# BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

#### **WORK SESSION**

October 28, 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.

## PRIORITIZED LIST OF FACILITIES SECURITY UPGRADES:

Jean Ripa presented the Board with a memo from the County Safety Committee regarding Facility Security Standards. There has been some discussion about the importance of the county having a prioritized list for projects, for such things as grant opportunities. The department heads that are applying for those grants, have a prioritized list that the Board approves as the real priorities. Over several months, the Safety Committee has done some research on what security standards could be, which are included in her memo. There were a few other basic items they looked at such as replacing the window film. There are products out there now that are very good for explosive type prevention. Another idea was expanding the card lock access so that we could use them to get in and out of the offices.

As another piece of this, Vicki called Jean yesterday and informed her that there are some reports out there that have looked at vulnerabilities at county infrastructures and, she believes, the courthouse. She received a report some time back but the Board has not yet seen it. It occurred to Jean that all of this should be meshed together and not done piecemeal. Jean is willing to coordinate pulling all the pieces together and bring a prioritized list back to the Board for review. At this point, the Board needs to decide if this is something they want to move forward with. Commissioner Hyde stated that the Board plans to hold an all day meeting with all county staff in January and that would be a good time to address this. Jean stated that she will ask Vicki to get that report up to the Board.

### **CULVERT ON COLVIN ROAD:**

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, came before the Board to discuss the drainage issues on Colvin Road in Woodson. Dave used a map to explain where a temporary culvert was put in above the existing culvert which was buried under silt in the Woodson area due to the mud slide. Commissioner Hyde has been out there and talked with some of the property owners. In fact, he just spoke with ODOT about this yesterday. Dave explained the need to open up the existing culvert, which would mean cleaning out the ditch from Colvin Road to the highway. When Dave spoke with the property owners, they are in agreement with this. Because this is not on the county road right-of-way, approval by Board order would be necessary. Dave stated that

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the Road Department would incur the costs for this project. After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to authorize Dave Hill to move forward with the work on the Colvin Road culvert and direct staff to prepare a Board Order. The motion carried unanimously.

## **HERMO ROAD PHASE 1b:**

Dave Hill addressed payment on the Hermo Road project, Phase 1b. The County is still waiting to get reimbursed for Phase 1b, which is for the work done over the past year plus. The Road Department has been paying for this work and the Road Fund is working in the red at this point. Dave needs direction from the Board on if he should continue moving forward in the red or stop work until reimbursed. Janet has informed Dave that the County has received the letter of approval from OECDD for reimbursement for Phase 1b but we don't have the actual agreement yet, which may not be ready for a couple more months. Sarah would strongly recommend that the Board not authorize Dave to start work on the next phase until the agreements are received and approved by both parties.

Dave stated that the contract for the next phase has already been awarded. However, that was over a year ago. Considering changes in costs over the past year, Dave would need to go back to the contractor to renegotiate the price. Sarah would agree with Dave moving forward with renegotiations with the contractor, but not issue a notice to proceed until the agreements are approved and signed. The Board agreed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(d) - BARGAINING:**

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

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With nothing further coming before the Boa	ard, the meeting was adjourned.
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 28th day of October, 2008.	
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: Not Present
	Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner
	By: Rita Bernhard, Commissioner
Recording Secretary:	Titta Bermara, Commissioner
By:	
Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary	