

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

November 4, 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, 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 October 28, 2009 Board meeting and October 28, 2009 Staff meeting. 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 11/03/09.
- (B) Cancel the Board and Staff meetings for November 11/18/25, 2009 and set the next Board meeting for November 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
- (C) Order No. 74-2009, "In the Matter of Releasing Surety Bonds or Security Deposits Required in the Issuance of Operating Permits for Surface Mining".
- (D) Order No. 75-2009, "In the Matter of Declaring Certain Personal Property Owned by Columbia County to be Surplus to the County's Needs and Directing the Disposal Thereof [Law Books]".

- (E) Order No. 76-2009, In the Matter of the Approval of Appointment of Ruby Herriott as Special Deputy District Attorney”.
- (F) Reclassify Janet Wright to Transit Program Administrator, effective 11/6/09 and approve job description.
- (G) Approve creation of position of Accounting Clerk in the Finance Department and assign to salary range 20 and authorize the Finance Director to one FTE.
- (H) Accept the new Departmental Policies for the Columbia County Corrections Department.
- (I) Letter of Authority for Ruby Herriott, Deputy District Attorney.
- (J) Appoint Jeff Dickerson and Frank Grace to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Committee.
- (K) Approve the waiver of spacing regulations for proposed Well No. CC 34-33-75 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (L) Approve waiver of set back requirements for Well No. JH 43-15-55 and authorize the Chair to sign.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (M) Addendum #2 to Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program contract, FY05/PDM-C with Oregon Emergency Management and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (N) Amendment #5 to the 2009-2011 Intergovernmental Agreement #127291 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (O) Amendment #6 to the 2009-2011 Intergovernmental Agreement #127291 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

**TITLE III FUNDING:**

Cynthia Zemaitis informed the Board that a public notice inviting submissions for projects to be funded under Title III was recently published in local newspapers, with submissions due by October 29, 2009. There is currently \$285,000 budgeted for Title III funding. Two project requests have been received. The first is from the County Forest, Parks and Recreation Department with a proposal

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to replace the culvert and bridge across Mollenhour Creek on the CZ trail. Title III funding can be used for this project under the criteria for "reimbursement for search, rescue, firefighting or other emergency services on federal land".

The CZ trail is the only access to the federal timberlands and the only means of ingress/egress for citizens living in that area should Scappoose-Vernonia Road be closed by landslide or otherwise. The estimated costs for this project is \$280,000. The second request was from the Oregon Department of Forestry, on behalf of its and the Columbia County Fire Districts, to conduct a national Firewise Workshop to set the stage for implementing the County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The estimated cost for this project is \$7,000. The Board needs to take action to preliminarily approve one or both of these projects immediately.

Then notice for a 45 day comment period will be published and, afterwards, the Board should take steps to formally approve the project(s). Although the certification report must be back to the Secretary of the Interior by 2/1/2010, O&C has asked that all certifications be to them by 12/31/2009.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to preliminarily approve the project submitted by Columbia County's Forest, Parks and Recreation Department to replace the culvert and bridge across Mollenhour Creek on the CZ trail/logging road in the amount of \$278,000 and the project submitted by the Oregon Department of Forest to conduct a national Firewise Workshop in the amount of \$7,000. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

*Commissioner Bernhard attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting. It was a very quick meeting this morning with updates from various agencies.*

*Last night, she attended a dinner presentation at the Rainier High School on "Preparing Our Communities for Disaster" hosted by the Homeland Security Emergency Management Committee. Derek White did an excellent job with the presentation on emergency response, identifying emergencies, etc.*

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She attended the Columbia County Emergency Planning meeting yesterday.

Last Wednesday night she was present at the Health District meeting where they made a unanimous decision to appeal the State's denial of the Certificate of Need on the hospital project.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde reported that the Vernonia School bond passed with a 69% turnout. They will now need to find another \$24 million to complete the project.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher congratulated Vernonia for the success on the bond.

He attended the Emergency Management meeting, the CEPA meeting on Tuesday and the presentation on emergency management last night in Rainier. There are a lot of communities that work very hard in planning for disasters.

Last week he attended a museum meeting. They plan to be open for one day on December 1, 2009 for a viewing to give people an opportunity to see what's there. Hopefully it will soon be open full time.

He mentioned that the Website redesign is still moving forward.

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He mentioned that there are a lot of issues concerning the diking districts who are under a lot of pressure from the federal government.

There was no Executive Session held.

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

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*Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary*