

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 15, 2008

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with Spencer Parsons, Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, 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 October 3, 2008 Board meeting and October 3, 2008 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

HEARING: PROPOSED FARE INCREASES FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY RIDER:

This hearing was scheduled for October 22, 2008 and added to the agenda in error.

HEARING: AMEND # OF MEMBERS IN PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCE:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of an Application of Columbia County Land Development Services for an Amendment to the Planning Commission Ordinance".

Spencer reminded the Board that, last year, they initiated an amendment to the Planning Commission Ordinance to reduce the membership from 9 to 7 to address the problems with obtaining a quorum for the meetings. This hearing is to now address that matter. The Board declared no exparte contact or conflicts of interest. Spencer then read the pre-hearing statement into the record as required by ORS 197.763. He entered County Counsel's hearing file into the record marked Exhibit "1" and noted all contents.

Todd Dugdale explained the difficulty with obtaining a quorum at the Planning Commission meetings and felt that, by reducing the membership number to 7, it would help alleviate this problem.

Glen briefly reviewed the staff report.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberations.

The Board agreed this was necessary but stressed the importance of retaining the geographic provision. Spencer stated that there is an emergency clause included. He then read the ordinance, twice by title only. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to adopt Ordinance 2007-5, "In the Matter of Amending the Columbia County Planning Commission Ordinance", with the emergency clause. The motion carried unanimously.

HEARING: AMEND SECTION 11 OF THE SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of the Amendments to Section 11 of the Columbia County Solid Waste Management Ordinance Relating to Solid Waste Containment Standards".

Spencer reviewed the reason for the amendment to Section 11, dealing with containment standards. He noted that this ordinance includes an emergency clause so that staff can immediately start responding to the problems that already exist.

Todd gave a brief review of the staff report. This amendment is in response to recent complaints regarding loose solid waste being blown or otherwise strewn on private property and roadways due to inadequate containment. The proposed language would tighten requirements for containment and allow for enforcement.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberations.

Spencer read the ordinance, twice by title only. Afterwards, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-5, "In the Matter of Amending the Columbia County Solid Waste Management Ordinance Regarding Limitations and Requirements for Garbage Containers and Solid Waste Containment", with the emergency clause. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. With the removal of Item (C), Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 10/14/08.
- (B) Approve the creation of the Licensed Practical Nurse position in the Sheriff's Office and authorize the Sheriff to fill on full-time position.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (C) Approve the Offer of Award Amendment to agreement #07-79-06071 with EDA to extend the termination date to May 2009. (**REMOVED & HELD OVER**)
- (D) Amendment #45 to the 2007-2009 Intergovernmental Agreement #119925 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (E) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Vernonia for Data Sharing.
- (F) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Agreement with OEM and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (G) Amendment 1 to the Personal Services Contract with Oregon Realty, Steve Calhoun.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Yesterday, Commissioner Hyde was at Woodson Creek to look at the mitigation projects going on as a result of the December 2007 landslide. There is a lot of things that still need to be done.

On Thursday, he attended the Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM) meeting. It went well and they have planned a retreat for the next meeting.

He attended the Transit meeting on Thursday.

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COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Not present.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended a GOHBI meeting in Portland last Thursday and Friday. GOHBI deals with mental health services. It was a very good and informative conference. They are looking at a lot of good ideas to deal with funding cut backs and still providing services.

She will be leaving this afternoon for Burns for The Oregon Consortium conference Thursday and Friday. Employment issues will be their focus. With Freightliner closing their plant, that will eliminate approximately 900 jobs and create more unemployment. One good piece of news is that the State of Oregon will be losing a lot of their employees due to retirement and that will open up a lot of jobs. Commissioner Hyde stated there will be a RC&D Pacific Rim conference in Portland next week. The NW Oregon RC&D will be hosting this conference and he will be attending.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 15th day of October, 2008.

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

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Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: Not Present

Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

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Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh