

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

August 26, 2003

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

Commissioner Corsiglia called the meeting to order.

**DAVE HILL, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:**

**Rural SDC's:** Dave Hill came before the Board along with John Ghilarducci and Robert Grantham of FCS Group. The County is beginning the process of looking into a Systems Development Charge for the rural areas of the county. Under a separate process, they are also looking at SDC's in urban areas of the county. Dave asked that John and Robert, of FCS Group, be present today to discuss what the Board's expectations are for SDC's.

John introduced himself and then went over the project scope, which is a three phase effort; feasibility, methodology and implementation. Phase 1 would be to look at the legal feasibility and technical policy issues that might be involved. The result of that will be an executive summary, detailing the issues and recommended solutions. Phase 2 gets at how specifically the policy recommendations will be applied. Phase 3 will be the drafting of implementing ordinances.

Commissioner Bernhard spoke about the County's previous SDC ordinance which was rescinded by the voters. Their biggest concern was that the monies collected through SDC's were not being spent on the areas it was collected for. John stated that they are aware of that and will take that into consideration.

John then went over the four important key policy issues, 1) equity issues between current and future constituents; 2) collection of a reimbursement fee; 3) area specific versus countywide charges; and 4) facility users. Discussion was held on all four issues.

At this point, FCS needs to know if the Board agrees that the four issues discussed are important and, if there are others. Commissioner Bernhard stressed again that it is important that monies collected for impacted areas, be used for those areas. After discussion, the Board agreed with the direction this is going. Once a plan is completed, meetings need to be held around the County to inform and educate the public.

**Contract Documents for Port Westward:** Todd stated that there is now a signed Deferred Permit Agreement with Summit. Commissioner Hyde noted that the Board stated they would not sign an agreement for the road work until a building permit was applied for. He is now comfortable with moving forward on this. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the contract with Big River Excavation for Phase 1 road improvements at Port Westward. The motion carried unanimously.

**Blaha Road:** Commissioner Bernhard wanted this on the agenda for discussion. She wanted to know what we need to do with the formal petition that was received and what options there are for an LID. Sarah went over the statutes relating to the petition and what process needs to be followed.

After discussion, Dave Hill stated that he would send a letter to all abutting property owners regarding the possibility of an LID. Once a response is received, Dave will make a report to the Board.

Todd Dugdale wanted to inform the Board that there is an employee in his office who owns property on Blaha Road and is involved with circulating this petition. For the record, Todd spoke with this employee and encouraged him to be very careful that any activities associated with the LID be totally separate from his role as a county employee.

**Gable Road:** Dave presented an oversized design map to explain the road work being done by the City of St. Helens on Gable Road near Bachelor Flat and Ross Road. It is in the City of St. Helens's TSP to eventually have this road as a west side arterial. Because the County owns these roads, they have to agree to the road improvements. Dave addressed his concerns about the grade, road width, visibility and the stop signs. Commissioner Corsiglia was hearing a number of complaints last week, but those seem to have been dealt with. However, he expressed his strong opposition to the four way stop being proposed by the city. Dave indicated where he felt the stop sign(s) should be located. Commissioner Bernhard felt that, due to safety concerns, it might be more reasonable to have it be a 4-way stop. After discussion, the Board stated that they would like to see the city's final road improvement plan before taking any action. If the city were to take over jurisdiction of the county roads, the city wouldn't need any approval by the County. Dave will present that option to the city.

**JEAN RIPA: CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK ORDINANCE:**

As a result of prior discussions by the Board, Jean Ripa presented a proposed ordinance drafted by John Knight on criminal background checks for potential hires. Jean would ask that the Board approve the process and move forward so that this ordinance is in place by the time the new Community Corrections Director is hired. The Board agreed and directed Jan to send notice to the papers.

**JEFF BRENT, USDA: FUNDING FOR TRAPPER SERVICES:**

Jeff Brent, USDA, and Randy Icenogle, Trapper, came before the Board to discuss their basic wildlife services and where they're at as far as funding these services. Because of the lack of funding, Randy was furloughed out to California, the Portland Airport and other counties for work. Randy's services are important in this county and they are just trying to explore and identify some funding sources to keep Randy in Columbia County. Jeff went over the funding cuts from ODFW and the Department of Agriculture. Commissioner Hyde expressed his frustration about cuts being made on absolutely everything, yet the State expects these services to be performed. Commissioner Corsiglia explained that the cuts made by the county are not by desire but by necessity. Jeff suggested the use of some Title III funding for trapper services. He doesn't know if those monies are available and not asking for a commitment today, but just some consideration. Commissioner Hyde went over the status of the Title III monies.

**TODD DUGDALE, LDS DIRECTOR:**

**Surface Mining Administration Services:** Todd requested that he be allowed to do an RFP for Surface Mining Administration. It has been 7 years since these services have gone out to bid. In the meantime, he would also ask that the contract with Ridgeline Resources be approved, which includes a 30 day termination clause if necessary. The Board agreed with both requests and added both to the consent agenda.

**Contract with Compass Engineering:** Todd explained that the contract with Compass Engineering for FY 2004 needs to be approved. Compass Engineering reviews the stormwater/erosion control plans under the County's ordinance. Compass is compensated with the application fees collected. The Board agreed and added approval to the consent agenda.

**Goal 5 Amendments:** In considering the Planning Commission's recommended safe harbor riparian resource inventory and protection program draft, the Board asked staff for information on County options including the possibility of a "mixed" approach involving some safe harbor and some standard or local inventory and protection program features. As a result, Todd prepared a memo, dated 8/25/03, which he reviewed with the Board at this time. Todd believes staff has substantially addressed all issues and concerns and feels that the Board can now proceed with the adoption of the ordinance. The first reading of Ordinance No. 2003-5 has been scheduled for September 3, 2003, at or after 10:00 a.m.

**PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CAT - TRANSITIONAL HOUSING:**

Jim Tierney, CAT, came before the Board to discuss a contract between Columbia County and Community Action Team for "transitional housing". CAT has received grant funding for this project and, as of June, has been asked to sign the grant agreement. Jim has been working with

John Knight on how to do this. CAT needs to be engaged to do the development services for the County. As a result, John is preparing a contract between Columbia County and Community Action Team to perform these services. Jim would ask that this contract be approved by the Board. John suggested that further discussion be held on this tomorrow, prior to approval. The Board agreed and also suggested that a press release be done to explain this project to the public.

**PERS LITIGATION:**

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to accept the offer of the Employers Defense Alliance to provide a defense in the pending PERS reform litigation as provided in the engagement letter, to retain Harrang Long Gary Rudnick, P.C., to represent Columbia County in the litigation, and to authorize the Chair to sign the engagement letter. The motion carried unanimously.

**McNULTY WATER PUD SERVICE AGREEMENT:**

John spoke with McNulty Water on his issues of concern. McNulty agreed with the proposed changes, however, John questions the requirement to file a joint application. John will iron out the details and, once he is comfortable with the agreement, will bring it back before the Board for consideration.

**EXTEND AGREEMENT WITH CCMH:**

John briefly explained that approval of this would extend the current agreement with CCMH to September 30, 2003. John went over the services being provided. This will allow time to come up with a biennial agreement. The Board added this to the consent agenda.

There was no Executive Session held.

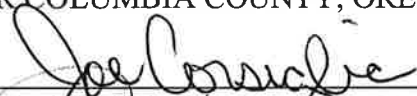
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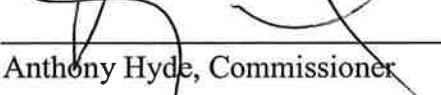
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.


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Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

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