

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 2, 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 March 26, 2008 Board meeting and March 26, 2008 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Georgia Keiper, 34403 Sykes Road, St. Helens: Georgia presented a petition to the Board involving the legal right to petition to withdraw from a special district, specifically the health district. She is requesting this for her personal property. There is an attachment to the petition, which she received from the State, detailing the statutes. She read the petition into the record and explained the purpose behind this request. She is requesting a response to this petition in writing.

John stated that he would need to review the statutes prior to making any recommendation to the Board on this petition for withdrawal.

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 4/1/08.

- (B) Ratify Order No. 27-2008, "In the Matter of Authorizing the Approval and Execution of a Personal Services Contract Utilizing the Direct Appointment Procedure and Awarding the Contract to Carter Goble Associates, Inc."
- (C) Authorize the County Sheriff to hire one .49 FTE Corrections Nurse.
- (D) Appoint Linda Salle' to the Columbia County Parks Advisory Committee, to replace Fred Oviatt.
- (E) Approve the Board taking original jurisdiction for the review of MP 07-37, a request for a modification of a prior Planning Director approval of a partition for Dave Molony.
- (F) Officially sanction the Board of Commissioner's and staff to attend the PGE Renewable Energy/Sustainability Tour and the luncheon with NW Natural Gas.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (H) Ratify approval of the Personal Services Contract with Carter Goble Associates, Inc.
- (I) Approve the FY 2008 Columbia County Cultural Coalition - Cultural Participation Grant Agreement.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended a press conference last week with the Governor regarding the changes to the OECDD. There is a lot of questions about the programs and where they will go and how it will play out for local governments.

He is working with staff on the final pieces of the contract for Hermo Road Improvements, Phase I and II.

Last week, he met with FEMA, the City of Vernonia and the School District, to come to a determination on the actual condition of the school buildings - are they substantially damaged or not and what's the next step.

On Monday, he attended a team meeting about Port Westward.

Yesterday, he attended the CEPA meeting, which was one of the biggest meetings he has seen in a long time.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia attended a meeting at the Castle in Clatskanie last Thursday. The seniors have a funding deficit after many years. A number of people who attended this meeting, took on different roles to hopefully help them with rearranging their financing to keep it going. Larry Cole was appointed the head of this effort. There are a lot of people who want to see this continue and be a success for the seniors.

On Friday night, he attended the Empty Bowls event. He spoke with a lot of people who were excited about the event and already looking forward to next years event.

On Saturday, he was a referee on a water dispute between the neighbors, the water association in Clatskanie. It came out good for now, but it will be a long term negotiation between the city, the water association and the neighborhood.

On Monday, he attended the Cultural Coalition meeting. The agreement the Board approved today will allow them to get another check to move forward on projects.

This morning, he met with the City of St. Helens staff and the Mayor regarding their Urban Renewal Plan. They seem to be getting off to a good start.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard intended to make the NWACT meeting last Thursday in Tillamook, however she didn't make it due to the blizzard conditions on the summit. She was riding with Lonny Welter and they just turned around and came back. The only ones that made it to the meeting was Region 2 members from Tillamook and Clatsop counties.

On Thursday afternoon, CEPA held an Expo Planning meeting. They are working on their exhibit for the upcoming County Fair. Their theme this year will be on

earthquakes. They will have a lot of information on how people can deal with an earthquake, both before and after. We all know that someday it will happen.

On Friday night, she attended the Empty Bowls event. Susan Easley came up with this idea some years ago and it is a great event and continues to grow annually. She wanted to personally thank Susan and all who helped with this event.

Monday, she attended a Special Needs Population meeting. There are those who need special care when evacuating during an emergency situation. Public Health and Vicki Harguth are putting together a plan. There were about 35 people who attended the meeting. This is an on-going effort and they have some great ideas.

Monday, she went to the 5-area luncheon at the Scappoose Senior Center. All five centers get together once a month for lunch and music. It's a nice way to meet with all the centers. She also talked with Larry Cole about the senior center in Clatskanie.

On Tuesday, she attended the CEPA meeting and there was record attendance. There seems to be a growing awareness in this community on how we deal with emergencies.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 2nd day of April, 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