

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 6, 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 28, 2009 Work Session, April 29, 2009 Board meeting and April 29, 2009 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #2009-3 COLUMBIA HILLS MAP

AMENDMENT:

Spencer gave the second 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". With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-3 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

HEARING: COLUMBIA COUNTY FLOOD RECOVERY ACQUISITION PROGRAM:

This is the time set for the public hearing to take comments on the Columbia County Flood Recovery Acquisition Program. Susan Wagner was present to answer any questions.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to adopt the Columbia County Flood Recovery Acquisition Program Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan as presented, including the Columbia County Flood Recovery Real Property Acquisition Program Handbook. The motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON H1N1 INFLUENZA:

At the request of Commissioner Bernhard, Vicki Harguth, EOC, along with Anne Parrott and Karen Ladd of Public Health were present to update the Board on the H1N1 flu virus. Anne reviewed the process that Public Health is moving forward with to inform the public on what they can do to help prevent the spreading of the H1N1 flu. Public Health is also working on guidelines for local health providers to treat people with little or no insurance and to ensure they get the necessary medication.

Commissioner Fisher feels that, if nothing else, this has been a good drill and asked if anything has been learned from it. Anne believes that Public

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Health has found that they have a good program in place to deal with these types of situations. They also have a plan for the mass distribution of medications in 5 areas of the county. That said, there is always room for improvement and they will continue to refine the plans.

When asked how the county interfaced with Public Health on this, Vicki stated that both agencies have practiced for this type of event over the years. It is clear that Public Health would be the lead agency on this type of incident and they have a good integrated system. Public Health is aware that EOC is available to help them in any way possible. Vicki also wanted to note that Janet Wright did a great job on getting out the press releases.

Karen Ladd briefly explained what would happen should there be a pandemic and what help would be needed from EOC. Anne stated that because they have planned for this, all sites are ready to stand up, should it become necessary.

Vicki informed the Board that, to better connect with the younger people, EOC has set up a Blog and Twitter on the internet. She also mentioned that WEB EOC was used during this event. This has also helped Public Health with communication.

Commissioner Fisher cautioned the use of the word "pandemic" because it can create panic.

The Board wanted to thank all those involved for they work on this and getting information out to the public.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. With bolded changes, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 5/5/09.
- (B) Ratify the Personnel Action for Walt Pesterfield.
- (C) Approve the Public Road Event Permit to Three Rivers Racing for Rehearsal Road Race **and authorize the Chair to sign.**
- (D) Approve the Public Road Event Permit to Three Rivers Racing for Oregon Bicycle Racing Association Road Race **and authorize the Chair to sign.**
- (E) Order No. 23-2009, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property on Second Street West, Rainier, Oregon to Paul R. and Barbara Horton [Tax Map ID No. 7N2W16-DC-05700]".
- (F) Quitclaim Deed from Columbia County to Paul R. Horton and Barbara Horton for Tax Map ID No. 7N2W16-DC-05700 and Tax Account No. 18321.
- (G) Approve the request by Glenda Potter for a full waiver of the Temporary Care of Relative Dwelling Annual Renewal Fee.
- (H) Deny the request by Cathy Weber for a waiver of the \$25 late fee for a dog license renewal.
- (I) Approve the Revised Coordinated Transportation Plan.
- (J) Ratify approval of the Right of Entry Permit with Northwest Natural Gas.
- (K) Authorize the Amani Center to put pinwheels in the Courthouse Plaza on Saturday, May 16th for their Prevention of Child Abuse fundraiser walk.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (L) Personal Services Contract with Applied Archaeological Research, Inc. for the St. Helens Transit Facility project.

- (M) Development Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC.
- (N) Cooperative Agreement with the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council for the Salmon (150) and Cox Creek (271) Fish Barrier Correction.
- (O) Landowner Agreement with the US Fish & Wildlife Services for restoration projects.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting this morning. There was some discussion on the different traffic issues throughout the county. They are looking at getting a billboard on Hwy 30 to post safety tips. Lonny gave a report on county roads.

She attended the CEPA meeting yesterday. There was a very good presentation from a representative from DOGAMI in regards to expected earthquakes in the area.

Last night, she attended the City of Scappoose Economic Development meeting. The city is looking at expanding the Urban Growth Boundary. They also discussed the airport and the need for job training in the county.

Senator Merkley was in Scappoose on Sunday. He did a very good job of explaining what is going on in Washington, DC. There were those who are not very happy with what's going on and expressed themselves during the meeting. The Board had some time to talk with the Senator prior to the town hall meeting, and asked that for his next visit, more time is scheduled for the Board.

The county received a annual request from the VFW and American Legion for flags for the cemeteries on Memorial Day. The County will be paying for flags.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was supposed to be in Anchorage this week for a Regional FEMA meeting, but it was canceled due to the recent flu situation. It will be rescheduled.

He was in Vernonia on Monday to meet with United Way.

Last week he met with the FBI on the next steps for the shooting range. The Board needs to schedule meetings with the local law enforcement agencies to define usage, operations and the management of the range.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher met with the Museum people last week. He feels they are making progress and they will be meeting again the end of the month.

He attended the Koffee Klatch this week. This is a very good opportunity to meet businesses in the county. They are always looking for new members. He would like to see the County host that sometime.

On Sunday, he attended the meeting in Scappoose with Senator Merkley. It was good to talk with him about the forest lands issue and what can be done to reduce the risk of fire in our forests.

He also attended the CEPA meeting yesterday. After listening to the speaker from DOGAMI, it appears that if an earthquake were to happen here, we could all be swimming. The County needs to have some type of plan in place, regarding courthouse services, should this type of catastrophic event happen here.

He is glad to report that all of our communities now have a community garden in place.

He wanted to congratulate and thank all county staff who contributed to the recent food bank challenge with the Port of St. Helens. WE WON. He truly appreciates the staffs participation. There was no Executive Session(s) held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 6th day of May, 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: _____
Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner