

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

December 23, 2003

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

Commissioner Corsiglia called the meeting to order.

ORDER #82-2003 - SELLING PROPERTY TO MIKE AVENT:

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve Order No. 82-2003, "In the Matter of Selling County-Owned Real Property Known as Tax Account No. 05-08 7405-000-02000 to Mike Avent and authorizing the Chair to sign closing documents".

ELECTIONS EQUIPMENT & SOFTWARE:

Betty Huser came before the Board to discuss the purchase, etc. of the much needed election equipment. The Board recognizes the need for the purchase, but directed Betty to work with John to come up with the appropriate paperwork to do so. Also, Betty needs to find out what the interest rates would be if the County were to finance the equipment over 3 different periods of time.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Lengthy discussion was held on the reappointment of existing individuals and appointments to fill vacant slots (Lona Pierce's resignation and 2 alternate positions). Todd Dugdale suggested we consider changing our current Planning Commission Ordinance to reflect the staggering of Planning Commission members terms and went over reasons why we should do that. The Board authorized County Counsel to draft an Order setting out the particulars as discussed and bring it back before the Board for approval. These individuals will be reappointed and appointed for a 4 year term with the intent of changing that to lesser years after the Ordinance is amended. Todd will begin the proper process to amend the Ordinance.

RECRUITMENT OF PLANNER II POSITION:

One of the Planners has resigned and Todd needs permission to begin recruiting and ultimately hire someone to fill that position. The Board agreed and, with that, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to authorize Todd Dugdale to move forward with the recruitment of a Planner II position. The motion carried unanimously.

ORANGE ALERT:

Commissioner Bernhard suggested that the County raise the threat level to Orange to be in accordance with the actions taken by the President of the US and the Governor of Oregon. Discussion was held about the possibility of terrorist attacks in the region and in our County. After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to raise the threat level to Orange and to authorize staff (John Clouse, Janet Wright and Tom Linhares) to work on a press release for the media. The motion carried unanimously.

GRANTS:

Commissioner Bernhard mentioned that Janet Wright has been very successful in obtaining a number of grants and thanked her for her hard work.

GED CLASSES:

Commissioner Bernhard had a visit from Diane Thompson, PCC instructor for the GED classes in this County. She no longer has a place to hold the classes since the ESD building she is currently using will be remodeled to house new ESD employees. Discussion was held as to possible locations for her class. Commissioner Bernhard will continue to work with Diane to find a new location.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 23rd day of December, 2003.

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: _____

Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By: _____

Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____

Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____

Not Present

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner