

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

August 12, 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.

**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY SHADOW TEAM AGREEMENT:**

Vicki Harguth, Emergency Management Director and Jean Ripa, Human Resources, was present to discuss the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Shadow Team Agreement. This is a shadow project with the Department of Forestry to allow certain county staff to work in the fire camps. There is an MOU with ODF and Vicki is asking for Board approval.

Jean expressed some of her concerns and issues with funding, safety, policies and procedures and what employees would be eligible, etc.

Vicki stated that the program is already in place and that Washington County has already entered into the same agreement with ODF. The local fire departments are waiting for this to be approved by the Board and Vicki stated that she will be coordinating the program even if the County doesn't enter into the agreement. These positions would be on a first come basis. Commissioner Hyde would like to pole the department heads to see if they even have staff available to participate. Vicki has copies of Washington County's policies and procedures and planned to just insert Columbia County where appropriate. Sarah stated that she would like to review those prior to them being adopted. Commissioner Hyde asked that Vicki put together a list of employees and more details of this program by the 2:00 pm staff meeting tomorrow.

**US CENSUS 2010:**

Gladys Romero, US Census Bureau, came before the Board to present information on the upcoming Census 2010. She explained the need for the census information and what it is used for. In order to help, she is asking that the Board approve a resolution supporting the 2010 Census and to form a Complete County Committee for Columbia County.

### REQUEST TO INCREASE SURVEYOR FEES:

Sarah stated that, due to the loss of timber review, departments have been requested to provide documentation to justify any request for departmental fee increases. To date, all that has been received on the surveyors request is the new fee schedule, but no written justification.

Sarah has also talked with Cynthia about adopting an order for all fee schedules for the county that can be reviewed annually. It could be posted on the website for easy access to the public.

Jerry Keenon first wanted to let the Board know that they have received a lot of positive comments on their new location.

Regarding the fee increases, with the loss of timber revenues, department heads were asked to look at their fee schedules, etc. to help fund the costs of services.

Jerry went over his proposed fee increases. Cynthia had asked for some justification and Jerry passed his narrative on to the Board for their review. Sarah stated that the county is not in the money making business and costs need to reflect actual costs. After discussion, Sarah stated the need to prepare an order for Board approval.

### ANNUAL UPDATE ON SCAPPOOSE BAY WATERSHED COUNCIL:

Janelle St. Pierre, Scappoose Bay Watershed Council, 57420 Old Portland Road, Warren, came before the Board to give an annual update. The Council's activities in 2007 included restoration and enhancement of creeks and natural areas in Columbia County, data gathering, community education and outreach, fundraising, and partnering with watershed stakeholders. They have also developed a 5-year strategic plan. Janelle handed the Board written information that detailed their projects.

### APPOINTMENT TO MUSEUM ASSOCIATION TO REPLACE DONNA WEBB:

Sarah stated that, according to the agreement with the Historical Society, the County needs to nominate someone to replace someone who resigns. Donna Webb has submitted her letter of resignation. We need someone who will advocate for the Vernonia area.

Commissioner Bernhard suggested Tobie Venzel from Vernonia, who is also on the Cultural Trust Coalition.

Sarah also updated the Board on the transfer of items from the museum in the old courthouse to the Historical Society.

AGREEMENT WITH POSSE FOR EVENING SECURITY:

Sarah was approached by Judge Grant last June regarding after hours security for the courthouse during evening meetings. Basically, the Posse members are already showing up to provide that security. To address this additional duty, there will need to be an amendment to the Courthouse Security Agreement. Sarah wanted the Board to be aware of this and obtain approval to move forward with the amendment. After discussion, there was a consensus of the Board to direct Sarah to draft amendments to the Courthouse Security Agreement.

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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 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

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

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