

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 10, 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 May 7, 2009 Budget meeting; May 26, 2009 Work Session, May 27, 2009 Board meeting; and June 3, 2009 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

HEARING: SUPPLEMENTAL COUNTY BUDGET FOR 2008-2009:

This hearing was originally set for June 3, 2009 but that Board meeting was canceled. Therefore, the hearing has been re-noticed for June 24, 2009 at or after 10:00 a.m.

HEARING: AMEND SECTION 942 OF THE AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL ZONE:

This is the time set for the public hearing, 'In the Matter of an Application to Amend Section 942 of the Columbia County Zoning Ordinance in the Airport Industrial Zone'.

Spencer Parsons explained that the County received a letter from the Department of Aviation on March 31, 2008 stating that the County's current AI zone does not fully apply all elements of the Airport Planning Rule, OAR 660-013. Specifically absent from the ordinance is the inclusion of 4 outright uses as defined in OAR 660-013-0100 and therefore not consistent with state code. These changes will need to be done by Ordinance. If approved by the Board, it would be tentative until the ordinance is prepared. For the record, the Board declared no conflicts of interest. Spencer went over the applicable criteria for this application, then read the pre-hearing statement into the record as required by ORS 197.763. He entered County Counsel's file into the record, listed all contents and labeled it Exhibit "1".

Glen Higgins, Chief Planner, came before the Board to give the staff report and reviewed the changes to the code that will allow for 4 additional permitted uses. The Planning Commission held a hearing on this application on April 6, 2009 and, along with staff, recommends approval of the legislative amendment to Section 942 of the CCZO. No comments in opposition have been received.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

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

After little discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to tentatively approve the application TA 09-02 to amend Section 942 of the Columbia County Zoning Ordinance in the Airport

Industrial Zone and directed staff to prepare the ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 6/2/09 & 6/9/09.
- (B) Resolution No. 26-2009, "In the Matter of the FY 2009 Elections for O&C Land Related Safety Net Payments".
- (C) Order No. 28-2009, "In the Matter of Exempting the Contract for an Emergency Medical Facility from the Competitive Bidding Requirements of ORS 279B.070 and the Columbia County Public Contracting Rules"
- (D) Order No. 29-2009, "In the Matter of Establishing Maximum Funding Levels for Community Development Block Grant Funds".
- (E) Ratify Order No. 30-2009, " In the Matter of Granting Permission to the Barony of Three Mountains of the Kingdom of AnTir in the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc., to Conduct Certain Activities at Camp Wilkerson During Its Reserved Use on June 13, 2009".
- (F) Resolution No. 31-2009, "In the Matter of Authorizing the Submission of a Local Government Grant Application to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for Development of Crown Zellerbach Trailhead Parking and Day Use Picnic Areas at Honeyman Road and at Chapman Road".
- (G) Order No. 32-2009, In the Matter of Granting Permission to the Latter Day Saints' "Young Women's Group" to Conduct Archery Classes at Camp Wilkerson During its Reserved Use From July 12 through July 17, 2009".
- (H) Approve Letters of Authority to: Todd Dugdale, Erin O'Connell, Robert Crain, DOGAMI, Bill Potter, Glen Crinklaw, Tristan Wood, Henry Heimuller, Steve Knebel, Vicki Harguth, Jeff Dickerson, Andy Moyer, Russ George, Jeremy Howell, Troy Caldwell, Lenny Olsen, Jack Hinkle, Ryan Pews, James Carnahan,

Scott Williams, Sarah Hanson, Spencer Parsons, Jeff Mansheim, Greg Brody, Terry Grice and Denise Keppinger.

- (I) Approve the creation of the position of Lead Juvenile Probation Officer and assign to non-exempt salary range 27 and authorize the Juvenile Director to make internal promotion.
- (J) Approve the 4 year exercise plan for Emergency Services.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (K) Approve form of the Memorandum of Agreement for environmental studies and authorize Dan Brown to sign on behalf of Columbia County.
- (L) Approve form of the Memorandum of Agreement for comparative market analysis and authorize Dan Brown to sign on behalf of Columbia County.
- (M) Authorize Dan Brown to sign the Memorandum of Agreement for Survey and Engineering.
- (N) Approve the 2009 Fund Exchange Agreement No. 25,798 with ODOT for the Scappoose-Vernonia Road Overlay (MP 1.5 - MP 4.5) Project.
- (O) Approve the Local Public Agency Bridge Condition Assessment Program Two-Tier Selection Delegation Form with ODOT and authorize Chair to sign.
- (P) Approve the GIS Cadastral Data License Agreement v 1.3 with the Oregon Department of Revenue and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (Q) Approve the Letter of Understanding with the Oregon Department of Justice for the 2009 Marijuana Eradication Project LOA No. 2009-100 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (R) Approve the Hold Harmless Agreement with the Church of Latter Day Saints.
- (S) Approve Local Government Grant Application to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for Development of Crown Zellerbach Trailhead Parking and Day Use Picnic Areas at Honeyman Road and at Chapman Road and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (T) Approve the CIS Trust Membership Participation Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.

