

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 24, 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 September 17, 2008 Board meeting and September 17, 2008 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Scott Groves, 57218 Old Mill Road, Scappoose: He is here again regarding the dumpster and litter near and around his property. He hasn't heard back from Robert Crain or been given any update on the status of the nuisance ordinance. It is important for the county to address this situation before more people are adversely effected by this type of nuisance.

Phil Warner, 29681 Scappoose Vernonia Hwy, Scappoose: He is basically on a fact finding mission here. He purchased his home, which is near Samantha Miller's home, about 1 ½ years ago. When he purchased the property, he thought it was going to be very serene and quiet. Unfortunately, he has been listening to dogs barking, non-stop 24/7, since moving in. While doing some work on his property one day, he timed the length of time the dogs were barking, which was for 3 straight hours. He finally spoke with Samantha Miller about this and she told him that she ran a kennel and dogs bark. He has now listed his house for sale. He can't believe that something cannot be done about this - especially after finding out how long this has been going on. He is here today to plead with the Board to do something. There has to be some kind of resource for the neighbors. They just need some peace.

Commissioner Hyde explained that it is not only frustrating for the neighbors, but also for the Board. The Board met last week with staff on this subject and will only say that there is something in works. The Board has also directed staff to start issuing citations and that they be enforced.

Commissioner Corsiglia asked Phil if he was given any information from the realtor or seller about the issue with the kennel. No, Phil was told this was a very quiet area - it was not disclosed by either the seller or realtor.

Commissioner Hyde wanted both Scott and Phil to know that the Board is not sitting on this and it is being addressed. He agreed with this is not a simple dog barking complaint and that it needs attention.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. With the addition in Item (G), Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 9/23/08.
- (B) Order No. 77-2008, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property Off May Street, St. Helens, Oregon to David and Grace Novak [Tax Map ID No. 4N1W05-DA-05698]".
- (C) Order No. 78-2008, "In the Matter of Prohibiting the Parking of Vehicles Along a Portion of Liberty Hill Road in Columbia County".
- (D) Order No. 79-2008, "In the Matter of Appointing Members to the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission".
- (E) Resolution No. 80-2008, "In the Matter of Authorizing Chad Olsen to Negotiate and Sign an Extended Enterprise Zone Agreement with Pacific Stainless Products, Inc.".
- (F) Reappoint John Mollahan to the Mental Health Advisory Committee for a three year term.
- (G) Approve the 2008 Liquor License for the "Historic Goble Tavern", **subject to Sheriff's approval.**

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (H) Amendment #21 to the Agreement with Columbia Community Mental Health, Inc.
- (I) Amendment #1 to the Construction Contract with Morse Bros., Inc., dba Knife River for the Columbia County Firearms Range.
- (J) Addendum No. 1 to the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Agreement with OEM for the Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District-Scappoose Rural Fire Station Seismic Upgrade; PDMC -PJ-10-OR-2005-013 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (K) Addendum No. 1 to the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Agreement with OEM for the Columbi River Fire and Rescue Seismic Retrofit- PDMC-PJ-10-OR-2005-015 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (L) Amendment #42 to the 2007-2009 Intergovernmental Agreement #119925 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (M) Amendment #43 to the 2007-2009 Intergovernmental Agreement #119925 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Yesterday was a big day for Columbia County in that HB 6049 passed with a 93-2 vote. This is for a 4 year extension of the timber payments. The Bill will now go before the House for a vote by Friday. Notice has already been sent to all House members asking that they vote yes on this Bill.

There was another accident at Hwy 30 and Bennett Road involving a log truck, the second in two weeks. It is unacceptable to have these types of hazards on the roads. As a result, the rules have now changed, requiring flag cars in the rear of the log trucks. The truckers are also concerned about this and are meeting with ODOT today to see what can be done to eliminate this type of hazard. Commissioner Hyde read a letter he received from a logging company stating that they are willing to fully cooperate with any requirements implemented.

Commissioner Bernhard added that there were two homes being moved down Hwy 30 from Portland to Columbia County recently, with no police presence, no signs, nothing. This caused a lot of traffic problems and angry moods, because there

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were no warnings.

Commissioner Bernhard suggested that both of these matters will be a topic of discussion at the next Traffic Safety Committee meeting.

Commissioner Hyde attended a Homeland Security Emergency Management Committee meeting, the Sauerkraut Festival last Saturday, and a town hall meeting in Vernonia on flood issues.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia was gone last week but was very saddened to learn that Larry O'Black, a long time member of the Natal Grange, perished in a fire. It is very sad to lose someone with his stature.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Transit Meeting yesterday to discuss the CC Rider and their proposed rate increases. With gas prices so high and increased ridership, they don't have any choice. All other transit companies are doing the same thing.

On Monday, she attended the town hall meeting in Vernonia. Prior to that, there was a meeting in Westport regarding the Palomor Gas Line - a portion of which will be going through Columbia County.

On Thursday, she attended the grand opening of the new Dialysis Center, located in the old hospital building. This is a state of the art facility and will allow patients to get treatment locally instead of having to go to Portland.

Also on Thursday, she attended the Commission on Children & Families meeting. They continue to try to provide services with limited funding.

On Wednesday she attended an open house at the Caples House in Columbia City for the Daughters of the American Revolution. They are working on the building to allow for more functions, i.e. weddings, reunions, and other gatherings.

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She attended the Columbia River Fire & Rescue's grand opening of their training center. They are now in full service.

She missed the Sauerkraut Festival this year because she was attending a class reunion out of town.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 24th 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*

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Anthony Hyde, Chair

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Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

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Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh