

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 6, 2008

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Joe Corsiglia and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with Sarah Hanson, 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 July 30, 2008 Board meeting and July 30, 2008 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Scott Groves, 57218 Old Mill Road, Scappoose: He came before the Board about a month ago about the dumpster next to his property. He asked that the neighbor be issued a citation in accordance with the state statutes. Garbage is now coming out of the dumpster and on his property. He contacted Robert Crain, who looked into it and stated he was unable to issue a citation and Scott was told to come before the Board again to see what can be done about this nuisance. He has been dealing with this neighbor and the county for the past 4 years. He now has to deal with a Deputy DA because the county has no nuisance ordinance that he is aware of. A person needs to go to state statutes because the county's comprehensive plan is outdated. Commissioner Hyde firmly stated that the comp plan is not outdated and goes through an annual review. It would cost about \$400,000 to redo the plan and that's money we don't have.

Commissioner Bernhard asked if the neighbor has been asked to move the dumpster.

Robert Crain, Code Enforcement Officer, explained that there is really no other place to site the dumpster. Robert gave the Board photos of where the dumpster sits and the garbage in and out of the dumpster. Although he agrees with the problems this created, there is currently nothing in our ordinance that states

the lid must be closed or how often the dumpster is getting picked up. Robert has talked with Todd Dugdale about amending the Solid Waste Ordinance to require lids be closed, mandatory pickups, etc. so that these types of issues can be enforced.

Commissioner Bernhard asked Scott if he has gone to court about the neighbor. Scott stated that he hasn't and, based on principal, he doesn't feel he should have to. However, if he had the financial resources, he would.

After discussion, the Board directed staff to start work on amending the Solid Waste Ordinance.

Philip Barlow and Keith Locke, City of St. Helens Council members, came before the Board regarding the city's Urban Renewal Plan. The city is on a timeline and would like to know that the county is on board with them. The Board stated that they haven't even seen the plan and would need an opportunity to review it before making any decisions. Commissioner Corsiglia understands that the Firlock Park area was left out. This is an area that needs to be dealt with as far as sewer issues, etc. He also talked about the utility tunnels under the road, similar to what ODOT did when widening Hwy 30. Commissioner Bernhard asked if the citizen concerns that were initially voiced have been dealt with yet. Keith stated that a representative has been appointed for each district to address any citizens concerns. Commissioner Bernhard asked if the Board could get a copy of the plan. Keith stated that Nancy Sullivan from the County Assessor's office is a member of the Plan committee, so the County is being represented, however he will send a copy over to the Commissioners. Commissioner Hyde would like to see a presentation by the City of the draft plan. Keith will get a copy to the Board of what has been done to date.

Philip Barlow stated that a couple of weeks ago, he had passed out some tourism pamphlets to the county. The Tourism Committee developed them as their first project. The next project is getting a website up and running. Keith is looking to the Board for support to get all cities partnering in this.

Philip also asked that the County look at a room tax on Bed & Breakfast's. Commissioner Bernhard stated that went to the voters before and was voted down.

Philip talked about the Arts & Eats festival coming up this weekend. He asked for permission to use the reader board from the Road Department. Chief Sallee knows how to program it and is willing to do that. They need it for traffic control on Saturday. Commissioner Hyde spoke with Lonny about this and there doesn't seem

to be any issues. Commissioner Corsiglia asked about the parking in the courthouse lot during 13 Nights on the River and other events and if there have been any complaints good or otherwise. Keith feels all is going well. There has been a terrific turnout this year.

On another subject, Philips father would like to finish the fountain in the back parking lot at the courthouse. His father was the one hired by Dwight Irby to build the fountain originally. Philip also asked what the process would be to turn it back to a fountain and put his fathers name on it.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda. With no changes, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 8/5/08.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (B) Amendment #2 to CDBG Grant for the Family Resource Center Project #C04010 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (C) GIS Data License Agreement with NW Natural.
- (D) Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for document publishing, processing and delivery.
- (E) State of Oregon GIS Framework Data License Agreement.
- (F) Memorandum of Understanding between the State Court Security Advisory Committee, the County Sheriff and the Board of County Commissioners for Courthouse Security.
- (G) Amendment #31 to the 2007-2009 Intergovernmental Agreement #119925 with DHS.

- (H) Amendment #35 to the 2007-2009 Intergovernmental Agreement #119925 with DHS.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde had a conference call with DHS last Wednesday about the administrative costs the County is not getting. The DHS representative asked the County to determine our costs and send them a billing. The costs so far total \$7,000 and a check is being sent to the County. This will now come on a monthly basis. This is a very positive step.

He reported on the COLPAC meeting he attended last week in Clatskanie.

On Saturday, he worked the logging show at the Vernonia Jamboree and it was packed.

On Monday, he met with Tom Potter and the Portland Police Chief about a training center in Columbia County. He informed them that the new firing range facility would be a good fit for them and it is available for their use during training.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia really enjoyed Vernonia's event this year. He believes that it may have even surpassed the Clatskanie Parade, which would be a first.

While staying at the campground over the weekend, he met a guy who is traveling around the US with his dog and is writing a book about his travels. Vernonia might get a good writeup in his book.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard missed the Jamboree and the Black Tie event. She was attending a wedding out of town and now her sister is in town.

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

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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 6th day of August, 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