

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 23, 2008

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Joe Corsiglia and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 16, 2008 Board meeting and January 16, 2008 were held over one week.

PLAQUE PRESENTED TO SETH BATTLES - TEEN & FAMILY PROGRAM:

Jan Kenna, CCCC Director, introduced Seth Battles, Teen & Family Program manager. Seth was here to give a presentation on this program but was interrupted by Stan Mendenhall. Stan explained that Seth was actually here to be recognized for all the work he does on the Teen & Family Program. On behalf of the Board of Commissioner's, CCCC, CCMH, and the Juvenile Department, Stan presented Seth with a plaque recognizing his outstanding dedication to this program.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Peggy Crisp, 34571 Millard Road, Warren: It has been a month since asking the Board a question and she would like an answer. She had asked

that if the pavilion roof at the Fairgrounds has been going bad for 9-10 years, why has it taken this long to do anything about it. Commissioner Hyde stated "why" is somewhere between \$250,000 and \$500,000. From the very first quote years ago, it was a very high number. Peggy asked if the building is so bad, could it possibly be cheaper to tear it down and put up a new one. Commissioner Hyde explained that structural engineers have looked at the pavilion and the structure is fine, it's just the roof. Commissioner Bernhard stated that the roof is a very different design which is more difficult to fix and therefore more expensive. It comes down to having the money to do it.

On another issue, she understands that the Fair is selling property to the CRPUD and also renting, leasing or selling property to KOHI. If the Fair has all this land to lease or sell, then why do they always need Asburry Park. That always seems to be the reason Asburry Park doesn't get improvements made. If the Fair has that much property, then turn Asburry over to the Parks. Commissioner Hyde stated that the Fair is not selling the property, it's the county. The Fair Board doesn't have the authority to sell or lease any of the fair property, the Board of Commissioners do. This is a very broad discussion and cannot get into it today.

Commissioner Bernhard stated that there was a joint meeting between the Fair Board and Parks Committee the other night and they talked about progressing with Asburry Acres. It sounds like there is finally two Boards willing to work together to make something happen out there.

Commissioner Corsiglia had heard the issue of potentially selling or leasing fair property for a radio tower. He was surprised to hear that because he thought the Board made it clear that the property actually belongs to the county and under the Fair Board's jurisdiction. Commissioner Bernhard has also heard rumors that the County is going to sell that property and

therefore no reason to put a tower on it. This is mis-information and not sure where it came from.

Her last question is why the Parks Department have to report to the Fair Board on what they're doing. They don't, Commissioner Bernhard explained that meeting was a joint effort. The Fair Board has asked the Parks Department to keep them advised of their plans. This is good interaction and a partnership between the two. Basically it's in the spirit of cooperation.

Georgia Keiper, 34403 Sykes Road, St. Helens: Georgia asked if the Board has yet scheduled a joint meeting with the Fair Board. as previously discussed. Commissioner Hyde stated that has not yet been set, but will be soon and it will be an open meeting.

Tammy Maygra, 34319 Cannan Road, Deer Island: Tammy asked that when the county gives the Fair money every year, can the county put stipulations on that money, such as designating it to repairs, maintenance, new building, etc. Commissioner Hyde stated that, the short answer is yes. Tammy asked if that could be a topic for discussion at the joint meeting. As for selling any of the Fair property, she feels that's a bad idea. That is what happened to the old Fairgrounds. It wouldn't be a good idea and shouldn't be done.

On another topic, when the ethanol corn trains start running down to Port Westward, those trains are going to be quite long. She asked if anyone has looked into that issue to ensure that emergency vehicles can get through. Commissioner Hyde stated that a rail corridor study is currently being done and there has been a lot of discussion on this issue and other concerns.

The Board doesn't have any answers until that study is complete. Commissioner Bernhard stated that there has been some discussion about putting a fire truck and ambulance on the other side of the track from the fire stations during the time the train was going through.

Philip Barlow, 104 N. Vernonia Road, St. Helens: As a City Councilor for the City of St. Helens, he wanted to personally thank Commissioner Hyde for speaking at their flood meeting last week. The city has people that were displaced by the flood, and still are, and no one at the city knew that until the meeting. The city is trying to come up with a solution to ensure that this doesn't happen again in the future. The people at the meeting really appreciated the comments and information presented by Commissioner Hyde. Commissioner Hyde asked Philip if he would like to serve on the Unmet Needs Committee to represent the City of St. Helens. Philip would agree to that. The Board had previously appointed Skip Baker for that position, however he has been very busy. With that, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to appoint Philip Barlow to the Unmet Needs Committee to represent the City of St. Helens and appoint Skip Baker as the alternate. The motion carried unanimously.

Philip wanted to remind the Board of the meeting on February 1, 2008 with the Port at St. Helens on clustering.

Regarding the rail issue, he has a lot of concerns about safety and is looking forward to the open meetings on the rail study.

Tammy Maygra asked why the Fair, 4-H building wasn't used for housing during the flood. Commissioner Hyde stated that it is identified as a red

cross facility, but they were told they didn't need it. However, some of the buildings at the Fairgrounds are being used for storage of donations.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 1/22/08.
- (B) 2008 Social Gaming License for the Wayside Inn.
- (C) 2008 Liquor License for "Angel's Mexican & BBQ Restaurant.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (D) Amendment #14 to the 2007-2009 Intergovernmental Agreement #11925 for the Financing of Mental Health, Developmental Disability and Addiction Services Agreement with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (E) Amendment #15 to the 2007-2009 Intergovernmental Agreement #119925 for the Financing of Mental Health, Developmental Disability and Addiction Services Agreement with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (F) Amendment #16 to the 2007-2009 Intergovernmental Agreement

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- (G) Amendment #17 to the 2007-2009 Intergovernmental Agreement #119925 for the Financing of Mental Health, Developmental Disability and Addiction Services Agreement with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.

- (H) Local Agency Agreement #23,296 with ODOT for Beaver Falls Road Guardrail Replacement.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde continues to work on getting in position to maximum state and federal funding for the recent flood event. Yesterday, the Board

held an "After Action Review" meeting at the St. Helens High School, on the recent disaster, what went right and/or wrong and needed improvements to the overall process.

Tomorrow, after a conference call with OECD and O&C, he will head to Salem to attend a Recovery Cabinet meeting at the Governor's office.

The County also continues to deal with unstable slope issues in the county and economic recovery.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia also attended the "After Action Review" meeting yesterday at the High School. It was a long meeting, however he felt that a lot was accomplished. One thing that came out of that meeting is that everyone should be able to take care of themselves initially during an emergency like this before help can arrive.

He wanted to remind people that there will be a Household Hazardous Waste Event at the Columbia County Transfer Station on Saturday, January 26th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard was in Canyonville last Thursday and Friday to attend the Oregon Consortium meeting - discussed workforce issues. While there, one of the attending Commissioners was involved in a conference call with DeFazio regarding the timber money.

Also attended the meeting yesterday at the High School. She felt it went very well and, as always, it is good to learn what went well and what didn't.

She attended the Scappoose City Council meeting last night where the council approved a mixed use zone change for the airport.

Commissioner Bernhard and her husband Norm celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary on Saturday.

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

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session:

- Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to direct County Counsel to prepare an order for the Unmet Needs Committee, purchasing authority at \$10,000 subject to the Public Contracting Rules. The motion carried unanimously.

- Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to ratify the approval to reimburse Bud Gibson for truck damage during volunteer use for approximately \$180. The motion carried unanimously.

- Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to ratify the purchase of insulation from Lumberman's in the amount of \$5,445.80. The motion carried unanimously.

- Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to ratify the reimbursement of fuel expenses for volunteers. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board recessed the regular session to go back into Executive Session as allowed 192.660(2)(e)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session,

- Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to accept the offer of \$2,000 on Tax Account #7061 from Mary Schaer dba Oregon Curly Willow. The motion carried unanimously.

- Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to direct staff to amend the MOU with Luper's for the CZ Trail right-of-way exchange. The motion carried unanimously.

- Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to respond to BLM that the County would strongly prefer that they do not lease the mineral rights at the Scaponia Recreational site, and to request diagonal drilling if they do. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 23rd day of January, 2008.

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: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____

By: _____

Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh