

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 8, 2009

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2009 Board meeting and April 1, 2009 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Scott Groves, 57218 Old Mill Road, Scappoose: Scott received an email last week from Spencer Parsons with an update on his complaint about his neighbors illegal kennel operation. Scott read the email to the Board. Roger agrees that the neighbor is operating without a kennel permit because she did not apply for a renewal of her previous permit. There is a new court hearing scheduled for May and, as of right now, the neighbor is operating without a conditional use permit or a kennel permit. While waiting for this court hearing, everything is in limbo. Spencer informed Scott that the enforcement process should not be held up until the hearing. After 6 years of waiting, Scott feels that he has been patient and

something needs to be done. The county should at least make sure the neighbor has under 10 dogs. He is insulted that he has been threatened with harassment from Robert Crain. Scott is trying to be pro-active on this but he's getting no support from the county.

Commissioner Bernhard thanked Mr. Groves for his comments and patience on this matter. She understands that things are being worked on.

Phil Werner, 29681 Scappoose-Vernonia Hwy, Scappoose: He echoed the comments made by Mr. Groves. This has gotten to the point of ridiculous because nothing is being done about this. He serves on the Kennel Ordinance Task Force and will not attend another meeting because of the comments made by that committee to "skirt" State law. Commissioner Hyde stated that is a very serious breach and not acceptable and he will be looking into that.

After two years of living there, listening to those dogs, complaining to the Board with nothing being done, it's just not right. If this business is not allowable, then do something about it. Why is she being allowed to operate if it's illegal and she is not being kept to the same standards as anyone else who is in violation of the law.

Again, the Board stated that this matter is being looked into to see what can be done.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 4/7/09.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (B) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of St. Helens for Joint Participation in the Justice Assistance Grant Program and Authorize the Chair to sign.
- (C) Approve Third Amendment to Personal Services Contract between Columbia County and Parametrix, Inc. for OTIA III Bridge Replacement Project Engineering.
- (D) Amendment No. 3 to Contract No 52497 with the City of Portland for the UASI Grant.
- (E) License Agreement with BC Excavation for gate at Dibblee Point.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard wanted to publicly thank Cynthia Zemaitis for all her hard work on the recent oil and gas auction. She put a lot of hard work and time into this. Commissioner Hyde agreed and stated that this is a process that goes back to Commissioner Jack Peterson and Cynthia is the glue that put it all together.

Yesterday, she attended the CEPA meeting at the 911 office. They continue to discuss flood recovery.

On Friday, she was in Salem all day at the AOC Human Services meeting. There is a proposal by the State to combine public health and mental health services. She is not sure how that would work for Columbia County because services are working well here. She will be attending another meeting on this same issue on Friday in Salem.

On Thursday, she attended the NOHA meeting. Because of the economic downturn, they are seeing increased demands on their services. They haven't received the money from HUD yet, but are hoping for some stimulus money for housing.

She attended the Little League Opening in Scappoose this past weekend. She has 3 grandkids playing this year.

On Saturday night, she attended the Mayor's Ball in Scappoose. It was a very nice event and very well attended. This is a fund raiser for the Scappoose Senior Center.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 8th day of April, 2009.

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: _____

Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh