

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 22, 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 Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009 Work Session; April 15, 2009 Board meeting and April 15, 2009 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Scott Groves, 57218 Old Mill Road, Scappoose: Scott came before the Board on 4/8/09 to discuss the continuing problems with his neighbor's illegal kennel operation and was told something was going to be done. This is now two weeks later and nothing has been done. Roger told Scott that he is holding off on citing the neighbor until a decision is made by the Board. His neighbor is currently operating without a conditional use permit or kennel operation permit. With the continual barking, he goes to bed at night listening to it and wakes up to it in the morning. This is seriously

effecting his standard of living. He just wants to follow up with the Board that the problem persists and asked if something can be done.

Commissioner Bernhard understands there is a court date coming up but, at this time, the Board doesn't have any update. Scott believes that court date is only for the home occupation conditional use permit. Spencer stated that the neighbor in question also has three other citations pending but no court dates have been set yet. Scott has heard that the county is not going to grant a kennel license but waiting for a decision from the Board before taking any action. Again, Scott just wants to see this followed up on because it effects his daily life.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION:

Jan Kenna, CCCC Director, wanted to acknowledge Volunteer Week by presenting our RSVP volunteers with a card and gift certificate. These volunteers not only help county staff with different projects, but are very helpful and courteous to our visitors. The Board expressed their deep appreciation for all the time these volunteers give for the benefit of the county. With that, the Board presented a certification of appreciation to Sally Norbom, Elaine Widmer, Mary Dahlgren, Mary Kucera, Carmel Chatterton and Shannon Fitzgibbons.

HEARING: COLUMBIA COUNTY RECYCLE-REUSE FACILITY PROJECT:

This is the time set for the public hearing to solicit comments on the county's draft findings for the exception from the low competitive bidding requirements with regards to the Columbia County Recycle-Reuse Facility Project.

Bill Potter, Building Official, was present to answer any questions about the findings for this project. The ORS requires a public hearing if there is an exemption from the low competitive bidding requirements. Bill briefly explained the purpose and need for the new recycle - reuse facility.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. Spencer noted that there is a resolution before the Board to approve the process. When a contract is prepared, it will come back before the Board for approval. After a very brief discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve Resolution No. 21-2009, "In the Matter of the Resolution Adopting Findings in Support of Exempting the Columbia County Recycling and Reuse Facility Contract from Competitive Low Bid Requirements". The motion carried unanimously.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2009-3: COLUMBIA HILLS MAP

AMENDMENT:

Spencer reminded the Board that this ordinance was tentatively approved directly following the public hearing held last week. Spencer has prepared the final ordinance, which requires two readings, 13 days apart. With that, Spencer gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2009-3, "In the Matter of the Application of Columbia Hills Homeowners Association and Hillcrest Investments, Ltd. for a Major Map Amendment to Exchange Public Service and Rural Residential Designations on Lots 8 and 10 in the Hillcrest Subdivision".

Afterwards, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to hold the second reading of Ordinance No. 2009-3 on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. Items (D) and (I) were pulled for discussion. With those changes, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 4/21/09.
- (B) Authorize the County Sheriff to interview, but not yet appoint, for a fourth Corrections Sergeant vacancy.
- (C) Approve the 2009 Liquor License for The Historic Goble Tavern.
- (D) Order No. 20-2009, "In the Matter of Appointing Members to the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission". (**PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**)

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Infrastructure Contract with the State of Oregon, Oregon Emergency Management Infrastructure #1824-DR-OR 009-99009 related to the 2008 storms and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (F) Amendment #1 to the State of Oregon, Oregon Emergency Management Infrastructure Contract 1824-DR-OR 009-99009 related to the 2008 storms and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (G) Ratify the Local Agency Agreement #25529 with ODOT, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), for Apiary Road improvements.
- (H) Ratify the 2009 ARRA checklist for Local Agencies and authorize the Chair to sign.

- (I) Option Agreement and Purchase and Sale Agreement with Stimson Lumber Company for the purchase of property located at 1155 Deer Island Road, St. Helens, Oregon, to be recorded at no cost. (***PULLED AND HELD OVER***)
- (J) Amendment #66 to the 2007-09 Intergovernmental Agreement #119925 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (K) Amendment #67 to the 2007-09 Intergovernmental Agreement #119925 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (L) Amendment #68 to the 2007-09 Intergovernmental Agreement #119925 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM (D) - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE HSEMC:

Commissioner Hyde understood that he was to be appointed as the Ex Officio and that Commissioner Fisher was to be appointed as the alternate. With those changes noted, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve Order No. 20-2009, "In the Matter of Appointing Members to the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission", with the added appointment of Commissioner Hyde and Commissioner Fisher as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM (I) - PURCHASE & SALE AGREEMENT WITH STIMSON LUMBER:

Spencer stated that County Counsel has not yet completed a final review of this agreement and recommended it be pulled and held over.

KRIS LATIMER - OREGON CONSORTIUM:

Kris called and will reschedule time before the Board.

SURETY BOND FOR STEVEN KNEBEL:

As a standard procedure, all Fair Board members are bonded. With that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the Surety Bond for Steve Knebel and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

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Commissioner Bernhard attended the Oregon Consortium meeting in Bend last week. There was a huge amount of discussion on the stimulus package. There are now 24 counties involved in the Oregon Consortium. Chris Latimer, TOC Director, was scheduled to speak to the Board today on the program but will have to reschedule.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was in Salem last Thursday to attend an O&C meeting. They talked about the 960 days before the re-authorization runs out and the need to get going on that now.

There is a flurry of legislation going on in Salem right now. There are many that have said they have never seen a session as crazy as this one. The State is looking at a possible \$4-5 billion shortfall which will effect everyone.

He was in Portland last night to testify before the Ways and Means. It was the worst hearing he has ever been to. There were too many people scheduled to testify in a 1 1/2 hour time frame, couldn't hear, too crowded, etc.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

No comments.

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There was no Executive Session(s) held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 22nd day of April, 2009.

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

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Rita Bernhard, Chair

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Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

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Jan Greenhalgh