

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 20, 2008

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

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2008 Board meeting and February 13, 2008 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the February 12, 2008 Work Session were held over one week.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

HEARING: ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY INTO CLATSKANIE RFPD:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of the Annexation of Additional Territory into the Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District".

John Knight, Senior Assistant County Counsel, gave the staff report. This annexation came to the Board in the form of a petition signed by 100% of the property owners within the territory. Under RFPD statutes, the property must be suitable for annexation. This petition has been determined to meet that statute. Sue Poling, County Assessor, has submitted the Assessor's Certificate, certifying that the petition was signed by the requisite number of qualified landowners.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

Chief Dick Long, Clatskanie RFPD, PO Box 807, Clatskanie: Chief Long came before

the Board to give some background on this request. In reviewing their maps, it was discovered that this territory is already being served by the Clatskanie RFPD, but not officially in the district. To correct this, Dick approached each property owner, who signed the petition to have their property annexed into the Clatskanie RFPD. Mr. John Karamanos agreed to be the chief petitioner because he has the largest amount of property.

With no further testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the petition for annexation of additional territory into the Clatskanie RFPD and direct staff to prepare the final order for Board approval. Commissioner Corsiglia feels this is a good, clean annexation and is in favor of this. The motion carried unanimously.

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 2/19/08.
- (B) Reappoint Pam Ruddell to the Mental Health Advisory Committee for a three year term.
- (C) Reappoint Dick Jacobus, Mark Lesowske, Jan Spika Kenna, Don Williams and Joanne Young to the Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Committee for three year terms.
- (D) Reappoint Jean LeMont to the Columbia County Budget Committee for a three year term.
- (E) Approve the addition of Richard Swart and deletion of Debra Parmley on the Fair Board Bond Certificate.
- (F) Approve the update to the Columbia County Debris Management Plan.
- (G) Authorize the Refund of the Building Permit Plan Review fee of \$4,214.25 to the City of Rainier.
- (H) Approve the 2008 Liquor License Renewal for Moose Lodge #591 St.

Helens.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (I) Approve the Contract with Theroux Northwest, Inc. for removal and disposal of the mobile home at Big Eddy Park.
- (J) Approve application and agreements for volunteers, based on the recommendation of the Unmet Needs Committee for: Bruce Russell, Gary Self, Carmella Bailey, April Fisher, Susan Wagner, Katharine Denckla, Robbie Wilson and Julie Prohaska.
- (K) License Agreement with Bud Dow for use of Lincoln School for flood relief activities.

The motion carried unanimously.

(2) AGREEMENTS WITH CHRISTIAN REFORMED WORLD RELIEF COMMITTEE:

John Knight has two agreements submitted by Jim Tierney from the Unmet Needs Committee. One is a Needs Assessment License Agreement with the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee for the use of their software. This is a very basic agreement and they are not charging the county anything. John made a couple of changes to the agreement and would now recommend approval. He also suggested that the Board authorize Jim Tierney to sign on behalf of the County.

The second is a Needs Assessment Partnership Agreement, basically a check list of what the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee will do. John would also recommend approval of this agreement, authorizing Jim Tierney to sign.

With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the Needs Assessment License Agreement with the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee for use of their software and authorize Jim Tierney to sign on behalf of the County AND approve the Needs Assessment Partnership Agreement with the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee and authorize Jim Tierney to sign on behalf of the County. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was in front of Ways and Means Committee representing the Oregon Economic Development Commission. One report was on the regional investment program, which was about 2 years of work, done in about 6 months. It just so happened that the co-chairs were called out so, not only did they not act on it, they didn't even hear it. Basically, it was a whole lot of work for nothing.

On Friday, he was in Mist checking in on flood relief issues. He then went to Clatskanie for an evening meeting with the Woodson citizens to hear their issues and concerns. Both were very productive meetings.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia wanted to thank everyone for all the kind words for the loss of his father-in-law.

He attended the Georgia Pacific open house at the Wauna Mill. They have a very efficient production line and one of the cleanest mills he has ever seen.

On Friday, he went to the LGAC meeting in Salem. They are finally starting to see the effects of counties involvement in that program. Dr. Goldberg is probably the best leadership we've had down at DHS.

On Saturday Kiwanis held their annual kids night out at the local pool and about 150 kids attended.

He has been working with the Natal Grange master to solidify a deal to let the Mennonites come back to stay at the grange. Commissioner Hyde stated that when they stayed in Mist, they actually built a house from the ground up. They are hard workers and typically leave a place better than when they got there.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard extended condolences to both Commissioners' Hyde and Corsiglia for the recent loss of their father-in-laws.

Last night, she attended the Parks Committee meeting. There was a lot of very

positive discussion on Asbury Acres. There were representatives from the youth soccer, baseball and football programs. There is a genuine interest in working together to improve Asbury Acres. Stephanie Klepel, a nursery owner, prepared a very nice computerized plan for the area and Paul Ladell, a prior nursery owner is donating a lot of plants. Both have been working with the Parks Committee to develop a very nice plan.

Yesterday, she attended the transportation meeting at the new office space on Port Avenue. They had a full house and a lot of positive things going on with the transportation system. Janet Wright and Henry Heimuller have both worked very hard to make improvements to the system.

The Senior Centers have a Board meeting every month, will all centers participating. Commissioner Bernhard attended the last meeting and there was a lot of time spent on flood issues. They have been working on the relocation of the Vernonia Senior Center, now to higher ground. General discussion was held on Meals on Wheels and Respite Care programs. The centers are all struggling with funding for all their services.

Friday, she received a call from a women on Fernhill Road that had a serious complaint about her road and a water leak possibly involving the City of Rainier's water line. Commissioner Bernhard called the City of Rainier and the Road Department to get her some answers and also explained to her about jurisdiction issues.

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

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(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 20th day of February, 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