

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

STAFF MEETING
MINUTES

March 26, 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.

Discussion held on the Linear Trail project and the perception by the public regarding the purchase of property for a trail in this economic climate. The public doesn't understand where the dollars are coming from and that the funds, if we get them, are dedicated to this type of project.

Commissioner Hyde met with legislators in Portland on Monday regarding the maritime pilots school and USIA's new product. The legislators are trying to find a \$750k revenue stream for the pilots school.

There will be an Economic Development Summit this Friday with representatives from Washington State. The meeting will be held here at the Courthouse and topic of discussion will be the possibility of a ferry from Woodland to St. Helens.

Commissioner Corsiglia asked about Bob Brown and the Lewis & Clark group. He hasn't heard anything lately and felt the Board should get back with John Knight about where we are with this. The Board asked Janet to contact Cynthia Zemaitis about the meeting that was to be scheduled with the Historical Society Board. That needs to be set up. The Board expressed some concern about what Bob has and hasn't completed with the grant money. They need to know the status of the Longhouse that was supposed to be completed.

The Board asked about the flag at the Courthouse. They asked that Janet contact Bill Potter to get the flag back up. The Board asked Jan to purchase some yellow ribbon. Larger ribbon to be tied around the trees in front of the courthouse. Small lapel ribbon for all employees. Volunteer receptionist could also sell lapel ribbons.

A lunch was scheduled with Paulette Kuiper, retiring Treasurer, for Monday at noon. Place to be announced. The Commissioner's will present her with a plaque. Need to get the plaque ordered.

There will be an Earthquake Exercise on Thursday, April 3, 2003.


Commissioner Bernhard asked Commissioner Corsiglia if he has heard anything about the senior's situation. Commissioner Corsiglia discussed the meeting held in Salem. Commissioner Bernhard stated that Merri Reamer met with the COLCO drivers and told them they would be out of work by June unless the funding situation changes. The Board received a copy of a letter to CCCSC from United Way stating that they will not be funding the Seniors this year. The Board felt that the best way they could help would be to just stay out of the situation. Commissioner Bernhard stated that a lot of time and money has been invested in the Seniors. They went to Salem looking for money but nothing seems to help. Commissioner Corsiglia stated that he would call the State to see what they are doing on the senior situation.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 26th day of March, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Chairman

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh, Recording Secretary