

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORK SESSION

MINUTES

January 28, 2003

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

Commissioner Corsiglia called the meeting to order.

DAVE HILL, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Paramatrix, Phase I Plan: Dave Hill, Public Works Director, came before the Board along with Brian Bierwagen, consultant with Paramatrix, who is doing the design work on the Port Westward project. Brian is here today to present a brief summary of the plans for Phase I. These plans are approximately 60% complete and include the majority of road improvements to be made. There will be an open house held on February 24th at the Quincy Grange to meet with the citizens in the area to present the plan.

Brian briefly reviewed the improvements planned for Phase II.

Woodland Management Proposal to Harvest Camp Wilkerson: Dave presented the Board with a proposal from Woodland Management to harvest Camp Wilkerson. He asked that the Board review the proposal and schedule some discussion at the next work session to review the proposal. Dave noted that if we are going to harvest it this year, the sooner we get started the better.

ODOT Project on Hwy 30, Temporary Closure of Carlson Road: Brett Richards, ODOT, came before the Board to briefly review an ODOT project on Highway 30 at Carlson Road. Brett presented the Board with a map of the area and reviewed the project plans which is to put in a left hand turn into Carlson Road. This would create a temporary closure of Carlson Road. They are proposing to use Lindberg Road as a detour during the 21 day closure. This project is scheduled for this summer and ODOT will be doing dust control on Lindberg Road. ODOT will be scheduling an open house for the neighbors to go over these plans. The Board asked to be notified on the date of the open house.

Status of Clatskanie Valley Drive: Dave present a map of the area for the Board to review. The construction on Clatskanie Valley Drive was completed about 3 years ago. There are approximately 5 homes on the road with another 10 building lots. The road is very steep, at a 12% grade. This development was started back in the 1980's and, at that time, there was some discussion about whether or not this would become a county road once completed. Dave has reviewed the Board meeting minutes of 1980, however it is hard to determine if this was intended to be a county road. Dave found a letter from Gloria Salvey, Board Secretary, dated 11/20/80, stating her opinion that the county would accept the road after completion. Dave asked that the Board review the information he has submitted and hold some discussion on this at the next work session. The Board stated they would be reviewing this with counsel before taking any action. The matter was scheduled for the 2/11/03 work session.

WEST NILE VIRUS RESPONSE PLAN:

Melvin Franklin, Vector Control, and Karen Ladd, Public Health District, came before the Board to report on the West Nile Virus Response Plan. Melvin had delivered the response plan to the Board last week. Oregon has been lucky enough to be one of the last states that have not seen a case of West Nile Virus yet. That has given them some time to prepare a plan and work with the State Health Department. His purpose here today is to review the response plan that has been developed and inform the Board on what Vector Control is doing on this matter. The plan will be used if and when a case forms locally. The biggest concern is that if a positive test shows up in Columbia County, what the overall reaction will be from each of the local agencies and the public. If the West Nile Virus shows up here, additional work and funding will be an issue of concern. Melvin explained possible funding through the federal and state governments.

Karen Ladd reviewed the symptoms of the virus and believes there will be fatalities in Columbia County once the virus reaches Oregon. She wanted the Board to be aware of what is being done to prepare of this.

CLIFF MULTANEN, COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS:

Cliff Multanen, Director of Community Corrections and Ian Clanton, Parole/Probation Officer, came before the Board to talk about the process of sex offender notification. Cliff prepared a one page outline of the process, which he reviewed with the Board. There are two classifications of sex offenders, "predatory" and "non-predatory".

Commissioner Bernhard explained that she had attended a meeting last week at Grant Watts school about a particular case that took place in Scappoose. That person is now deceased, however there are still victims coming forward. There was a lot of concern and discussion about how these cases are handled. Commissioner Bernhard felt Cliff should come before the Board so we have a better understanding of the process.

Cliff stated, in that particular case, the person was not under supervision. Ian explained stated that if a sex offender moved into the community prior to 1995, they don't have to register as a sex offender.

Commissioner Bernhard stated that, during that meeting, the citizens have a very strong interest in the cities and the county doing something, i.e. an ordinance, so that neighbors are notified. Cliff reviewed the current notification process for both "predatory" and "non-predatory" offenders. Discussion was held on background checks and where people can obtain certain information on an individual.

Cliff had Linda Hald check with the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS). There is a way for local agencies, including the County, to use the LEDS system to conduct background checks, if an ordinance is adopted. The most appropriate department to conduct those background checks would be the Sheriff's department and Phil Derby agrees. Cliff will need to discuss the details with John Knight. The Board supports the idea of developing an ordinance and would like to see sometime on this in the very near future.

The Board recessed the meeting at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all present.

Commissioner Corsiglia called the meeting back to order.

EMERGENCY PLAN DECISION TRAINING:

Present for training were Commissioner Corsiglia, Commissioner Bernhard, Commissioner Hyde, Jean Ripa, Bill Potter and John Clouse. Last year, the Board adopted an updated Emergency Plan that applies to the Courthouse entity to deal with bomb threats. Jean presented each Board member with an "Emergency Plan Safety Reference" guide. Jean reviewed all aspects of the plan, i.e., flow chart - "chain of command", contact list/phone directory, floor contacts, etc. Discussion was held and some suggestions were made. Jean will update the guide and distribute to the appropriate persons. Jean suggested that this plan be revisited at least twice a year for review and update.

While in attendance, John Clouse informed the Board on a Local Emergency Planning Committee Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Exercise to take place on February 12, 2003. John reviewed the goals and objectives of this exercise. John felt at least one Commissioner should be present for this exercise.

The Earthquake Exercise Committee will also be participating in an exercise on April 3, 2003, from 10:00 am. to 4:00 p.m. There are goals and objectives for this exercise as well.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard stated that Jan has advertised for membership to the Planning Commission. The Board needs to decide who and when to appoint to the one vacant full time position. Commissioner Hyde suggested we wait until February 28, 2003, the deadline for applications, and then determine how to proceed. All new applicants will need to be interviewed by the Board. The full Board agreed. Commissioner Corsiglia will contact Diana Boom to ensure that she had declined full time appointment.

FAIR BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

The last time this was discussed, the Board planned to interview the recommended applicant prior to appointment. Jan was directed to schedule a time for the Board to interview with the applicant (Rick Fetterly).

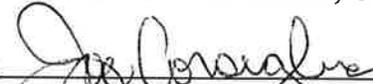
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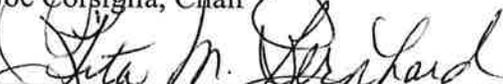
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

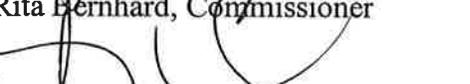
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 28th day of January, 2003.

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: 
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh Board Secretary