BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2003

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in a scheduled staff meeting with Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner Rita Bernhard, Commissioner Anthony Hyde, and Janet Wright, Staff Assistant.

Commissioner Corsiglia called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Hyde discussed issues regarding the State court office hours and the situations arising from that. The Board will ask Bill Potter to make the office hour signs larger and that security personnel be provided because of the problems and public complaints.

The Board discussed the county's status on the threat level and asked Jan to have the Sheriff, John Clouse and Bill Potter to meet with the Board regarding the county's threat level status. The county's status must be made clear.

Commissioner Corsiglia discussed the Young Mechanical meeting that was scheduled for 1:00 pm today, which has been canceled. Staff is working with FEMA and Rich Young to speed up the process. Todd Dugdale has provided a letter and will continue to work with FEMA on this issue.

The Board reported on the City/County meeting. It was a good meeting, but need to follow up with Rainier and Columbia City regarding their absence at the meeting.

Commissioner Bernhard addressed the issues regarding the duties of the Board Chair. The duties, as she understands them, are: office staff coverage, presides over Board meetings, oversees the agenda process, authorized to sign documents. She indicated that there is some confusion on these duties and citizens have asked her about the scope of the Chair's duties. Commissioner Corsiglia stated that he was aware of a group that was attempting to "muddy-up" his name, so he was not surprised that the issue would come up. Commissioner Hyde discussed letters that Commissioner Corsiglia has sent out, where he made a point of stating that "as Chair of the Board", which implies that the full Board agrees to something they may not. Commissioner Hyde and Bernhard asked that Commissioner Corsiglia review these letters with them prior to sending them out. Staff Meeting Minutes 3/19/03 Page 2

By:

Jan Greenhalgh, Recording Secretary

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 19th day of March, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON By: Joe Corsiglia, Chairman By a Rita Bernhard, Commissioner By: Anthony Hyde, Commissioner