

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 27, 2008

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Joe Corsiglia and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with Spencer Parsons, 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 12, 2008 Work Session; February 20, 2008 Board meeting and February 20, 2008 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VOLUNTEER COLUMBIA STEERING COMMITTEE PRESENTATION:

Jan Kenna, CCCC Director, came before the Board along with Nancy Harwood, RSVP Director, Greg Russo, DHS, Ken Corliss, Volunteer Columbia and Kathy Beck, United Way Director.

Greg presented the Board with a brochure that explains the Volunteer Columbia program. This program was developed with a grant from DHS. A campaign is underway to make Columbia County the number one county in the State of Oregon for volunteering. Their plan is to build volunteer partnerships throughout the county, where people can register to volunteer or to find volunteers. DHS, who is the lead agency on this, has provided office space for an office for an Internet Volunteer Center. They are continuing to build a virtual web-based center where partners can post volunteer opportunities and for people to search for ways to serve. There is also a place on the website for urgent needs volunteers, such as needed for the Vernonia flood.

The Board is very pleased to see this coming together. Without volunteers, recovery would not be possible.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde 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 2/26/08.
- (B) Order No. 15-2008 [Finalizing Annexation], "In the Matter of the Proposed Annexation of Additional Territory into the Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District [John D. Karamanos, Chief Petitioner]".
- (C) Resolution No. 16-2008, "In the Matter of Acquiring Temporary Construction Easements and Right-of-Way Easements from Kathleen McCray Rickert and John D. McCray for Hermo Road Improvements".
- (D) Reappoint Tom Linhares, Val Koss and Von Smith to the Columbia County Elected Officials Compensation Committee.
- (E) Approve the creation of the position of UASI Project/Grant Coordinator, assign to salary range 26 and authorize the Emergency Management Director to fill the position.
- (F) Authorize the creation of a .49 FTE Justice Court Clerk, paid at \$12 per hour, and authorize Justice of the Peace to fill the position.
- (G) Approve request from Unmet Needs Committee to pay \$757.50 for mileage reimbursement to volunteer Debby Smith.
- (H) Approve the 2008 Liquor License Renewal for:
 - Deer Island Store;
 - Wayside Inn;
 - Multnomah Channel Yacht Club
- (I) Ratify the approval of the Columbia County Mental Health County Implementation Plan for FY 2009-2011.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (J) Accept Temporary Construction Easement and Dedication Deed from Kathleen McCray Rickert and authorize payment in the amount of \$1,312.50.
- (K) Accept Temporary Construction Easement and Dedication Deed from John D. McCray and authorize payment in the amount of \$2,187.50.
- (L) Amendment #1 to OTIA III Bridge Replacement Construction Contract with Waldron & Sons, Inc. for Bridges 17, 19, 22, 24.
- (M) Approve Letter of Agreement regarding Health Benefits Committee with AFSCME Local 1442, Local 697, FOPPO and CCDSA.
- (N) Approve Flexible Spending Account Plan Agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended the Unmet Needs Committee meeting last night in Clatskanie. They continue to work on a number of flood related issues.

On Monday, he was in Clatskanie and Rainier for their City Council meetings regarding the refund check coming from Wauna Mill.

On Thursday, he attended the O&C meeting in Salem to deal with Emergency Management bill - HB3626.

Tonight, he will be flying out to Washington, D.C. He will be working on two major issues while there, the Secure Rural Schools Bill and funding for disaster relief.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia has spent a lot of time on the phone recently with people who are still having problems with their roads, in general, and debris left over from the storm. Despite what he is hearing, Dave Hill and the Road Department

have been doing a great job, especially considering the weather we've had this year.

On Saturday night, he attended the Lincoln Day dinner at the Moose Lodge. The Chairman of the Republican party was a speaker and it was interesting to hear his thoughts on the upcoming election. They held an auction and someone bid on a jar of Ronald Regan Jelly Beans. That person wanted it to go to Commissioner Bernhard, so it's in the office.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended a CAT meeting on Thursday regarding their recent audit. CAT has always received glowing audits, however there have been some very new federal audit rules and has impacted their audit. These new rules are effecting all the different agencies. CAT is going to have to put about \$40,000 into some new software to comply with the new audit requirements.

On Thursday, she attended the CCCC meeting. The committee is reviewing all the programs and services they provide and where they are going with those. Afterwards she went to the Big Read program at the St. Helens Senior Center. They re-enacted some of the old radio shows. It was very enjoyable.

On Saturday, she attended the United Way retreat all day at Armstrong. They discussed their volunteer program and the continued struggle with funding. They looked at different ways to improve their fundraising efforts.

She attended the Chamber of Commerce dessert at the Barnstormer in Scappoose and spoke about or County Transit program. A variety of people spoke and it was very well attended.

On Monday, she attended the regular CAT meeting. CAT will soon be moving into their new offices up town and all their services will be in one area. This will make is much more convenient.

On Monday, she participated in a conference call with the AOC Tax Policy Committee. This committee is looking at the structure of Oregon's tax system. The group

will then make a recommendation to the AOC Legislative Committee on possible changes and improvement to our tax system.

She also attended the Unmet Needs Committee last night in Clatskanie. She is very impressed with the energy of this committee and the number of volunteers still willing to give.

She also attended the Democratic Central Committee meeting. They discussed the upcoming elections, their bylaws, etc.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 27th 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: _____
Jan Greenhalgh

Rita Bernhard, Commissioner