

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 16, 2009

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard and Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner 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 September 8, 2009 Work Session; September 9, 2009 Board meeting and September 9, 2009 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH:

Commissioner Bernhard read the proclamation into the record and afterwards, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to proclaim the month of October 2009, as "*National Domestic Violence Awareness Month*". The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

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 9/15/09.
- (B) Cancel the 9/22/09 Work Session - Board attending AOC District 7 meeting.
- (C) Order No. 61-2009, "In the Matter of Adopting the Columbia County Incident

Management Team Operations Plan”.

- (D) Order No. 62-2009, “In the Matter of the Petition by Wayne Stevens to Name a Private Road off Robinette Road near St. Helens, Oregon as “Cataway Lane”.
- (E) Order No. 63-2009, “In the Matter of the Appeal of the Denial of the Application of Samantha Miller for a Kennel License Under the Columbia County Kennel Ordinance”.
- (F) Order No. 64-2009, “In the Matter of Increasing the Clerk's Recording Fees in Compliance with House Bill 2436”.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Approve Contract with TFT Construction, Inc. in amount of \$39,822.00 for the Big Eddy County Park Roadway and RV Pad Paving Project.
- (H) License and Indemnity Agreement between Columbia Educational Service District and Columbia County.

The motion carried unanimously.

COOPERATIVE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH FIRST STUDENT, INC:

After a brief explanation, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the Cooperative Assistance Agreement between the Columbia County Sheriff and First Student, Inc., and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended her high school reunion in southern Oregon over the weekend.

She attended the Fair Board meeting and reported that they are working hard to get a roof on the Pavilion before the weather turns.

She attended the Parks meeting last night. The Parks Director gave a report on the revenue generated over the summer and it was a very successful season for the parks. They are looking at ways to make

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improvements for next year. They discussed a piece of property in Mist that the county acquired through foreclosure. The Parks Committee plans to bring an idea to the Board to possibly use this area for a county park.

The Road Department paved a portion of the courthouse parking lot yesterday. They did a very good job and she is pleased with the end result.

She wanted to remind everyone that the Scappoose Sauerkraut festival is this weekend and encouraged all to attend.

She will be walking in the Race for the Cure this weekend.

She continues to work with the NOHA Board on housing issues and how to avoid problems in the future, better communication and provide better services.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde was in Oregon City on Thursday attending an O&C meeting. They are looking at alternatives for the Rural Schools funding. The association has a legal fund set up and have decided to use it to pay dues for all participating counties and to hire a lobbyist to work on the reauthorization of timber funding. He stated that the timber associations have filed suit against the federal government for pulling the WOPR, but not sure how productive that will be.

He was at an AOC Legislative meeting in Salem on Monday. A report was given on how fiscal decisions are made and why. Additional legislative

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decisions to be made in January.

He continues to work on Title III monies and to get those monies on the street before the February 2010 deadline.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher had a very busy Saturday. He attended a congressional district meeting in Astoria, with health care being the main topic of discussion; attended the County Employee Picnic which was a very nice event; and attended the Amani Center's annual Luau Saturday night.

He wanted to compliment the Road Department on the great job they did on the parking lot yesterday.

He attended a CCCC workshop in Wilsonville with Jan Kenna. The group is looking at ways to continue operations and some restructuring of the program. There is a need to make some real changes.

There was a Legislative Update at the Chamber office yesterday. Senator Johnson was there. She talked about the need for clarification between the State and local governments for better understanding.

The petition for an increase in the Income tax looks like it may pass and could make a significant difference in generating revenue. However, the gas tax increase is not looking as successful. September 25th is the deadline for filing.

On Monday, he participated in a conference call with the AOC Governor's

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Committee. There are some issues out there that, if passed, will have some significant effects on Oregon counties.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 16th day of September, 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: _____

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary