

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 18, 2008

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Commissioner Corsiglia was not present.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2008 Budget meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the June 11, 2008 Board meeting were held over one week.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Jim Huffman, Scappoose, came before the Board regarding the contract with West Law for one terminal for the law library. This is a routine contract for many law libraries around the State. Jim stated that this contract can be withdrawn at any time, should the funding not be available. The terminal will be a great benefit to the library and Jim is asking for Board approval.

Chuck Purvis, EM Watts Road, Scappoose: The money to be used for this contract is basically pass through money that can only be spent on the law library. The WestLaw contract will allow access to State databases for attorney's and citizens and will be very beneficial in updating the law library. If there is no objection, he would ask that the Board go forward on this.

Dave Molony with West Coast Publishing is here in support of this contract and to help move this forward.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. With changes noted in bold,

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 6/17/08.
- (B) Reappoint Steve Atchison, Phil Derby, Larry Lucas, Janice Faltersack, Jenefer Grant, Judge Ted Grove, Linda Hald, Anthony Hyde, Dennis Kenna, Stan Mendenhall, Walt Pesterfield, Steve Reed, Steve Salle, Roland Migchelsen to the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council for a

three
year
term.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

- (C) Americorps National Civilian Community Corps Service Project Sponsor Agreement for Service Project No. 200801-863 **and authorize the Chair to sign.**
- (D) Personal Services Contract with Oregon Realty Co., Inc., by and through **Steve** Calhoun for Pre-Flood Market Analyses.
- (E) Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Columbia County and City of Vernonia for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Administration **and authorize the Chair to sign.**

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Last Wednesday, Commissioner Hyde attended a meeting with the Governor's Economic Revitalization Team at the Scappoose Airport.

Wednesday night, he was in Clatskanie to attend the Columbia County Budget hearing.

On Thursday, he met with NW Natural Gas to discuss additional leases in the Mist area.

He attended the Unmet Needs Committee meeting in Vernonia.

Yesterday, he attended a Builder's Roundtable meeting. He is impressed with the way that Todd Dugdale has been working with the builders in the county and listening and addressing their concerns and suggestions.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Not present.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

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Commissioner Bernhard wanted to say how much she appreciates Mr. & Mrs. Lee coming back again this year to work on the landscaping around the courthouse grounds. They do a wonderful job every year.

Last night, she attended the Parks meeting. They are gearing up for the summer season. They have already seen an increase in attendance since the holiday weekend. The price of gas may play a big part in that, which is good for our parks. Several weddings have been scheduled for this summer. She also attended the Builder's Roundtable meeting and felt it went very well.

She was present at the Scappoose City Council meeting. They have approved \$8,000 for the Columbia County Rider system.

On Monday she attended a Public Health meeting. They have received a grant to do research on chronic health conditions that, in the long term costs the health district a lot of money.

Monday afternoon, Head Start held a planning meeting. Discussion was held on funding issues, and the development of a three county program.

She attended the CCEC class graduation ceremony, with around 25 students graduating. This is an alternative school program and is very successful and she hopes to see it continue.

She also attended a going away party for Brandi Bonney, who is leaving as Director of the Women's Resource Center.

She attended 3 funerals for active community members this past week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h) - LITIGATION:

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 noon, with Commissioner Hyde and Commissioner Bernhard, Sarah Hanson and Jan Greenhalgh.

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Commissioner Hyde called the meeting back to order.

FAIR TICKETS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES:

Jean Ripa stated that Ronda Courtney has asked that she be allowed to give all county employees a free ticket to the County Fair. The cost for this is very minimal. This request would need to be approved by the Board. If approved, Ronda will have the tickets sent out with payroll. After little discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to authorize Ronda Courtney to send Fair tickets to all county employees, as part of their compensation package. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(d)(e):

The Board recessed the meeting to into Executive Session as allowed under ORS. 192.660(2)(d)(e). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

ROLAND MIGCHIELSEN, CCMH DIRECTOR: QUARTERLY REPORT:

Roland Migchielsen, CCMH Director, came before the Board to give his quarterly report. He is really concerned with the funding situation, cost of services and potential loss of services. It's a red flag on what is going on at the State level.

If the next biennium doesn't produce the necessary funding, then services will be cut. The State is going to invest a lot of money (\$250 million) into the State Mental Hospital and that doesn't include operations. This will be taking a lot of funding away from local mental health services. He will most likely have to take money from the reserve fund to implement more cost effective changes to the services they provide. General discussion was held on funding, legislation and the new transitional housing project.

The Board thanked Roland for the report and feels these quarterly reports are helpful, especially with the upcoming legislation meetings.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 18th day of June, 2008.

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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: Not present _____

Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____

By: _____

Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh