

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

June 22, 2004

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

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting to order.

**ASBURY ACRES REPORT:**

Bill Eagle and Carole Smith came before the Board to give an update on the meeting held last night on Asbury Acres. Bill stated that representatives from all groups (Parks, Fair, Soccer, Baseball, Task Force) were there and they reached a full consensus on a plan for Asbury Acres. Bill presented the plan to the Board at this time. Carole stated that there may be only some very minor tweaking on the angle of the field. Some discussion was held on the mitigation of the wetlands and funding issues. They will be getting something in writing to the Board to formally move forward.

**ROAD ACCESS DEPOSIT FORFEITURE APPEALS:**

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, Roger Kadell, Transportation Planner, came before the Board to discuss the Road Access Deposit Forfeiture appeals. As the Board is aware, Roger has been sending out notices to start cleaning up old road access deposits that are still on file with the county. A lot of responses have been received. The letter raised some concerns with some of the property owners and Roger has called these people to explain the process.

Sarah explained how the deposit forfeiture appeal is dealt with under the ordinance. The property owner is still obligated to complete the improvements. If the deposit is forfeited, they can appeal that to the Board. Commissioner Bernhard believes there was a lot of confusion on these road access permits years ago and she would like to see the people be able to use the \$500 deposit towards getting the work done. Commissioner Hyde tends to agree with that. Roger suggested giving the property owners a 60 day extension to complete the work. If not done within that time period, the deposit is forfeited, if the work is done, then the deposit is refunded. Commissioner Corsiglia would agree with giving a grace period to clean up these old deposits, but he doesn't want to see this become a continual problem. Roger explained that a process has been established to eliminate these problems for the future. After discussion, there was a consensus to allow a 60 day grace period on these appeals to have the work completed or the deposit is forfeited.

**TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANTS:**

Commissioner Hyde has been discussing the guardrail on the quarter mile section of the linear trail with ODOT. This is on the Timber side of Vernonia. It was originally in their overlay project but it was pulled. He had asked at that time if the County could get the funding prior to the end of their

construction, could it be included in that project. ODOT stated that may be possible. The question is how much is it going to cost. It has already been engineered. Tim Wilson of ODOT feels it will cost between \$100,000 and \$200,000. Commissioner Hyde asked him about the Transportation Enhancement grant and Tim felt that would be a great way to get this done. Commissioner Hyde would like to see a joint application with the City of Vernonia and the State Parks, which may make it easier to get the grant. He set up a meeting in Vernonia to discuss this on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

Dave discussed the bridge on Ross Road. Although this may not really fit the enhancement program, he would like to submit an application because he doesn't know of any other funding available to do this. The Board agreed.

#### **BEAVER FALLS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT:**

Dave Hill discussed the Beaver Falls Bridge Replacement project. The consulting engineers are asking for a determination on how long we can keep these bridges closed. The intent is to replace three bridges on the old highway at Beaver Falls. There are very few residents in the area. How long they can keep the bridges closed, effects the design process. Dave asked to have the bridges closed for 2 ½ weeks each. He reviewed the detour route. He would recommend the bridges be closed because of the additional work and costs involved to keep them open. The Board stressed that residents be given advance notice prior to closure. After discussion, the Board agreed with allowing the bridges to be closed for 2 ½ weeks each.

While in attendance, Dave explained the delay in getting out to start work on the McDermott and Cannan Road intersection. Commissioner Corsiglia thought this was taken care of some time ago and was surprised to here it is just getting started.

#### **AWARDING CM/GC CONTRACT FOR TRANSFER STATION:**

Bill Potter, General Services Director, came before the Board to give an update on the selection of the CM/GC for the transfer station. As a result of the RFP process, four proposals were received and the evaluation committee reviewed them and two were selected for interviews. After the interview process, the evaluation committee unanimously agreed to recommend JE Dunn as the most qualified. Sarah will draft an order for Board approval. The Board added this to the consent agenda.

#### **AMENDMENT #2 TO URS CONTRACT:**

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, came before the Board to review amendment #2 to the design contract with URS for the transfer station. Todd reviewed the additional work that needs to be done on the wetlands on the property. After discussion, staff was directed to prepare the amendment for Board approval.

**BETTY NEER REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER:**

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, addressed the request from Betty Neer for a waiver of the file review/authorization fee of \$140. Ms. Neer feels that since the new use has less sewage flow that the review is not necessary. Todd explained that this review is required by DEQ for any re-connection to a septic system whether or not the new structure or use will result in less sewage flow. If the Board finds that the circumstances warrant, they may reduce or waive the County's portion but not the DEQ surcharge fee of \$40. Staff recommends denial of this request, since the County is required to do the review and has incurred the expense of doing it. Staff has previously questioned DEQ concerning this rule and they responded that it is based on the requirement to review all new or changed connections to septic systems. After discussion, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to deny the request by Betty Neer for a waiver of the file review/authorization fee. The motion carried unanimously. Todd will send a letter to Ms. Neer.

*The Board recessed the meeting at 11:20 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all present.*

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting to order.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(i):**

The Board immediately recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(i). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, 2004.

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

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By: 

Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: 

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 

Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Board Secretary:

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Jan Greenhalgh