

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

July 8, 2008

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

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

PROPOSED HSEMC ORDINANCE:

Sarah Hanson and Vicki Harguth were present for discussion on the Homeland Security Emergency Management Commission (HSEMC) Ordinance. This is scheduled for a public hearing on July 23, 2008. The Board has a copy of the draft ordinance and Sarah suggested it be reviewed prior to the hearing for any comments/concerns/changes.

The ordinance was drafted by the interim committee and County Counsel's office.

Sarah went over the details of the ordinance. Commissioner Corsiglia suggested adding Mental Health along with the Public Health group and adding a representative from a school district. It was agreed to that Mental Health would be included with the Public Health group and then add a #13 for a school representative. Appointment terms were addressed and Commissioner Corsiglia asked for more specifics on the membership terms. This led to discussion on the by-laws. Sarah stated that once the commission is established, the commission will finalize the by-laws and present them to the Board for approval. Sarah noted that she has already reviewed the by-laws and will ensure that they are in line with the ordinance before adopted. Jan explained that she has worked to get all committees terms, where allowed, to expire on December 31st. Sarah will add language to the ordinance to reflect that.

There is also an emergency clause included. She then went over the duties, responsibilities, and qualifications of the membership.

After discussion, the Board will review the final draft ordinance at the public hearing on July 23rd and deal with the recommendations for appointments and the by-laws once the ordinance is adopted.

FLOOD HAZARD OVERLAY ZONE:

Todd was present for some very brief discussion on the deliberations the Board will be holding tomorrow on the Flood Hazard Overlay Zone ordinance. Commissioner Hyde stated that there are now some potential changes in the FEMA rules, which may affect this ordinance, and adopting this tomorrow may be premature. Todd stated that

his only concern is that if the county doesn't amend the flood plan ordinance and it is not consistent with federal code, it could effect what FEMA insurance will pay for. Commissioner Hyde will do some checking and get that answered today.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(d)(h):

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(d)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

SWCD RESOLUTION:

Commissioner Hyde addressed a resolution that the Soil Water Conservation District has adopted and presented it to the Board for their discussion and possible adoption.

Commissioner Hyde reviewed the ordinance. The SWCD's public contracting rules were changed last March and understands that is why they are doing this. Commissioner Bernhard stated that the SWCD had some funding cuts and hopes this resolution is not asking the County to take over any expenses because we are not prepared to do that. Commissioner Hyde will contact SWCD to determine exactly what this resolution is for.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 8th day of July, 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

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Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Board Secretary:

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Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

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Jan Greenhalgh