

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 13, 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 August 6, 2008 Board meeting and August 6, 2008 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Erica Hall, 52563 North Road, Scappoose: This month marks the one year time period she has spent on researching a nuisance ordinance. She has been told from Spencer that an outside attorney is working on parts of this. She would like to know what can be done to see that an ordinance is adopted. There are a lot of complaints out there that can't be dealt with because of the lack of a nuisance ordinance. If there is anything she can do, she is willing to help. Commissioner Hyde suggested she leave her phone number and the Board will check into this and get back to her. Erica stated that she has obtained a copy of the Noise Ordinance that was adopted in 1991 and that is surely due for an update. Commissioner Hyde explained the complication with enforcement of the noise ordinance. Erica asked if there is something the citizens can do to monitor and deal with complaints to help be involved in the solution. Commissioner Corsiglia asked if there was an existing nuisance ordinance, what types of issues would she have turned in. Erica stated that she lives next to a kennel and noise is an issue, however, there are a number of complaints out there that could be addressed if there was an ordinance. Commissioner Corsiglia explained how the needs are changing with more density occurring and what used to be overlooked is no any longer happening because of the many homes being built around the county and more neighbors. After discussion, Erica stated that she appreciates anything the Board can do to move

this forward.

Spencer addressed the draft nuisance ordinance, that he believes came from another entity. He has been worked on it over time, but nothing is yet completed. Sarah stated that she has asked Robert Crain for information on the types of issues to be included in the ordinance but has never received a complete response from him. This is a very difficult ordinance to draft because of what constitutes a nuisance, what doesn't, what types of things does the county want to enforce and how to pay for enforcement. Also, many of these nuisances are covered under other ordinances.

Scott Groves, 57218 Old Mill Road, Scappoose: He just wanted to give the Board an update on his situation. He still has an open dumpster and litter scattered on his driveway. He left a message with Robert Crain and asked him if he could at least cite the neighbor on a state statute but hasn't heard back from him. Although there is nothing in the ordinance that requires that lids on trash bins be closed, if trash is blowing out of the bin and littering the area, that person should be cited. Scott feels there should be an ordinance that addresses litter in the rural areas, especially because of the amount of growth happening in the county. Scott has been dealing with this neighbor and nuisance issues for the past 4 years. Commissioner Corsiglia feels this is something that could be done, but the Board will have to check with staff on the legalities. The Board will address this again with Robert Crain.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda. With the change to Item (K), Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 8/12/08.
- (B) Order No. 66-2008, "In the Matter of Authorizing the Port of St. Helens to Construct a Gate in the Right-of-Way of the Hermo Road Extension".
- (C) Resolution No. 67-2008 "In the Matter of Acquiring Property for Hermo Road Improvements from the Port of St. Helens".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (D) Personal Services Contract with Lower Columbia Engineering for Foundation Design and Engineering Services.

- (E) GIS Data License Agreement with PC Trask & Associates, Inc.
- (F) Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Hermo Road Documents by and between Columbia County, the Port of St. Helens, Cascade Grain Products LLC and Portland General Electric Company.
- (G) Development and Maintenance Agreement by and between Columbia County, the Port of St. Helens and Portland General Electric Company.
- (H) Port of St. Helens Hermo Road Extension Operation and Maintenance Agreement .
- (I) Accept Dedication Deed from the Port of St. Helens for Hermo Road Extension Right of Way.
- (J) Construction Permit by and between Columbia County, the Port of St. Helens and Portland General Electric Company.
- (K) Letter of Agreement by and between Columbia County and Cascade Grain LLC, *and authorize the Chair to sign.*

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde stated the CEPA is now LEPC, the Local Emergency Planning Committee, which means that they are now required to be committed, which they always have been, and that the State is on the hook for some of the administration costs.

On Friday, he attended an Oregon Solutions Team meeting. They are working on finding a site and developing a concept for construction of the new Vernonia School District. This is a very painstaking and complicated process.

He was in Salem on Monday attending an AOC Board of Directors meeting which included a discussion on regional partnerships.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

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Commissioner Corsiglia was helping work with Kiwanis over the past week to wrap up their 20 year celebration. He and his wife are two of the last three charter members.

Over the weekend, he helped cleanup the Natal grange now that Americorp is gone and then the Hood-to-Coast will be coming through in two weeks.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended a Regional Workforce Investment Board meeting, as well as an Oregon Consortium meeting, to talk about the administrative costs for MTC. They are generally allowed to take 10% for administrative costs. MTC is asking for a waiver to allow for 15%. The Executive Committee of the Oregon Consortium met today and made the final decision to agree with the 15%. This will allow MTC to continue to provide their workforce training services.

She attended a NOHA meeting last Thursday. They continue to work on housing issues.

Her sister was visiting last week from California with her grandson. She took them around the different areas in the county. The grandson is considering a career in law enforcement, so she took him to the Jail for a tour of the facility.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 13th 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