

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 30, 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 April 16, 2008 Board meeting; April 22, 2008 Work Session; April 23, 2008 Board meeting; and April 23, 2008 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Corsiglia abstained from voting on Item L due a potential conflict. With no other changes/additions/deletions, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 4/29/08.
- (B) Ratify Subdivision Plat for Dutch Canyon Homes.
- (C) Order No. 30-2008, "In the Matter of Establishing a Procedure for Making County Determinations Under Oregon Statewide Ballot Measure 49".
- (D) Order No. 34-2008, "In the Matter of the Application of Forest and Geraldine Hemeon to Modify Major Partition Final Board Order 119-2007 and to Modify Associated Columbia County Road Standards".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Approve Letter of Agreement with AFSCME Local 697 regarding health benefits, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012.
- (F) Approve Letter of Agreement with AFSCME Local 1442 regarding health benefits, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012.
- (G) Approve Letter of Agreement with the Federation of Parole and Probation Officers regarding health benefits, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012.
- (H) Personal Services Contract with Johnson Land Surveying, Inc. for G.P.S. Control Point Collection - Phase 8.
- (I) Approve the Deadly Physical Force Plan between Columbia County, City of Scappoose, City of St. Helens, City of Columbia City, City of Rainier, City of Clatskanie, City of Vernonia and the Oregon State Police.
- (J) Public Services Contract with Justice Systems Corporation.
- (K) GIS Data License Agreement with Columbia River Fire & Rescue.
- (L) Approve the Subordination Agreement between Columbia County and Keith Wayne Cernac and Kimberly Grace Cernac. (*Commissioner Corsiglia abstained*)

The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Scott Groves, 57218 Old Mill Road, Scappoose: He lives next door to the woman who is trying to get a rescue kennel approved on her property. At this time she has around 70 dogs. Scott is here today to request that the Board consider an amendment to the zoning ordinance to put a limit on the number of dogs a property owner can have in the rural residential zone. This would help eliminate potential nuisances and current problems the county is having with these types of issues. He serves on the Kennel Ordinance Task Force, but the zoning ordinance also needs to be updated. There has been a lot of growth in the county since it was last updated and we are so far behind other counties.

Commissioner Corsiglia felt this is something the Board could review with the planning staff to get their input. Commissioner Bernhard stated that there are other issues that need to be addressed in the zoning ordinance and staff is aware of that, but there is a process that needs to be followed.

Scott stated that he is extremely frustrated after working with the county on his particular issue for 4 years. He's not sure if he wants to even stay in this county, but with the current market, he cannot sell his property and it's losing value because of the kennel next door. At this point, he wants to get a commitment from the Board to start the process for a text amendment.

Commissioner Hyde stated that the Board takes comments from the public during the meeting, however they do not make commitments on any requests without having fully researched the issue. They will certainly consider this request, but will not make any commitment at this time. Commissioner Corsiglia agreed and explained it could be a costly process for the county.

Scott was not fully aware of the process so he came to the Board to make the request. He appreciates any consideration on this matter.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK - PRESENTATION:

The presentation was pulled and held over.

HEARING: PROPOSED FIRING RANGE PROJECT:

This is the time set for the hearing to solicit input as to whether or not to go with an alternative contracting form for the Columbia County Firing Range. By way of background, Sarah stated that there has been a lot of discussion over the last few years about getting a firing range built in cooperation with the FBI. She understands that it has been decided that the easiest and most cost effective way to get this facility built, is to have Knife River, aka Morse Bros., do that. The range will be sited on Knife Rivers property under some type of lease agreement and the County will not have the ability to have a contractor go on to their site without their permission. Knife River has agreed to build the facility at cost, which is \$235,000. To accomplish this, the Board must hold a hearing to adopt findings that we meet the two statutory requirements. The

Board has a copy of the draft findings attached to the resolution which state that we have met those requirements.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

Brian Gray, Knife River: Brian stated that when this went out to bid, there didn't seem to be a lot of interest by contractor. Knife River doesn't have a high interest in this either, other than to help the county and FBI meet their deadlines on building the range. Knife River put together a bid several months ago. The project has been designed by an engineer and architect in conjunction with the FBI. Brian briefly explained what work Knife River will doing. He stated that all permits are in place and they are ready to move forward.

With no further testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve Resolution No. 36-2008, "In the Matter of the Resolution Adopting Findings in Support of Exempting the Columbia County Firing Range Project from Competitive Low Bid Requirements". The motion carried unanimously.

RES #35-2008 - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ETHICS LAWS:

After review, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve Resolution No. 35-2008, "In the Matter of the Resolution to Support Amendments to the Ethics Laws". The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde kicked off the Kennel Ordinance Task Force meeting last week. There were only 2 members who didn't show. The meeting lasted about 1 ½ hour with some good discussion and questions.

On Thursday, he attended the Unmet Needs Committee meeting in Vernonia. Discussion was held on how to deal with the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

On Friday, he was in Salem at the Board of Forestry meeting. There was a PowerPoint

presentation using the LIDAR system, which is the newest technology for areal views of landslides, roads, etc. It's an amazing system.

On Monday, he road on the P&W fact finding trip from Scappoose to Rainier.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia was sorry to miss the train ride but had a dentist appointment.

He spent a lot of time in Vernonia last week working on airport issues. He also heard a lot of post flood comments and the depression that is setting in because of the flood. There are some real mental health issues going on over there.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Amani Center grand re-opening on Friday. They have changed their location and updated their facility. The center deals with child abuse victims and she was very impressed with the program.

On Saturday, she stopped by the Master Gardeners plant sale at the St. Helens High School. She was amazed at the number of people that attended - it was packed inside and out.

Also on Saturday, she attended the Avamere's grand re-opening - everyone seemed to be very happy to be back; the Rainier Children's Fair, which unfortunately was not as well attended as usual; the Scappoose Mayor's Ball held at the Scappoose Senior Center; and the Sock Hop at the Moose Lodge.

On Sunday, the Democrats held a meeting at the Red Line. There was a candidate there to speak and answer questions.

On Monday, she rode on the P&W fact finding trip from Scappoose to Rainier.

Last night she attended the Democratic Central Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(e) - REAL PROPERTY:

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(e). Upon coming out of Executive Session, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commission Hyde seconded to approve the amendment to the Firing Range License Agreement with a 6 month requirement to begin negotiations, subject to County Counsel review and approval as to form. Commissioner Corsiglia opposed. The motion carried.

The Board recessed the meeting at 11:10 a.m. and left for a luncheon at the Vernonia Senior Center and a meeting with the Vernonia Senior center and Vernonia Cares Food Bank.

The Board reconvened the meeting and, with nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 30th 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