

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 15, 2009

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Spencer Parsons, Assistant 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 8, 2009 Board meeting and April 8, 2009 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

PROCLAIM APRIL 2009 AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH":

Jan Kenna, CCCC Director, came before the Board along with Lisa Galovich, Amani Center; Sunday Kamppi, Healthy Start; Anita Goodwin, CASA; and Bruce Lofland, DHS Child Welfare. Lisa shared information about the Amani Center, which is a non-profit organization that provides assessment and treatment for child abuse victims. In 2008 there were almost 100 more intakes taken than in 2007. Prevention is a very

prevalent issue that needs to be addressed. Sunday, Program Manager with CAT Healthy Start stated that they serve first time parents who have high risk of child abuse in their past or future. Anita Goodwin, CASA, provides a voice for the children in the court system. These are all volunteers who investigate the cases of children who have been removed from their homes due to neglect. Bruce Lofland, DHS, explained that cases are increasing due to the poor economy. DHS works closely with the community partners and feels that team works help to improve services to the children.

The Board wanted to thank everyone who works for the benefit of the children of our community and appreciates the efforts of those agencies present today. After reading the proclamation, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to proclaim the month of April 2009 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month". The motion carried unanimously.

HEARING: COLUMBIA HILLS HOA FOR MAJOR MAP AMENDMENT ON 2 LOTS:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of the Application of the Columbia Hills Homeowners Association for a Major Map Amendment to Exchange Public Services and Rural Residential Designations on Lots 8 & 10 in the Hillcrest Subdivision".

Spencer Parsons stated that this hearing is on the record of the Planning Commission, unless the Board votes to open the record for additional testimony. For the record, the Board declared they had no conflicts of interest or exparte contact. Spencer then read the pre-hearing statement into the record as required by ORS 197.763. He then entered County Counsel's hearing file into the record, marked Exhibit 1, and noted all

contents. Spencer explained that because this is a comprehensive plan amendment, if approved, it will need to be adopted by ordinance.

Glen Higgins, Chief Planner, came before the Board to give the staff report.

To summarize, the Columbia Hills Homeowners Association and Hillcrest Investment made application to exchange the Comprehensive Plan Designation and the zoning on two lots in the Hillcrest Subdivision (Lots 8 and 10). Lot 10 is currently zoned RR-5 and proposed for Community Service Utility. Lot 8 is currently zoned CSU and proposed for RR-5. Lot 10 is about 20 feet higher in elevation than Lot 8 and is the engineers preferred location of the water system facilities and storage tank. DLCD responded that an Exception to Goal 13 (Urbanization) would need to be approved by the County for the Plan Amendment to be compatible with Statewide Goals and Guidelines. The applicant provided adequate reasons why Lot 10 should be designated for Public Facilities and why Lot 8 should be designated for Rural Residential, even though the proposed residential lot is of an urban size, only 0.32 acres. The County has not received any opposing comments on this application. By approving this zoning exchange, the County would help facilitate a community water supply. The Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of this application.

Considering that there is no one in the audience objecting to the application, there is no need to open the hearing to new information, however the Board will take testimony on matters already in the record.

Dick Recht, applicant, was present, gave some history and briefly explained the purpose of this application. Commissioner Fisher asked if the State actually did a site visit? Dick stated that he is not aware of any site visit.

Dick stated that they did not as far as he knew, and in fact, was quite frank about not cooperating with the County.

With no further testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. After a very brief discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to tentatively approve the application PA 08-01 and ZC 08-01 and direct staff to prepare the ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. Spencer pulled Item (G) for discussion, With that change, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 4/14/09.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (B) Amendment #3 to the Personal Services Contract with CASA for Court Appointed Special Advocate Services.
- (C) Amendment #2 to the Personal Services Contract with Columbia Community Mental Health for Teen and Family Transition program.
- (D) Amendment #1 to the Personal Services Contract with the St. Helens School District for the St. Helens Middle School Community School.
- (E) Amendment #5 to the Personal Services Contract with Community Action Team for Healthy Start.
- (F) GIS Data License Agreement with Comcast and authorize the Chair to sign.

GRANTS:

- (G) Approve the submission of the Boating Facility Grant Application to the Oregon State Marine Board for parking lot improvements at Beaver Landing Boat Launch

and authorize Glen Crinklaw, Assistant Public Works Director to sign the application. **(PULLED FOR DISCUSSION)**.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM (G) DISCUSSION:

Spencer suggested that the Boating Facility Grant application be changed to read Columbia County as the applicant, rather than the Columbia County Forest, Parks and Recreation. With that change, it would also be more appropriate to have Commissioner Bernhard sign instead of Glen Crinklaw. The Board agreed with those changes and, with that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the Boating Facility Grant application with the Oregon State Marine Board, with the changes as noted. The motion carried unanimously.

COPS GRANT:

Sheriff Jeff Dickerson informed Commissioner Bernhard yesterday that he would be submitting the COPS grant last night and she wanted it mentioned for the record. He will be getting a copy to the Board office.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

The Board met with all county department heads yesterday to review the rules and duties of each department and what the department heads are responsible for. There was also a lot of discussion on the upcoming budget. It went very well and the Board plans to do more of these meetings to help keep the communication open.

On Monday night, she attended the Fair Board meeting. There was discussion on their policies and procedures. The new Fair Board member is on board and already looking for stimulus money for energy costs at the Fairgrounds.

On Monday, she was in Salem all day attending legislative meetings. There was a very good presentation given by Ray Naff on the Governor's plan.

Friday, she was in Salem attending a Human Services meeting dealing with mental and public health issues. GOBHI will be making a proposal soon about becoming a pilot project that would include the counties currently within the GOBHI group.

On Saturday, she attended the Megga Easter Egg Hunt at the Fairgrounds. There was a very good turnout and thankfully the weather held. The success of the event is due to a lot of volunteers and community involvement and she wanted to thank them all.

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On Thursday, she attended the Transit meeting. They are looking at different sites to provide transit services. Janet and Henry are doing a great job on the transit services system.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

For the past couple of weeks, Commissioner Hyde has spent a lot of time on continuing flood issues.

On Wednesday and Thursday, there were some people here from NY looking at property in Columbia County. They left very excited and hopefully something will come of that.

He reported on the Oregon Solutions meeting he attended in Portland

He commented on the joint meeting with the department heads held yesterday and he felt went very well.

On Monday, he was also in Salem for the AOC legislative meetings.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher was in Salem on Monday attending the AOC legislative meetings.

On Saturday, the Kiwanis held an Easter Egg hunt in Clatskanie. It was a very successful event.

He is very interested in people wanting to grow food for the community. There is an area in Clatskanie where kids have been given an opportunity to plant and maintain a garden. The Master Gardeners will be holding a sale in Clatskanie for those who want to plant food type plants.

He met with Donna Nyberg and others on the Broadband needs in this region and how to improve services to our residents.

The recently formed IT Committee has had their first meeting and are looking at how to make improvements to our county's on line information system.

There is a food challenge going on with the Port of St. Helens and we need to get the word out and motivate our employees.

As a comment on the comments made during the hearing this am about LCDC, he has a concern with state interference, not only in land use issues, but others too. They need to be there for the local government and the people.

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He wanted to commend the Sheriff's Department on how they handled the recent incident in the Rainier/Clatskanie area.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 15th 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

Recording Secretary:

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh