weather Events".
- (G) Approve new Liquor License for Warren Country Inn.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (H) Ratify Financial Assistance Award of \$50,000 from EDA for Rail Corridor Improvement Plan.
- (I) Approve license Agreement between the Columbia County Fair Board and the Columbia County Justice Court and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SPECIALIST RECRUITMENT:**

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, came before the Board to request authorization to fill two Environmental Services Specialist (ESS) positions. One of the two on-site personnel resigned last month and the remaining staff person, Ron Wilson, has submitted a letter indicating his intent to resign sometime before June, 2008. Todd's request is to hire two ESS 1 level positions which are basically trainees. It is very important that we keep these positions filled and by doing this immediately, Ron will be able to provide some training before he leaves.

Jean Ripa noted that Todd has already been authorized to hire one ESS position so his request is really only for one more. She would recommend that the second appointment be contingent upon the resignation of the existing position and that it is made clear that should the current incumbent not resign, the second one will be let go. After discussion, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to authorize the LDS Director to fill the second ESS I position on a conditional basis through June 30, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

**2007 SEVERE STORM DISCUSSION:**

Discussion was held on what is being done to respond to the severe storm damage of this week. EOC is up and running and doing a great job. Commissioner Hyde reported this morning that the water in Vernonia is going down, however it is a huge mess over there. There are a lot of volunteers that want to help and they can call the Public Information Center (PIC) at #1-503-397-7255 x 2286. Ray Burton's number is 1-541-915-4835. If anyone wants to take anything over to Vernonia, there is a site at City Hall where donations are being collected, however, people wanting to donate should call first. Commissioner Bernhard will be sending out an email to all county employees with information on needs, contacts, etc. Jan Kenna stated that Janet Wright is working on a press release requesting donations for the food bank. The food bank is asking for money, not actual food, because of storage issues and also because they can buy more food for a \$1 than we can. Janet Faltersack stated that homeowners are getting information, however renters that were displaced are not. Janet asked if there is a number for the renters to call. The Board felt that Vernonia City Hall should be able to give them information. Ruth Baker asked about people who want to volunteer labor. The Board has discussed this and there are different options, either volunteers through the county EOC, or through the Red Cross. Commissioner Corsiglia stated that all manual labor still needs to be coordinated. Anything going through the county needs to be coordinated here as far as time donated, etc.

Todd talked about debris removal. There is a site south of Vernonia City Hall to take debris. Arrangements have been made with Waste Management who will be taking care of the removal of debris. Commissioner Corsiglia asked about any fee relief for victims with flood debris. Todd is checking into that. FEMA may also help with the costs of the removal of storm debris.

After some discussion, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to authorize the LDS Director to waive fees for flood related debris taken to the Transfer Station. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Corsiglia brought up the issue discussed yesterday about setting up a bank account for donations for the Columbia County Flood Victims. This would be for all effected by the storm, not just Vernonia. Commissioner Corsiglia asked Jan Kenna if she would be willing to follow up with the Red Cross on this and work to get the account set up and then publicize it. Time is of the essence. It was clarified that the account will be set up by the Red Cross and they will responsible for disbursement. Janet Faltersack just had some about the red tape involved for people to access funds from the Red Cross.

Jan Kenna asked Commissioner Bernhard about the Healthy Start program and suggested she talk with Rocky Johnson about coordination for people that may want to donate to specific programs.

Cynthia stated that Steve Watson, 911 Communications, was interviewed on KINK radio this morning and stated that the Red Cross has already set up an account specifically targeted for Vernonia, Mist-Birkenfeld and Clatskanie. Janet Faltersack suggested that the cities of Scappoose and St. Helens also be included in that.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.220(2)(e):**

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(e). 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 

Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: Not present

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 

Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 

Jan Greenhalgh