

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

September 3, 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 Linda Waters, Temp. 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 August 26, 2008 Work Session, August 27, 2008 Board Meeting and August 27, 2008 Staff Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Rosemary Lohrke, 56679 Mollenhour Rd., Scappoose: Rosemary had just attended the Highway Traffic Safety meeting and they discussed the logging truck accident at Highway 30 and Bennett Rd which resulted in another fatality last week. Discussion following regarding the log truck accidents and the possibility of having a pilot car at the back, if it is a long load or a swing out.

Commissioner Hyde stated that we haven't seen the accident report yet but he saw the accident and it was awful. Once we receive the reports, we can have a meeting with the stakeholders and log truck drivers to discuss various ways to address the issue.

Commissioner Bernhard commented that we have had numerous discussions about Bennett Road and the need for a light there, but ODOT is pretty strict about where they are going to put stop lights.

The Board thanked Rosemary for her input.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 9/2/08.
- (B) Approve the 2008 Liquor License for Quincy Store (new ownership).

- (C) Approve the request by Mark Comfort for a refund of a Partition Fee MP 08-17 in the amount of \$1,155.00

AGREEMENT/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (D) Approve the FY 2008 Cultural Participation Grant Final Report Form and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (E) Amendment #39 to the 2007-2009 Intergovernmental Agreement #119925 with DHS.
- (F) Amendment #40 to the 2007-2009 Intergovernmental Agreement #119925 with DHS.
- (G) Construction Contract with Morse Bros., Inc. dba Knife River for the Apiary Road Overlay Project.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

West Lane Road Right of Way Acquisition from the Port of St. Helens: Sarah stated that the Right of Way acquisition from the Port is completed and ready. Commissioner Bernhard commented that there has been a great deal of discussion on this item.

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded the motion to Approve Resolution No. 75-2008 "In the Matter of Acquiring a Temporary Construction Easement, a Slope Easement and a Right-of-Way Easement for West Lane Road Improvements from the Port of St. Helens". The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded the motion to Accept the Dedication Deed from the Port of St. Helens and authorize payment in the amount of \$43,144.00 to the Port of St. Helens. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded the motion to Accept the Slope and Public Easement from the Port of St. Helens. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded the motion to Record the Dedication Deed and Slope and Public Utility Easement without cost. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde commented that we made it through this Holiday without any major accidents.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Not present at this meeting.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard stated that she is looking forward to a new season with Fall coming. The last couple of weeks have been slow and she has been working on painting , a real “labor day” job.

LARRY LUCAS, OSP:

Larry stated that he was in attendance at the Highway Safety Meeting this morning and had discussed the recent fatal accident at OPR and Bennett Road. This was the 2nd log truck accident and he knows that the County requires pilot cars and was wondering if maybe the county could require that the log truck companies put a pilot car at the rear of log trucks with extended logs. Commissioner Hyde stated that Rosemary had brought up the meeting also and that they would bring stakeholders and log truck drivers in for a discussion. He questioned when they would get a full crash reconstruction report and OSP Officer Lucas said it takes from 3 to 6 weeks to receive the reports and he will make sure that the county gets a copy of the three (3) recent log truck accidents. Bennett Road has had 2 and Gable Road had 1. Further discussion of intersections that have had problems and that ODT can't put a light at every intersection that has problems.

EXECUTIVE SESSION(S):

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 3rd day of September, 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: _____
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By: _____

Linda Waters, Temp.