

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 1, 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 23, 2008 Work Session and September 24, 2008 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Scott Groves, 57218 Old Mill Road, Scappoose: He is here again because there is still litter in his driveway and the lid on the dumpster is still open. The gentlemen that spoke last week about the noise from barking dogs has now put his house on the market to sell. Scott received notice that the Board will be hearing the Kennel Ordinance next week and feels the Board needs to strongly consider the amount of dogs allowed in a residential area. A policy needs to be implemented and enforced.

HEARING: ADOPTING FEE SCHEDULE FOR GIS/WEB SERVICES:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of Adopting a Fee Schedule for GIS/WEB Services Provided by the Columbia County Clerk".

Sarah presented the Board with a copy of draft Ordinance No. 2008-4. The Assessor is seeking approval to add a charge to recording fees to help offset the costs of the GIS/WEB services they provide. Sarah noted that there is an emergency clause included so that, if approved, the Ordinance would be adopted today, however the fees will not go into effect until January 1, 2009.

Betty Huser, County Clerk, stated that this Ordinance basically clarifies the ORS's and adds one additional fee - the GIS fee of \$5.00 per document recorded.

Robin Ramson, Assessor's office - Currently, the GIS system is at 100%, however, only 40% is completely accurate, so they are working to get the additional 60% accurate.

Sarah stated that notice of this hearing was sent to all local title companies, with no comments received. Betty added that, if this is approved, notice will be sent to all title companies informing them of the new fees.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed. Sarah read the ordinance twice, by title only. After deliberation, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-4, "In the Matter of Adopting a Fee Schedule for the Columbia County Clerk", with the emergency clause included. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 9/30/08.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (B) Amendment #44 to the 2007-2009 Intergovernmental Agreement #119925 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was in Portland yesterday to attend an Oregon Solutions Committee meeting regarding the replacement of the Vernonia High School, i.e., new site, funding, transportation, etc. The study should be complete by mid to late November.

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He also met with Parametrix in Portland yesterday, to discuss the CZ Trail and how to mitigate issues and concerns of the residents along the trail.

Then he went to Teevin Bros. in Rainier to celebrate their new \$7 million barge. There are 9 local companies that will be using it for transporting product.

Last Friday was a bittersweet day in Vernonia when they tore down the Vernonia High School. A lot of people were there that graduated from that school, including his wife and kids.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting this morning. They continued their discussion on the Bennett Road intersection. ODOT was there with department heads and specialists to talk about the problems with this intersection and other problem intersections. They realize the issues and concerns and are looking at shaping solutions. Commissioner Corsiglia feels the county is in good hands with the ODOT representatives we currently have.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard also attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting this morning. She is very impressed with the representation and speed of response we are getting from ODOT on this and the whole highway corridor. There were family members of the gentlemen that was lost in an accident at Bennett Road.

Last night, she attended the Democratic Central Committee meeting. Everyone is following the national scene and waiting for November to see what happens with the election.

Yesterday, she was in Rainier to attend Teevin Bros' celebration of their new barge. She was very impressed with the event and they were able to actually tour the barge. There was a very good turnout and Mr. Teevin stated that he was happy with all the help he has received from the County.

She participated in a conference call yesterday with the AOC Tax Policy Committee.

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They discussed possible changes in our tax system and the committee is looking at different possibilities to forward on to the AOC Legislative Committee.

Monday evening, Bill Bradbury was at the Scappoose High School to talk about global warming. It was an excellent presentation and he shared ideas on what we all can do to help our environment. He will be here again next week and she encouraged people to attend.

There was a five area luncheon at the St. Helens Senior Center on Monday. It was a good opportunity to meet with members from all the senior centers.

On Thursday, she attended a Vulnerable Population meeting. This group meets to discuss how to deal with people with disabilities and the elderly during times of emergencies.

Wednesday evening she attended an Open House at the Clatskanie River Inn.

The NWACTION, along with ODOT representatives, provided information to the public regarding all the Surface Transportation Implementation Plan (STIP) projects in Columbia County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(d):

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(d). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 1st day of October, 2008.

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

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____

By: _____

Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh