

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

February 10, 2004

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

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

REQUEST TO AMEND CPAC ELECTION RULES:

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, came before the Board with a request from the Scappoose-Spitzenberg CPAC to amend the election process for CPAC members. The request is to have candidates for CPAC positions announce their candidacy with the county elections office at least one month prior to the election date. In many cases, the nominations and elections happen the same night. Staff doesn't have a real strong opinion on this, but the request was made and it is appropriate to bring it before the Board.

Glen Higgins, Chief Planner, explained that Columbia County is the only county in Oregon that holds elections for CPAC's, because most CPAC's are appointed by the Board. Commissioner Hyde stated that most CPAC's went away when the comprehensive plan was developed, because the purpose of the CPAC's was to develop the comprehensive plan. Once the plan was complete, there was supposed to be good representation on the Planning Commissions, which took the place of the CPAC's. Columbia County has elected to retain the CPAC's for local information on the issues. Glen explained the reason behind this request for the Scappoose-Spitzenberg CPAC. It comes down to whoever can get the most people to the meeting to vote for them. Commissioner Hyde stated that's how most elections work. Todd stated that the bottom line here is that the Scappoose CPAC is asking that the county amend the CPAC rules to require candidates to file their name with the elections office one month prior to the election date. Commissioner Hyde stated that this could be costly and he is not in favor of making any amendments to the CPAC rules.

Thelma Bonar is a Scappoose-Spitzenberg CPAC member but she was not involved in this. She feels the way the election process is set up is the way it should be. However, she does see some things that should be changed. There are three members on this CPAC from the same family. When a person sits on a CPAC, they shouldn't have an opinion, they should just address the zoning laws. She also sees some conflict of interest on this CPAC. That needs to be changed in some way. Commissioner Corsiglia feels that may be specific to the Scappoose CPAC. These types of things don't happen in the other areas.

After discussion, the Board was not interested in making any changes to the CPAC election rules and directed staff to prepare a letter in response to the Scappoose-Spitzenberg CPAC stating that the Board will not be making any changes.

FUNDING REQUEST FOR GIS SYSTEM:

Todd presented his request. The State ORMAP program has decided to contribute resources to complete the basic (Goal 2) conversion of the County's surveys into a composite shape file map of the County. This step is essential to produce the GIS system that we have been working toward in progressive steps. This step involves the scanning of all of the remaining (some 6,000) property surveys and registering them together in a digital survey map. The current contractor, Oregon Correction Enterprises, has proposed that for \$.50 an image, they will transport, scan, clean up the scans, produce a clean image file and index such for all the surveys. The Assessor's office has completed some of the remaining survey scan work and estimates that the remaining work can be completed for between \$5,000 to \$6,000. ORMAP can contribute up to \$2,500 to the County for this work, leaving \$2,500 to \$3,500 for the county to pay. Todd stated that, since drafting this request to the Board, he has spoke with Ruth Baker and it has been determined that Todd can pay the \$3,500 out of the LDS budget. Therefore, no action by the Board is necessary.

Todd also wanted to compliment Joe Flori on his continued work on this project to keep it going.

TRANSFER STATION:

Todd, Sarah and Bill Potter came before the Board seeking direction from the Board on the RFP process for the operations of the Columbia County Transfer Station. Sarah explained the legal process, which will require a hearing to be held. URS is working on a draft RFP. Time wise, staff would like to issue RFP's in March and would like to have an operator on board by April. Sarah can have the findings ready by next week. Sarah suggested holding this over to tomorrow to determine a time schedule for the hearing. The Board agreed.

COFFEE CART LEAVING THE COURTHOUSE:

Bill Potter informed the Board that the coffee shop on the second floor is pulling out of the Courthouse, effective February 27th. They are losing about \$500 per month and cannot continue to stay. He asked what the Board wants to do about this. Commissioner Hyde has already spoken to the people at the Espresso Lane and they can't wait to get in here. Commissioner Corsiglia feels if they are eager to try it, we should give it one more shot.

While in attendance, Bill informed the Board that he will be applying for a building permit this week for the waiting shelter at the back entrance of the courthouse.

NOTICE TO VACATE:

Cynthia Zemaitis gave the Board a update on a piece of property the County has obtained through foreclosure. The property is a city lot in Rainier that has a house in it. She has drafted a letter to vacate and that will be on the Board agenda tomorrow for approval.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 10th day of February, 2004.

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: Not Present
Rita Bernhard, Chair

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Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: [Signature]
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

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Jan Greenhalgh