

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 8, 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 April 2, 2008 Board meeting and April 2, 2008 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Pamela Crocker, 73125 Prescott Beach Drive, Rainier; David Hunter, 3406 Thatcher Road, Forest Grove, and Matthew Bennett, 3304 Cannan Road, Deer Island, were present to address the Board on the County Parks day-use fees.

Pamela is the caretaker at Prescott Beach Park and, at a Parks meeting a couple of weeks ago, she was told to discontinue charging a day use fee at Prescott Beach Park. There is a big group here today who want those fees kept in place because that money is used for the park. Keeping the fee in place also helps keep out the riff-raff. There are not any problems at Prescott, because the fee helps keep it safe. Dibble Beach is free and has all kinds of problems, i.e., garbage, beer bottles, weapons, etc. David is a user of this park and comes from Forest Grove because he likes it at Prescott, because it is clean and safe. He would like to see the fees actually increased to help make improvements to the area. The current day use is only \$2 per day, which is too low.

Ken Strong, Achilles Road, Warren, asked if this is the only park that the fees are being eliminated. Pamela stated that the intent to take the day use fee out of all county parks.

Commissioner Bernhard attends the parks meeting and understands the reason may be because it would allow more people to be able to use the parks. Commissioner Hyde stated that the fees are done by Board order and that the Parks Committee cannot make any changes to that without prior Board approval.

The Board will need to speak with the Parks Department to find out what is going on. Spencer stated that he would also contact Dave Hill.

JIM HUFFMAN - PURCHASE OF BOOKS FOR LAW LIBRARY:

Jim Huffman, Attorney, PO Box 973, St. Helens, came before the Board to request authorization to purchase some legal books and publications for the law library.

The books and bar publications have not been ordered/updated since the 3rd quarter of 2006. Jim presented information listing the costs of books and publications, totaling \$11,000. As for the contractual issue, that will be dealt with at a later date. Ruth stated that the money is available for these purchases. After little discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the purchase of books and publications for the law library, amount not to exceed \$11,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Spencer will check into the online publications and remembers reading something about fees being waived for government offices.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. After pulling **Item N**, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 4/8/08.
- (B) Ratify Partition Plat for Matthew & Sharon Harrison.
- (C) Resolution No. 28-2008, "In the Matter of Acquiring Permanent Drainage and Slope Easements from JoAn M. Hollen for the OTIA III Bridge Replacement Project".
- (D) Authorize Walt Pesterfield to fill one budgeted Probation Officer position.

- (E) Authorize Todd Dugdale to make a promotional appointment from the Planner I position to a Planner II position.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (F) Approve Construction Contract with Tapani Underground, Inc. for the Port Westward Road Improvements, Phase 2, Hermo Road, in the amount of \$6,188,372.60.
- (G) Award the Contract for Big Eddy Park RV Upgrades to TFT Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$78, 995.00.
- (H) Approve the 2008 Contract with TFT Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$78,995.00 for the Big Eddy Park RV Upgrades.
- (I) Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Columbia County Deputy Sheriff's Association, effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012.
- (J) Approve the Contract between CCCC and the Rainier School District for an after school program.
- (K) Approve the Business Associate Agreement with Hoffman, Hart & Wagner, LLP.
- (L) Accept Permanent Drainage and Slope Easement from JoAn M. Hollen and authorize payment in amount of \$610.00.
- (M) Accept Permanent Slope Easement from JoAn M. Hollen and authorize payment in amount of \$90.00.
- (N) Personal Services Contract with Community Action Team, Inc. (*PULLED FOR DISCUSSION*)

The motion carried unanimously.

(ITEM M) - PSC WITH COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM, INC:

Jim Tierney, CAT, 125 N. 17th, St. Helens, was present to review the contract with CAT for flood recovery work. Jim went over what they have accomplished and what needs to be done. He noted that volunteer time is now at 50,000 hours. Commissioner Hyde stated that, as a flood victim and personally effected, he declared a potential conflict of interest, but will not abstain from the vote.

After review, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the Personal Services Contract with Community Action Team, Inc., for flood recovery work. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended a lunch with NW Natural Gas last Wednesday at the Elks Lodge.

On Thursday, he attended a Hermo Road meeting on Phase 2 road improvements.

He attended a preliminary meeting for the Oregon Solutions group, and it has been approved by the Governor to take on the Vernonia School replacement project.

On Monday, he attended a town hall meeting in Scappoose on safety improvements for Cornelius Pass Road. He was very impressed with the coordination and determination of this group.

Yesterday, he was in Salem attending a meeting on emergency management and discussion was held on the deficiencies within the agencies during a disaster. The system doesn't work, so it will be revamped.

Today is a kick off of the Hazard Mitigation Planning grant from FEMA to help Columbia County upgrade our plan, which is required every 5 years. All cities in the county are also included. This will allow them to receive funding, should they be hit with a disaster inside the city limits, because a plan is required to be eligible.

He has been invited to the Governor's office this afternoon to meet with the Chief

of Staff, AOC and some task force chairs to discuss the loss of the timber revenue funding.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia spoke with DHS representatives at the State.

Last week, he worked with Dave Hill and the neighbors on Elk Creek Road regarding the road condition.

He oversaw the annual Kiwanis annual meeting, which was an enjoyable event.

Commissioner Corsiglia also attended the Taija Belwood Foundation meeting in Scappoose and felt it went very well. He was also very impressed with what the community is doing for this cause. The family is very engaged and not being selfish about their intent.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard also attended the meeting in Scappoose regarding safety concerns on Cornelius Pass Road. She had previously attended the initial meeting on this issue. The foundation is very involved and intend to keep up working on this. They gave a lot of statistics they have gathered and some good recommendations on short and long term solutions.

On Saturday she attended the CERT banquet for south county. This was held to honor all the volunteers who have worked with 911 Communications, particularly during the flood. There was a very good turnout, around 50-60 people and awards were presented to those volunteers.

She attended the NOHA meeting last week. They continue to have difficulties meeting the needs of the community, so they are working on ways to solve that issue.

On Wednesday, she attended the NW Natural luncheon and the City of St. Helens City Council meeting to listen to their discussions on their Urban Renewal District

proposal and the Victory Outreach application.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 8th 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