

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

June 24, 2008

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Joe Corsiglia and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with Spencer Parsons, Assistant County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS TO CPAC RULES & PROCEDURES:

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, presented a request from the Scappoose CPAC to initiate amendments to the CPAC Rules & Regulations regarding election and appointment procedures. Currently, in order to be elected to a CPAC, a minimum of 5 voters from the neighborhood must be present and vote. If no one is elected, the Committee shall notify the Board and the Board shall appoint a person to represent the vacant position. Glen reviewed the different active CPAC's and election results. Due to the lack of the needed 5 votes, staff recommends appointments of the persons listed in the staff report dated May 23, 2008 to the appropriate CPAC's, for two year terms. After discussion on the appointments, the Board added the recommended appointments to the consent agenda.

Regarding the election process, Glen stated that we are the only County that even has an election process for CPAC. The Scappoose-Spitzenburg CPAC is recommending amendments to the Rules and Procedures to eliminate the 5 vote requirement and to add a requirement for candidates in a CPAC election to announce their candidacy at least 30 days prior to an election.

Mike Sheehan, 33126 Callahan Road, Scappoose: Mike explained that when a candidate shows up for an election, they are usually by themselves with no one there to vote for them. To improve on the process, Mike has taken the existing requirements and made the following changes for Board consideration and explained his reasons for each.

- A. Elections shall be held every March. ~~No individual may be elected to fill a CPAC position if fewer than five eligible voters from the requisite neighborhood are present at the CPAC election meeting~~ **Nominations for CPAC positions shall be communicated to Land Development Services at least 30 days prior to the election date. Such nominations may be made at the previous**

CPAC meeting to the LDS staffer at that meeting.

- B. ~~In the event that fewer than five eligible voters for any neighborhood CPAC position attend an election meeting where that position is to be elected, the election for that position is to be postponed and re-advertised for the next regular CPAC meeting, allowing 30 days published notice. If fewer than five eligible voters attend the second election meeting, the Committee shall notify the Board of Commissioners, whereby the Board shall appoint a resident of the neighborhood to serve for the remainder of the term.~~

Election of CPAC members shall be by majority vote of those voting in the election.

- C. The Board of County Commissioners may appoint members to the CPAC if there is a vacant position which has not been filled according to the provisions of 2 A and B above. A position may be deemed vacant ~~if fewer than the requisite number of persons participate in the election processes described above,~~ if the incumbent dies, becomes incapacitated or resigns, or is removed for cause. Appointments shall be according to the eligibility standards established in Subsection V. (A) above.

- D. Persons elected on a CPAC meeting date shall take office at the next CPAC meeting following the meeting date on which the election was held.

Thelma Bonar, 56734 Way Lane, Warren: The Scappoose CPAC has had a lot of elections and the process has worked for a long time. She disagrees with some of Mike Sheehan's recommendations. Thelma is not in favor of these changes and is not in favor of Pat Zimmerman being appointed. She would rather see an election process. Further, she would like to see more advertisement on the role of the CPAC's, what they do for the citizens and to get people more involved. Perhaps a petition process could be put in place where candidates get signatures instead of a vote at the meeting.

Alta Lynch 32961 Scappoose-Vernonia Hwy, Scappoose: She thinks the election process is good. When she ran, she met a lot of people in the neighborhood who weren't even aware of the CPAC or what they do. If there was a petition process, she believes there would be more communication with the neighbors. Those who want to show up for the election can, but it wouldn't be necessary.

Mike Sheehan stated that he is a little concerned about having a petition process because it could be stacked.

The Board stated that they would take these recommendations under advisement.

COUNTY INSURANCE RATES FOR 2008-2009:

Joe Schultz, Pieper-Ramsdell Insurance, presented the Board with the new insurance rates - good news and bad news. Property & Liability is about 1.4% higher than last year at \$269,624.65; Workers Compensation with SAIF is a 20% increase for \$193,772; Docks & Piers Policy is \$7,900, unless coverage is added for acts of international terrorism for \$8,100; and the Flood policy with the National Flood Insurance Program is close to last years rate of \$794.

Jean Ripa informed the Board of the huge amount of increased SAIF claims in the Sheriff's office, almost 3/4 of the claims are from that department. SAIF is very concerned and having problems making contact with the Sheriff's department. Commissioner Hyde feels that this is an issue that can be dealt with once the new Sheriff is on board and hopefully get this under control. Joe Schultz explained the negative effects on our rating and how it will effect all policy ratings. This is a matter that needs to be dealt with right away. If that's the case, Commissioner Bernhard suggested that the new Sheriff be included prior to his taking office in January.

Commissioner Corsiglia believes it would be a positive thing for SAIF to meet with the Sheriff and his employees and that needs to be communicated to the Sheriff. Joe Schultz felt strongly that we need to get control of this as soon as possible.

Briefly, Joe stated that if some positions need to be cut as a result of the loss of timber revenue, he would need to know that right away because it will have an effect on the insurance rate with SAIF.

Joe then went over the other insurance polices and his recommendations. After discussion, the Board added these recommendations to the consent agenda.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 24th day of June, 2008.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Board Secretary:

By _____

Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

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Jan Greenhalgh