

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

February 24, 2004

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

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting to order.

**CALL IN NUMBERS FOR EMERGENCY CLOSURES:**

Jean Ripa is working with Bill Potter to development a procedure to use the main phone number for employees to call in during emergencies and prepare instructions for General Services.

**RECONVEYANCE OF TAX LOT #7216-042-04300:**

Cynthia Zemaitis came before the Board regarding a piece of property in Rainier, Oregon that the county received through foreclosure in January, 2004 from John and Cinda Meyers. Mr. Meyers passed away in December and Mrs. Meyers is extremely depressed and unable to take care of her matters. Cynthia had a Notice to Vacate served and posted at the residence and soon afterwards, received a call from Mrs. Crull, a realtor and friend of the Cinda Meyers. She stated that she wanted to take care of this matter so Mrs. Meyers would not be put out on the street. She stated that Mrs. Meyers had turned over all interest, in an earnest money agreement, to Mrs. Crull and she understood that the property could be conveyed to her based upon this Cynthia informed Mrs. Crull that the back taxes, penalties and fees total \$7,406.27, but that it could only be reconveyed to the property owner. Mrs. Crull brought in some paperwork and a check for the full amount. She understands that, if the approved by the Board, the reconveyance would be by quitclaim deed to Cinda Meyers and she stated that was fine. The question before the Board is if they want to deed the property back to Cinda Meyers. After some discussion, the Board added approval to the consent agenda.

**AMENDING FEES, RULES & REGULATIONS FOR COUNTY PARKS:**

Legal staff has prepared a draft order to amend the rules, regulations and fee schedule for the Columbia County Parks. Dave Hill and Cherie Moylan were present for discussion. Cherie talked about the concerns that have been expressed about no more exclusive use at Camp Wilkerson. Once it was explained that the area the groups reserve would be exclusive, just not the entire park, that helped ease their concerns. Dave explained how the areas reserved by groups would be delineated, such as posting signs around that area. That is the best they can do. Sarah suggested that some language be added to the rules stating that the County will not be

supplying security. Cherie went over some of the changes being made. The group discount has also been added. After discussion, approval was added to the consent agenda.

While still in attendance, Dave Hill updated the Board on the layout of the baseball and soccer fields at Asbury Acres.

**ORDER #9-2004: DEPLOY COUNTY RESOURCES FOR EMERGENCY AID:**

Commissioner Bernhard asked that this be done in order to allow the County to help out other public entities during emergency situations. Sarah has drafted an order delegating authority to the Public Works Director to deploy county resources for emergency aid to other public entities. Sarah is also working on a cooperative assistance agreement with each of these agencies. After little discussion, the Board added approval of Order No. 9-2004 to the consent agenda. The agreements are not yet ready for Board approval.

**RAC RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Commissioner Hyde reviewed the 5 recommendations from RAC. Dave was questioned about the amount requested for the Scappoose-Vernonia Hwy overlay project. Dave explained that, if the amount is less than \$100,000, it wouldn't be worth it. After review, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to rate the RAC projects as follows: Scappoose-Vernonia Road Overlay; CZ Trail Bridges project, CZ Mainline Culvert Repair Design; East Fork Nehalem Watershed Restoration - Phase 1 (BLM); and Bacona Road Drainage Improvement (BLM) and return to RAC. The motion carried unanimously.

Janet Wright is working on the Needs and Issues process. She will be scheduling a meeting in April for prioritization of the list.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004.

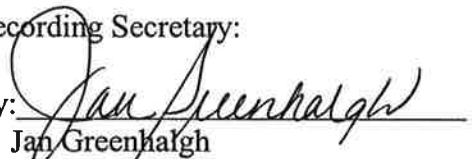
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By:   
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: Not Present  
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:  
By:   
Jan Greenhalgh