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COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 27, 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 20, 2008 Board meeting and August 20, 2008 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

TheIma Bonar, 56734 Way Lane, Warren: She has a couple of issues that she feels are important. First, she feels there should be by-passes for Hwy 30. There have been so many accidents, the traffic is terrible and something needs to be done.

The other issue is the Health District. It has been 5 years and have received over \$2 million and has been transferring money to fund Public Health. Enough is enough and the Board needs to do something about this and she suggested this be taken back to the voters. She was told that Legacy will not be providing services to the proposed hospital so where does that leave the people.

Commissioner Corsiglia agrees and feels that the Health District is being protected by some of the higher ups. He personally equates this to white collar crime. He wonders what that \$.31 per thousand could have done for the Sheriff's department. None of the promises made are being kept.

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Tammy Maygra, 34319 Canaan Road: How many times the public has to bring documents into the Board, at their own cost, on the hospital issue. She is tired of paying for copies and bringing them into the Commissioners to review and they are thrown away and nothing ever gets done.

Commissioner Hyde stated that this is an Attorney General issue and not a county issue. Tammy contacted the Attorney Generals office and was told it is a county issue.

Tammy expressed her concern with the loss of timber revenues for the county. She asked if there have been any ideas to bring money into the County. Commissioner Hyde has meet with the Governor, and his chief of staff who is working on a task force to look at different way to generate revenue.

Tammy stated that, in 1996, the citizens voted in the Natural Resource Depletion Fee ordinance. This is a great source of revenue but it is not being enforced. She continued further to express her concerns that the Board is not enforcing the ordinance in the way she feels it should be done.

Commissioner Hyde stated that it's the Commissioners job to interpret the depletion fee ordinance that they wrote and it has been interpreted the same way for the past 12 years.

Tammy was thanked for her comments.

HEARING: AMEND THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of Amending the Fee Schedule for Public Records Requests".

Sarah stated that they have put together an amended Fee Schedule for Public Records requests and have decided at this time to have a Public Hearing for public input. Department Heads are available here to answer any questions about the fees.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

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Jean Ripa, IT Director, addressed the one item IT has requested, which is for the USB drive. It is not very common, but there can be requests for large amounts of information and would take a number of disks. It would much more cost effective to put that information on a USB port.

Commissioner Corsiglia asked if this is an annual thing and when it would go into effect. Sarah stated it would be effective once adopted. Perhaps the fee schedule should be the adoption date instead of the year.

Thelma Boner - 56734 Way Lane, Warren: Thelma asked what brought up the need to increase these fees. Tony stated that it mostly deals with the Surveyor fees - Jerry has done a lot of research and has increased his fees to be more realistic. There are a few other changes. Sarah stated that when the fee schedule was adopted, it was to be looked at on an annual basis, which this is. Thelma would hope that people can come in to review and not be charged for it and as far as filling out the Request form, its nobodies business what they want to look at..

Commissioner Bernhard stated that nothing else has changed as far as the process. There still needs to be a Request form submitted. Research Fee/Staff time is increased by \$2.00 and copies remained at \$.25 per page. Most folks find what they are looking for within the 15 minute period in which there is no charge. There are minimal cost changes being proposed and there is one reduction, in the cost of the budget document. The surveyor is requesting some changes particularly for GIS Data. These charges are being made to reflect the actual costs to the County.

Tammy Maygra- 34319 Canaan Rd: Tammy stated that the cost of copying is still 3 times the amount you would pay anywhere in town to have copies made and she found the \$39.00 charge to be a little stiff. When you start charging that kind of money your are alienating a lot of people/taxpayers in the county who would like to come in and do a little research. Tammy thinks the price would be okay for commercial use but should be reduced for the average person that comes in.

Peggy Crisp-34571 Millard Road: Peggy asked if anything else has changed. Commissioner Hyde stated not in this proposal.

With no further testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberations. Commissioner Bernhard feels that since there are very few changes being proposed and the surveyor needs the increased fees as soon as possible, she is in favor of approving the amended fee schedule. Commissioner Corsiglia commented. After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve Order No. 60-2008, "In the Matter of Amending the Fee Schedule for Public Records Requests". The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 8/26/08.
- (B) Order No. 70-2008, "In the Matter of Declaring Certain Personal Property Owned by Columbia County to be Surplus to the County's Needs and Directing the Sale Thereof".
- (C) Order No. 71-2008, "In the Matter of an Application by Northwest Aggregates Co. (Glacier Northwest) for Site Design Review to Mine the Bates & Roth Site".
- (D) Order No. 72-2008, "In the Matter of an Application by Northwest Aggregates Co. (Glacier Northwest) for a Surface Mining Operating Permit (#05-0081) for the Bates & Roth Site".
- (E) Order No. 73-2008, "In the Matter of the Petition by Mike Stone to Name a Private Road in the Hillcrest Subdivision, in Scappoose, Oregon "Wayside Court".
- (F) Order No. 74-2008, "In the Matter of Amending the Fee Schedule for Services Provided by the Columbia County Surveyor's Office".
- (G) Approve the Purchase of a manufactured home from Golden Pacific Homes for \$49,463.00 to replace the Big Eddy Camp Host house.

- (H) Appoint Chris Thomas to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, as a member at large, for a three year term.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (I) Amendment #1 to the 2007-2008 Fund Exchange Agreement #24,242 with ODOT for Apiary Road Overlay Project.
- (J) Memorandum of Understanding with AFSCME Local 1442.
- (K) Amendment #1 to the Personal Services contract with Pauly Rodgers and Co. P.C.
- (L) Approve the Public Goods Contract with Pape' Machinery, Inc. for the purchase of one 2007 JD 160C LC Excavator.
- (M) Intergovernmental Agreement with the Portland State University for the Preparation and Delivery of a Long Term Population Forecast.

The motion carried unanimously.

TAMMY MAYGRA asked to make the following statement: She understands that when she was appointed to the CPAC is was because she didn't have enough to vote her in. However, she was not elected because the county gave her incorrect information on the place, date and time. She had 10 people there to vote for her.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended the memorial service for Volunteer Firefighter Robert Hales and it was an incredible service. Unfortunately, around the same time, there was another fatal accident on the Hwy 30.

He attended the grand opening of the Rainier Transit Facility for Columbia County Rider. The demand for services continue to grow.

On Thursday, he was in Salem to talk about the Harvest Plan. It looks like we are going to move forward with the preferred plan.

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COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia said he had an exceptional time working the Hood To Coast event out at the Natal grange.

He finally got his knee fixed.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard also attended memorial service for Volunteer Firefighter Robert Hales and it was very impressive with all the emergency trucks and vehicles and amount of support for one of their own.

She also attended the Ribbon cutting at the Estby Station which is the site of the new Rainier Transit facility for Columbia County Rider. Janet did a great job on putting this together.

Last night, she attended the Democratic Central Committee meeting. A lot of topics were discussed and everyone is looking forward to the upcoming elections.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 27th day of August, 2008.

NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

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Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

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Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh