

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 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 Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2009 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2009-6: AMEND SECTION 207 OF SPO:

This is the time set for the first reading of Ordinance No. 2009-6, "In the Matter of the Application of Columbia County for a Text Amendment to Section 207 of the Subdivision and Partitioning Ordinance". Spencer read the ordinance, by title only. Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to hold the second reading of Ordinance No. 2009-6 on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full and then commented on Item (D), the courthouse closures. She stated that more information on the closures will be posted on the county's website and in press releases. 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 7/14/09.

- (B) Ratify approval of a Temporary Liquor License for Ruby Ranch Cookhouse.
- (C) Ratify approval of the Personnel Action for Sarah Hanson.

- (D) Close all County offices except the Sheriff's Office, Road, Parks and Community Corrections, due to budget reductions, on September 4, 2009, November 25, 2009, December 24, 2009, January 4, 2010, March 26, 2010, April 23, 2010, May 28, 2010, June 18, 2010. Authorize Community Corrections Director to close Corrections department offices on a similar set of days.
- (E) Order No. 48-2009, "In the Matter of Transferring Certain Access Approach Deposits from the Columbia County Treasurer's Deposit Fund to the Columbia County Road Fund"
- (F) Declaration of Surplus Property, 1997 Dodge van, and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (G) Waive a portion of the home occupation/conditional use permit for Richard Haines due to hardship.
- (H) Letters of Authority for Bill Goodwin, Patrick Martyn, Ron Youngberg and Brian Burright, Columbia River Fire and Rescue.
- (I) Approve Housing Rehabilitation Development Plan for Doug Dahl.
- (J) Approve Housing Rehabilitation Development Plan for Aggie and William Naeve.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (K) COL 0911 Oregon Commission on Children and Families 2009-2011 County Intergovernmental Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (L) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Scappoose for Maintenance of the Pump Station in Right-of-Way of Glen View Lane.
- (M) Hold Harmless Agreement, Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, for all activities and events held in 2009.
- (N) Hold Harmless Agreement, Grace Baptist Church, for use of Big Eddy Park, July 24 - 26, 2009.
- (O) Hold Harmless Agreement, Thai Boxing Association, for use of Camp Wilkerson

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- (P) Hold Harmless Agreement, City of St. Helens Police Department, for use of Camp Wilkerson on August 19, 2009.
- (Q) Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Vernonia and Vernonia Administrative District 47J for lobbyist Jamison Sullivan, Inc.
- (R) Intergovernmental Agreement with the Counties of Deschutes, Jackson, Tillamook, Columbia, Jefferson, Hood River, Umatilla and Polk for ORCATS computer program, and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (S) Amendment Number 1 to Sub-Grant/Grant Administration Contract By and Between Columbia County and Community Action Team, Inc.
- (T) GIS Data License Agreement with Portland General Electric and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE:

Commissioner Hyde commented on the intent of the Board to create a Law Enforcement Task Force to look at law enforcement services, how those services are provided and long term funding. The Board has been working with the Sheriff on creating a list of stakeholders for this committee.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

The Board will be going out to the fairgrounds today for opening ceremony for the 2009 Columbia County Fair.

Tomorrow she will be going to Warrenton to attend a special NOHA meeting. They will be working on ways to continue funding the people being displaced. There are some options out there and maybe some temporary funding from HUD.

Last Thursday, she went to the 13 Nights on the River. This event is always well attended.

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She attended the NWACT meeting last week in Banks. There was discussion on stimulus funding, transportation projects, etc. They are also looking at the makeup of this committee to ensure good participation.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde commented on the disappointing article in the Oregonian on Sauvie Island regarding law enforcement. Columbia County is the only law enforcement presence on the island.

He reported on the meeting he attended last week at the Business Oregon Development Department, formally the Oregon Economic & Community Development Department.

On Friday, he attended a meeting on the Vernonia School project.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher wanted to encourage everyone to attend the fair this year. He was there this morning to judge the animal running for office. A very fun event.

There has been a lot of activity recently with the Museum Association. Items that were in storage are being distributed to the right places now, so we are seeing some progress.

He stopped by the CAT office yesterday. They are in the process of reducing services, particularly for seniors and senior advocates. However, they now have an 800 number that seniors can call for questions and assistance.

Commissioner Fisher has seen a lot of items in the courthouse offices that could be considered surplus and disposed of. He will be working on getting the courthouse cleared of the clutter.

He was back east last weekend visiting family and, after talking to some of the residents, it was clear that they are feeling the same budgetary effects as we are here in Oregon.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 15th day of July, 2009.

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

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____

Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary