# BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

#### WORK SESSION

#### April 27, 2004

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard, and Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, together with John Knight, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Commissioner Hyde attended during the Executive Session.

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting to order.

# SURVEY OF PROPERTY ON WALLACE SLOUGH:

Cynthia Zemaitis came before the Board to discuss the survey on Tax Account #8431-020-00600. When this was previously discussed with the Board, Cynthia was directed to see what it would cost to have the property surveyed. She received a letter from Dave Reynolds, Surveyor, with some estimates. He suggested he go out to the property and look for the existing monuments. Once those are located he could better determine a cost to survey the property. Cynthia needs direction on how to proceed. The Board would suggest simply posting "Public Property" signs and if challenged, then perhaps consider doing a full survey. John would agree with that.

## AMENDMENT #10 TO URS CONTRACT:

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, came before the Board to discuss an amendment to the URS contract for Solid Waste Services. This amendment would allow URS to assist the county in evaluating the 3 proposals received for the operation of the new Columbia County Transfer Station. They would also assist in the negotiations of the contract. The cost for these services would not exceed \$8,500. After discussion, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve Amendment #10 to the contract with URS, for an amount not to exceed \$8,500 and ratify on the Board agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

## **BOATHOUSE LICENSE WITH PORT OF ST. HELENS:**

Marine Deputy Peabody was present for discussion. Peabody stated that the Sheriff's Office currently has the boathouse moored at the St. Helens marina at a cost of \$225 per month plus electricity. There is an opportunity to move the boathouse to the Scappoose Bay Marina for a rental amount of \$140 per month. With the move in cost of \$3,500 to be paid over time, the total cost per month would be \$170. The main reasons for this move is because of the damage being done to the hull caused by rough water and the reduced rental costs. The smoother water on the channel would extremely reduce repair costs. Response time should not be effected. John briefly reviewed some of his concerns with the lease and will be working with the Port on those issues. He would not recommend approval at this time.

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### TRANSIT PLAN:

John asked if the Board was ready to discuss the Transit Plan. The Board is not ready at this time so discussion was held over to the next work session. While present, John gave a brief update on transportation issues.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(f)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session, Commissioner Bernhard stated that the Board had discussed a public records request and request for a waiver of fees received from Michael Sheehan. Commissioner Corsiglia stated that due to circumstances of this request and feeling that he is the clear target of the clandestine investigation, he chooses to remove himself from any decisions made on this. He also declared any potential conflict of interest even thought he is not sure what that would be. John feels that the conflict is that it clearly targets Commissioner Corsiglia and with the re-election campaign is on and it could be a financial benefit if he wins and could be a financial detriment if he loses. Commissioner Corsiglia stated that he would not be involved in any decisions on this matter. Both Commissioner Bernhard and Commissioner Hyde both feel this would be setting a precedence by waiving these fees. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to deny the fee waiver request and a reduction of fees. Commissioner Corsiglia abstained. The motion carried. As recommended by John, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to delegate the authority of the custodian of public records to Jan Greenhalgh. Commissioner Corsiglia abstained. The motion carried.

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

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By:

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 27th day of April, 2004.

NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON By la Rita Bernhard, Chai By: Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Recording Secretary: By: henhalgh Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner Jan/Greenhalgh