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- (U) Approve Grant Agreement #25808 with ODOT Public Transit Division and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (V) Approve Grant Agreement #25866 with ODOT Public Transit Division and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (W) Award the contract for Construction Manager/General Contractor for the Recycle and Reuse Facility to J.E. Dunn Construction and direct staff to prepare the contract.
- (X) Approve the Employment Contract between Columbia County, County Sheriff and Jim Carpenter.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard reported on the MHAC and LADPC meetings she attended yesterday. She will also be in Salem on Friday to attend the AOC Human Services meeting.

On Saturday she attended a grand opening of the new Equestrian Camp Sites at Camp Wilkerson. There was a very good turnout

She was in Tillamook on Thursday to attend the NOHA meeting. There are a number of different agencies, churches, etc. working to help those who will be denied housing vouchers due to lack of funding.

On Wednesday the Board was in Salem to attend the Board of Forestry meeting.

She wanted to remind everyone that on Saturday, there will be an event held at Trojan for foster kids to fish for free. Commissioner Hyde stated that Saturday was also a free fishing day throughout the State for everyone.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended the Board of Forestry meeting in Salem on Wednesday and reported on the concerns with the harvest management plan and the need to amend it. He felt this was a very successful meeting and very important to Columbia County and the State of Oregon.

On Monday he was in Salem for the AOC legislative meeting and met with some of our legislators to discuss various issues.

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Yesterday he met with a group of stakeholders to talk about the possibilities of creating a county wide Economic Development Committee and hiring someone to staff it.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher also attended the Board of Forestry meeting on Wednesday. He noticed the importance of having a physical presence at these meetings and was impressed with the way the Board listened to those attending.

On Monday he was in Salem to attend the AOC legislative meeting. While there, he attended a Governor's meeting on contracting issues. Again, it's important to have a presence in Salem and help shape policy.

The Board receives newsletters from OSU Extension Service which lists different classes available on food preparation and storage. He encouraged those who want to learn to attend.

He attended a Chamber meeting in Clatskanie. It was good to see that there are some new businesses starting up in the area. The Sheriff was there to give a presentation.

There was a presentation on LNG at the Kiwanis meeting last night.

He wanted to mention that, as we look at our budget, people need to understand the mandates that are required by the State. It seems that local governments are given more to do but receiving less money to do it.

Commissioner Bernhard commented on the discussion held yesterday at the work session on diking districts levy certifications and that the Board and county staff are working on that.

There was also a presentation given yesterday on a proposed splash park in the Courthouse Plaza area. This group is working with the county and City of St. Helens on this project, which is partially funded by the Ford Foundation. Fundraisers will be held to help raise funds for this project.

COUNTYWIDE TRANSIT PLAN:

Janet Wright briefly reported on the presentation made yesterday by Kittleson on the Countywide Transit Plan. A meeting will be held tomorrow with city planning commissions to review the plan and submit comments.

Recessed the meeting at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m. at the City of St. Helens Council Chambers. Present were Commissioner Bernhard, Commissioner Hyde, Commissioner Fisher and Sarah Hanson.

The Board met with city Police Chiefs, State Police representatives, Sheriff and Undersheriff to discuss the operations of the firing range, budget reductions, police coverage outside city limits, putting a response plan in action and the Deputy Medical Examiner.

Commissioner Hyde gave some background on the firing range and his conversations with the FBI and future plans of an indoor shooting facility. Currently, there is a need to have someone manage the range and Gerry Simmons name came up. The costs for operating and management of the range will have costs. Police Chief Steve Salle will check with his city council to see if his agency could manage the firing range.

Discussion was held on the responsibility of the Deputy Medical Examiner and possible shared costs. Commissioner Hyde will speak to the District Attorney about this. Although there will be a huge gap in law enforcement services come August 1, 2009, all police chiefs felt that their city councils would not agree to having their officers responding to calls outside the city limits.

Some discussion was held on the County's budget and resulting reductions in services.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 10th day of June, 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, Board Secretary