

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

October 14, 2008

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Rita Bernhard together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel. Commissioner Corsiglia was not present.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

DONATION OF PROPERTY BY JIM STEVENS TO COLUMBIA COUNTY:

James Stevens previously donated some property to Columbia County and there is a form that needs to be completed by the County. After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the form and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENT APPRECIATION PLAQUE TO DICK MAGNUSON:

The Board presented Dick Magnuson, Courthouse Security Deputy, with a plaque in recognition of his immediate response to a life threatening medical emergency and saving the life of one of our RSVP volunteers.

DISCUSSION ON CREATING A TASK FORCE LAND USE/KENNEL ISSUES:

Spencer Parsons and Todd Dugdale addressed the mechanics of the Land Use Task Force for Kennels. It was suggested and agreed to submit this to the CPAC's before the committee is formed. The Board will meet again in early December with those interested in participating on the Task Force to form a mission statement and determine the number of members.

ST. HELENS URBAN RENEW PLAN & REPORT UPDATE:

Chad Olsen and Randy Peterson, City of St. Helens, presented their draft Urban Renewal Plan. They also presented a draft resolution and asked that the Board adopt this resolution in support of the plan. After some discussion, this matter was carried over to the Board meeting to consider the resolution.

UNITED WAY LETTERS TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES:

Henry Heimuller and Ruth Baker approached the Board regarding the United Way campaign, currently underway, to address the donation letters sent to county employees. They are seeking approval to do that again this year.

REINSTATING EMPLOYEES TO FULL TIME:

Jean Ripa addressed the recent cuts in 10 positions, where hours were reduced by 10%. Now that the timber funding has been restored, she asked that those positions be restored to normal hours prior to the cuts. After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to restore the 10 positions to hours worked prior to the cuts. The motion carried unanimously.

ROAD DEPARTMENT ACTION:

Dave Hill and Lonny Welter, Road Department, came before the Board regarding a request by the Columbia 911 District to install a gate on Bridge Street in Vernonia, near the entrance to the cemetery. Columbia 911 has a public safety radio site at this location and also houses a cell tower, cable TV installations and the water reservoir for the City of Vernonia. There is currently a cable blocking vehicle traffic to this road. A gate will provide better access control to the site and will reduce the risk of injury that could be caused by the current cable. Columbia 911 has stated that they would purchase the gate, arrange for installation and provide a multiple lock system to the gate. After some discussion, the Board directed staff to prepare a Board order to approve the installation of the gate.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 14th day of October, 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

By: _____
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary