

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION  
February 22, 2005

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

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

**HEALTH INSURANCE SURVEY:**

Jean Ripa, Human Resources, came before the Board along with several members of the Health Insurance Committee to review the recent Health Insurance survey conducted. They received very good responses to the survey and, overall, the response was very positive. There are some issues and she has been working with those individuals to get their issues resolved. However, it has saved the county a great deal of money by going with this current plan. Commissioner Bernhard commented on a local doctor that has been trying for over a year to be included to the "Added Choice". She asked if this is something that Jean could check into. Commissioner Hyde talked about a meeting he and Ruth Baker recently attended with Liberty regarding health insurance. He will be looking into this, which may include an audit. It may help the county reduce the cost of health insurance even further. Jean will invite Liberty to speak to the Health Insurance committee to look at their plan. However, she commented that changing plans every year can be disruptive. Jean also noted that preventive care will be added to the plan August 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated that the complaints received are about the same as with the previous coverage. Discussion was held on the utilization of the insurance, training on using the services, and the wellness programs available. The Board thanked the committee for all their work on this.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS HIRING PROCESS:**

Jean Ripa informed the Board that Cliff Multanen has declined the offer to step into the Community Corrections Director position, however, he is willing to sit in on the interviews. She gave the Board a copy of the Community Corrections job description. She will start the hiring process right away, however, one obstacle may be the pay scale which hasn't been raised in a few years. Unless the Board wants to change any of the minimum job requirements, she will move forward on advertising for this position. Commissioner Hyde would like until the end of the day to review the job description after which Jean will meet with each Board member individually to get any input.

**UPDATE ON HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT APPLICATIONS:**

Vicki Harguth, Emergency Management Director, came before the Board to go over the different Homeland Security grants she is currently working on. The Scappoose and St. Helens fire departments are applying for seismic upgrades, but these grants have to go through the county and they must be submitted by 5:00 pm on February 28<sup>th</sup>. She has blocked out time on Friday to submit these grants, which are done through the internet. Vicki then reviewed the other grant applications

she is working on which need Board approval to submit. After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the submittal of the grant applications presented by Vicki and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hyde will meet with Vicki later to discuss staffing for her department.

**HOLIDAY PAY FOR SUPERVISORS IN ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

Dave Hill, Terry Miller and Kelly Lundberg came before the Board to discuss holiday pay for supervisors. The Board has reviewed this information and previously discussed it at a work session. The budget impact would be minimal. Dave stated this would be for emergency call outs only, nothing will be scheduled on holidays. Commissioner Bernhard asked how the Sheriff's department handles these situations. She just has concerns over funding and what is fair to other departments. Jean stated that the Sheriff's department asked about this some time ago, but the Board denied it, however, they have staff on duty on holidays. Kelly stated that when the personnel rules were first adopted, he received double time for holidays but that has since been removed from the rules. Commissioner Hyde stated that the Board always has to look at the funding issues, but they also need to look at what is right. The amount of money this will cost is not enough to overshadow what is right. After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded approve holiday pay for Road Department supervisors. This motion carried unanimously.

**COUNTY WEIGHMASTER:**

Dave Hill was present to discuss the County Weighmaster position. He understands when this was previously discussed, there was some concerns over funding. Commissioner Hyde stated that there is no money in the budget for this fiscal year and they would be looking at the next fiscal year to fund this position. Dave said there is some funding available to start purchasing some of the equipment, unless the Board wants to wait on this until a Weighmaster is hired. Commissioner Hyde feels that, although not required, this person should be a deputy because they have a higher degree of authority. However, there is still the matter of funding. We need to focus on how to make this work but are committed to doing it. Dave just wants to make sure that there is a big benefit to the Road Department if they are putting in the majority of the funding. Robert Crain presented some scale logs from Hwy 30 from aggregate coming into the county. After doing the math, there is approximately \$192,000 in transportation fees due the county that are not being paid. Discussion was held on the split between the Road Department and Sheriff's Department, the work performed for each department and the pay be divided accordingly. Jean suggested that if the Board hires this position, they should hold three evaluations of the work performed over a 12 month period to determine if the position is working out. Commissioner Hyde feels this is something the County needs to do, but the funding details still need to be worked out.

**BOAT LAUNCH FEES FOR BEAVER BOAT RAMP AND GILBERT RIVER RAMP:**

Dave Hill presented a recommendation from the Parks Committee to charge a \$2 fee at the Beaver Boat Ramp and the Gilbert River Board Ramp. He would like to do the honor system with a drop box and envelopes. The marine patrol may be able to help enforcement of this at the Gilbert River

ramp, but it may be harder to enforce at the Beaver Boat ramp. Kelly suggested that annual permits also be made available for purchase at the Road Department. There was a consensus of the Board to allow the \$2 fee.

**ROAD MODIFICATION REQUEST - PIONEER ROAD:**

Lonny Welter, Transportation Planner, and Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, came before the Board on a Road Modification request by Ardeshire Talebi on Pioneer Road. The applicant is requesting that the maximum allowable houses on a private road be modified to allow the partition of TL #4227-000-00600. The County Road Standards specify that six houses is the maximum allowable and Pioneer Road currently services eight houses, with one vacant parcel. Using an aerial photo, Todd marked the location of the existing 6 homes. Therefore, the Road Department recommends denial of this modification because the road already is beyond the six home rule due to pre-existing parcels and the road will not meet the public road standards due to the slope being greater than 12%. The road is 17% and the Road Department does not want a public road that has a 17% grade. Commissioner Bernhard has concerns with creating another public road because there is already problems with maintaining our current road system. After discussion, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to take jurisdiction over MP 04-26 and the Zoning Variance VO 507 for Ardeshire Talebi. The motion carried unanimously.

**LARRY OLSON - ACCESS PERMIT OFF SCAPPOOSE-VERNONIA HWY:**

Dave Hill presented. Larry Olson has applied for an access permit to his property off of Scappoose Vernonia Hwy near Bell Crest Road. To get to his property he must cross the CZ trail. This will require an easement from the County. The Board does not have a problem with Mr. Olson crossing the CZ trail as long as the appropriate improvements are made. There are ways to mitigate the safety issues. Dave will obtain more information from Larry Olson prior to approving the access permit.

**PRESENTATION ON CONDITION OF COUNTY ROADS:**

Lonny Welter and Ian Clodfelter, Road Department, gave a slide show presentation on the condition of county roads.

**PHIL DEWEY - SURVEYOR ISSUES:**

This matter was held over.

**PARTITION PLAT FOR TIM FRANKLIN:**

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the Partition Plat for Ziegler and Chaddick, a replat of Parcel 2 of Partition Plat #1997-45. Commissioner Corsiglia abstained due to a potential conflict of interest. The motion carried.

There was no Executive Session held.

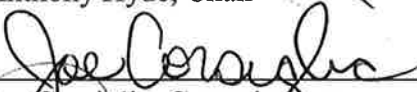
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.


Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2005.

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

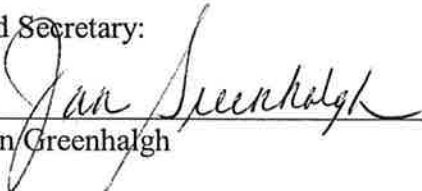
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