

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

November 7, 2012

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Earl Fisher and Commissioner Henry Heimuller, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Office Administrator.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2012 Board meeting and October 31, 2012 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

DELIBERATIONS: JAURON APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY LINE ADJUSTMENT:

This is the time set for deliberations, "In the Matter of an Application by Sam & Joanna Jauron for a Property Line Adjustment of Two 2-Acre Parcels Created Under Measure 49".

Commissioner Heimuller first wanted to thank the staff for putting together a very complete file and to Agnes and Al Petersen for their very organized packets of documentation. It allows the Board a more comprehensive format in which to review the

information. At this time, he is leaning more towards approval of this application and explained why. The subject property has been in the Jauron family since 1924. In reviewing the file, he discovered that some of the lots that have been created pertain to properties that are 80 acres and more. This property has always been less than 80 acres and therefore, when you are trying to retain high value farm land/forest land, this property is of smaller acreage and doesn't meet the FA-80 zone criteria. The county had this property listed as FA-19 up until 2010, then changed to FA-80 and feels there may have been some confusion in the zoning of this property. In reading Measure 49, it appears that the intent of the voters was to allow homes to be built on their property and retain a larger piece of property for farm or forest. He has driven by this property and feels that this is one of those situations where the State should allow county interpretation of the law. Because of the topography of this land, there is nothing else that can be done with the property other than a couple of home sites and maybe some forest lands. Further, if we're going to use the Measure 49 process to create home sites, those homes are supposed to be clustered together - the existing homes are not clustered. He believes that if the county were to allow these lot line adjustments, the Jauron family will continue their good stewardship of the land and, long term, there would be more production on this property with the divided stewardship.

With that said, he wanted to note that he did not appreciate the derogatory comments made about county staff by the Jauron's counsel.

Commissioner Fisher feels this is a case where he finds a conflict between the logic in his head versus the common sense in his heart.

Commissioner Hyde asked that if the Board followed Measure 49 and allowed for these lots, do we not then part from the opportunity for the applicant to put a house on those

properties. Secondly, if we allow for the expansion of these lots, can we not then site them using the template test. In the research, he found that the county can do that. Is that not a way to get to resolution on this matter?

Todd stated that he ran a template test on the reconfigured parcels and determined that these parcels would allow for a dwelling.

After discussion and consideration, Commissioner Heimuller moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to tentatively approve the Jauron Property Line Adjustment of two (2)-acre parcels and direct staff to prepare the final order for Board consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for week of 11/5/12.
- (B) Cancel the November 14, 2012 Board and Staff meetings.

The motion carried unanimously.

COLLAPSE OF THE INTERNET ON ELECTION NIGHT:

Jean Ripa was present to address the incident with the host server going down on election night. She first wanted to apologize to the citizens for the inconvenience and also to the

Board for the embarrassment. Basically, there was so much traffic to the website that it brought down the server. This was an unusual situation because it has never happened before and the goal now is to not have it happen ever again. The unacceptable part of this is that the website did not come up for at least 3 hours and there was a tech on site for 3.5 hours working on it. She has demanded an answer from the host site but has not received an answer but would believe they had some hardware issues. Jean is investigating options for another host site and once a reasonable alternative is found, she will present those to the Board for consideration. All of that said, she cannot guarantee this will never happen again because that is just the reality of technology.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde commented briefly on the Policy Counsel group meeting he recently attended. They seem to be at a point where they can now move forward. There will be 8 more meetings, with a final product due by 12/18/12.

He also wanted to thank all those who supported him in the election.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher is still waiting for the final results, but hopefully he will be here for another 4 years.

COMMISSIONER HEIMULLER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Heimuller first wanted to congratulate both Commissioner Hyde and Commissioner Fisher. He has enjoyed the past two years of teamwork and solidarity with

both. He also appreciates the fact that they can all debate, discuss, decide and walk out the door as respected friends and colleagues.

He reported on the recent NOHA meeting he attended. This agency continues to be up against constant budget restraints for low income housing. Thankfully they have a very responsible and fiscally engaged NOHA Board.

He reported on the AOC Veterans Services Committee meeting he participated in yesterday.

At this time, Commissioner Heimuller wanted to recognize Elsa Wooley as the Clatskanie Citizen of the Year. There will be a celebration tonight in her honor at the Clatskanie City Counsel Chambers at 6:00 pm. Elsa has been very active in the arts and education community, along with many other causes in the Clatskanie area.

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There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 7th of November, 2012.

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: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____

Board Office Administrator

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner