

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORK SESSION
MINUTES

March 25, 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 Cynthia Zemaitis, Recording Secretary.

Commissioner Corsiglia called the meeting to order.

DAVE HILL, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

Proposed Staffing Changes: Dave Hill is here to talk about reorganization now that 3 staff positions will be lost to retirement. He would like to see the Clatskanie District Supervisor, current Mike Johnstun, who is retiring, be replaced with a Leadworker, a promotional position, who will report to Kelly Lungberg, the Rainier District Supervisor. There is probably not a chance to replace all these positions, which makes it even more critical that the Districts work together. This reorganization will further emphasize this. New job descriptions have been drafted. The changes would also require the St. Helens supervisor to supervise the lead mechanic, thereby adding some additional job duties. Dave does request that the Sign Maintenance Worker position be replaced through promotion, and also requests authorization to fill the lead mechanic position to replace the employee retiring in June.

Jean Ripa indicated that there would be no effect on the budget as a result of this reorganization. The difference in the budget would not exceed \$100 to \$200 if all the underlining positions were filled. With this, the Board approved the restructuring as outlined and asked that it be moved to the consent agenda.

Request for Archery Class at Camp Wilkerson: Dave Hill believes this is the same request we have received in the past from The Latter Day Saints Young Women's Group which the Board has approved; no concerns or complaints have been received in the past. With little discussion, the Board approved this request and directed it to be moved to the consent agenda. Sarah Tyson said she may not have an order ready for tomorrow's consent agenda but will try.

Trash Along Roadway: Dave is receiving numerous complaints about the mounting trash along the roadways since Bill Reeves retired and the inmate work crew has not been available. Jean Ripa said the Sheriff's Office has indicated they still do not currently plan to replace the work crew supervisor. Tony Hyde suggests we look to high school Seniors to take road clean-up on as a project. Joe Corsiglia suggests advertising the Adopt-the-Road program. Hyde indicated that he doesn't believe monies from the solid waste fund can be used for this. He stated that this is a one-time revenue, and

buying the property for the new transfer station and holding down rate increases has great long-term benefits for the county. Commissioner Bernhard believes that with the way the Sheriff's budget is, they may never replace Reeves. Dave Hill suggests that if the Roads and Park Department contribute 2/3's of the budget to replace this position, the great benefit received from the inmate work crew could continue. Dave believes he can make this work with the current budget. He may return to the Board for permission to move forward on this. Sarah Tyson recommended that if this were to happen, we would want someone with a criminal justice background. Jean Ripa agrees, and indicated that there are numerous retired officers who might be interested. Dave will talk with Jim Gibson to see what the plans are to replace this position. In the meantime, the Road Department will try to take care of the traffic hazards and big problems.

DAVE SAHAGIAN - UPDATE ON SCAPPOOSE WATERSHED COUNCIL:

Dave Sahagian and Lona Pierce are here to fulfill their charter in coming before the Commissioners on an update of the Council's activities. Lona reports that this group is actually accomplishing their goals, bringing a lot of money into the county for the environment and the ongoing effort to help save the salmon. The culverts have been key in the success of the work being done. Most of the workers are volunteers, although they have hired engineers and help in replacing the culverts and in grant writing. Dave Sahagian indicated that they cut across the political spectrum and have a good working relationship with all agencies, and summarizes the accomplishments they have made over the past year and where they are headed. Commissioner Hyde stated that everyone is aware of the high quality of work coming out of Scappoose. The County will be relying on the Council more and more, and believes there will be an opportunity for the Council to assist in doing some interpretive work along the Scappoose-Linear trail extension. Commissioner Bernhard would like to encourage the Council to continue their education in the community as to the work being done and the accomplishments achieved.

SARAH TYSON – MORSE BROS. APPLICATIONS

Sarah is back before the Board to update them on the application scheduling issues which were discussed last week. Sarah sent a revised schedule to Steve Schell after that meeting, who in turn sent a re-revised schedule back. Morse Bros.' suggest that the hearings in all applications be held on May 14 at a regular Board meeting. Each of the Board members indicated they did not believe they have a conflict with this date. Morse Bros. also wants a short period of time between the hearing and the decision – two weeks for additional evidence. At this point, the 120 day period would be May 20th on the operating permit; most of the others would be on June 5th. Sarah doesn't believe it will be possible to get these applications finished within the 150 day time period. Although Morse Bros. has not agreed to waive the period completely, they have agreed to a partial waiver, with the period

ending July 2nd , and notices mailed by that date. Under this scheduled, the Board would make a decision on June 11th . The Board indicates they would be agreeable to this schedule only if Steve Schell extends the cut-off date to July 16th . If Schell is not agreeable, the hearings should be moved up. Commissioner Corsiglia advised he will be gone from June 1 through the 7th. Sarah asked the Board to remember that she will need to draft six final, separate orders and will need the time for this. She indicated that this entire schedule will have to be redone if the Planning Commission does not make a decision on April 7th.

RITA BERNHARD – BACK-TO-SCHOOL WEEK

Commissioner Bernhard found some information about Back-to-School Week on her desk and thought the Board should discuss whether anything should be done. Commissioner Hyde stated he believed a resolution should be drafted and added to the consent agenda. Commissioner Bernhard stated that the Board had previously talked about job shadowing. Commissioner Hyde stated he would like to explore holding Board meetings in the schools. No further action was taken on this item.

There was no Executive Session held.


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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 25th day of March, 2003.

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

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

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Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

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Cynthia Zemaitis, Recording Secretary