

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION  
April 12, 2005

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

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

**SCAPPOOSE WATERSHED COUNCIL UPDATE:**

Dave Sahagian, Allison Charboneau and Janelle St. Pierre of the Scappoose Watershed Council, presented the Board with their annual report. Allison went over the projects for the past year. Their primary focus has been on the barriers (culvert replacements). They have been able to open up about 50 miles of stream that has been closed to salmon and trout. Other projects involve the removing of non-native vegetation, planting native vegetation and habitat logs and the major bay restoration at Hogan Ranch.

Commissioner Hyde suggested the possibility of the Scappoose Watershed Council partnering with the County on the CZ linear trail with culvert replacements and habitat enhancement.

**SURRENDERING JURISDICTION OF ROSE AVENUE AND ALDER STREET:**

Sarah Tyson gave some history on this issue. At this time, the Board needs to formally initiate proceedings to transfer the jurisdiction to the City of Vernonia. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to initiate proceedings to transfer jurisdiction over the portions of Cleveland Road and Alder Streets lying within the city limits of Vernonia and directing staff to prepare and publish and/or post a notice of public hearing to accomplish the transfer. The motion carried unanimously.

**TRANSPORTATION & PARKS SDC MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:**

Dave Hill, Todd Dugdale, and John Ghillarducci, came before the Board to discuss System Development Charges in the urban and rural areas. A Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared and Dave would like authorization to send it to the City of St. Helens and the City of Scappoose.

John Ghillarducci explained that they have been working with city staff to develop an approach that would result in SDC's collaboratively being charged in the Urban Growth Areas. The MOU lays out the roles and responsibilities in three basic areas. The first is Planning, which is the city's responsibility. They would develop the information they would need to calculate SDC's that would apply in the Urban Growth Areas. The second is service provision. The county is ultimately responsible for providing services in the UGA, but Oregon law allows the county to identify another service provider through an Urban Service Agreement. He is suggesting that whoever will construct

facilities in the UGA and provide services through these Urban Service Agreements, that that entity be the recipient of the SDC's collected for them in that UGA. The County is the permitting agency for all development in the unincorporated county. That means that the county is really the only entity that can collect the SDC charges for new development in the UGA's. A process needs to be defined by which the county would collect the charges and then keep them in an account for that urban growth area. As facilities are constructed in the UGA, money could be spent out of that fund. Dave noted that the SDC's that they would be collecting here is for transportation and parks only.

John explained that, after the Board has approved the content of the MOU, they would take it to the cities to obtain their agreement on the MOU which would allow them to go forward to the next step.

After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to authorize Dave Hill to move forward with the Transportation and Parks System Development Charge MOU. The motion carried unanimously.

The second part of this is the rural SDC'S. Dave presented a map of the existing district boundaries that are set up in the Road Department. Dave felt that was the best way to separate the districts because these boundaries are already established. Dave has gone through the Needs and Issues list and the Transportation System Plan and identified these projects on the map. The total estimate for all these projects are well over \$100 million. He will firm up this project list and get it to John to finalize.

#### **CHANGES TO ACCESS PERMIT:**

Lonny Welter, Transportation Planner, came before the Board regarding proposed changes to the Access Permit. Lonny reviewed the existing process and the proposed changes. One change is to eliminate the \$500 deposit. The Board agreed with the changes, however, Sarah explained that the ordinance will need to be amended to effect these changes. Lonny stated that the changes will not be implemented until the ordinance is amended so that should happen fairly soon. The Board supports these changes and directed staff to start the process to amend the ordinance.

While in attendance, Commissioner Hyde asked Lonny how he knew there was a change in the CZ Trail grant. Lonny explained that he heard that from the project manager at ODOT. However, he told the reporter from the Spotlight that the county is also applying for other grants and already doing a lot of work on the trail, there was just one grant that didn't go through. Janet Wright commented on the BLM grants - they want to combine the bridge and culvert grants into one. Dave would agree with that as long as they don't lose any of the grant funding.

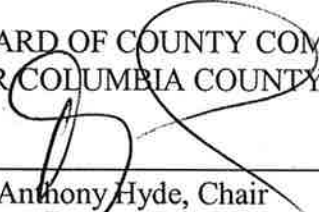
Another issue on the linear trail is the flagrant trespassing situation. Lonny presented the Board with pictures. Deputy Dean went out to the property and said he could not site them because it is public property and not posted for no trespass. Lonny has reviewed the sign ordinance, which sites trails, and a sign can be posted and suggested that take place very soon. Once that is done, then a deputy can site them for trespassing. The Board agreed and with that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to direct the Road Department to post a "No Trespassing" sign on the linear trail. Sarah feels that the Board needs to formally designate the linear trail as a

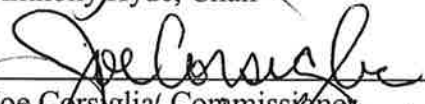



Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 12<sup>th</sup> of April, 2005.

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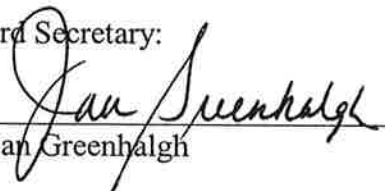
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