

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 21, 2009

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard, Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, 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 October 13, 2009 Work Session and October 14, 2009 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde introduced Danny VanDerschelden, a senior at Vernonia High School, who will be shadowing him today for a senior project on local government.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 10/20/09.
- (B) Ratify approval of the application submitted by CCCCCF to the Samuel S. Johnson Foundation for funding for the St. Helens Middle School Community School.
- (C) Approve the grant applications with ODOT, Public Transit Division to obtain additional Special Transportation Operating program and Jobs & Transportation Act program funding.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (D) Contract Funding Addendum #2 - State of Oregon, Oregon Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Contract DR-1733-OR and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (E) Agreement with Burlington Environmental, LLC, a subsidiary of PSC Environmental, LLC, for the operation of the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

*Commissioner Bernhard was in Vernonia on Sunday, where a local police officer received his fathers purple heart back that was lost in the flood.*

*In the afternoon, she was at Columbia Hills for a ceremony to dedicate their gazebo to Dorothy Churchill, a long time employee of COLCO and advocate for our seniors.*

*She was in Astoria last Thursday and Friday for an Oregon Consortium meeting. There was a lot of discussion on the stimulus money, what they received and how it was distributed.*

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

*Last Wednesday, he met with representatives from PCC regarding more of their representation in Columbia County. They appear to be very committed to see that happen.*

*He commented that the ballots are out for the Vernonia School Bond.*

*He, along with other members of the Oregon Solutions Team, were at the Oregonian last week to meet with the E-Board on funding for the Vernonia School project. The next day there was a very good article on that subject*

in the Oregonian. They also did a story on the lost purple heart that was lost during the Vernonia flood and returned to the family.

He has been working with staff this past week on Port Westward issues.

Commissioner Hyde reported some good news. The county received word that we will be awarded a \$500,000 grant from the federal government for the new EOC. Now we just have to come up with the other half. The new EOC will be located at the 911 center.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher was back east last week visiting family. Chicago is looking at some huge deficits in their budget. He spoke with some of the local government officials about how they prioritize projects and services due to budget shortfalls. He also talked with them about non-partisan positions for County Commissioners. Commissioner Fisher feels strongly that this is something Columbia County should look into.

He wanted to thank our new Finance Director and staff for developing a budget summary to track it throughout the year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(e)(f):**

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.600(e)(f). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

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

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary