

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION  
May 10, 2005

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

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

**“DUMP STOPPERS” PRESENTATION:**

Robert Crain, Code Enforcement Officer, introduced Clackamas County Deputy Steve Kellis and Tom Ortman who work the “Dump Stoppers” program. They have developed this program, which is now nationwide, to reduce illegal dumping and it has been very successful. Tom explained the various sources of funding that pay for this program. He reviewed the educational campaign they do to educate the public on this very serious problem.

Deputy Kellis gave a slide presentation of the “Dump Stoppers” program. Their goal is to stop illegal dumping and keep our forest lands open to the public. Along with the tons of garbage, cars, appliances, etc., they are finding a lot of meth labs in the forest lands. He gave the statistics on the number of sites identified and number of sites cleaned up. He explained what they have done to educate the Judges and District Attorneys which is key to the program.

The Board thanked them for the presentation. Robert Crain suggested that the County might consider starting a similar type program.

**MANAGERIAL EVALUATIONS:**

Jean Ripa, Human Resources, came before the Board to discuss managerial evaluations. It's that time again and she reviewed the current process in place. She presented a different process for this year and suggested that, for the two newest managers, the Board spend more time with them. She can set that up with Vicki and, in about six month, with the new Corrections Director. She went over some other suggestions on self evaluation and areas for improvement. Commissioner Hyde likes the current program but Commissioner Bernhard feels the forms are too generic and don't apply in some cases. It was decided that Department Heads continue filling out the goals work sheet, but not the self-evaluation portion. After discussion on the process, Jean will put something together for the Board to review.

**REQUEST FOR CHARITY SPONSORSHIP:**

Jean presented the Board with a request from an employee, Bonnie Rastatter, for the County to sponsor the Relay for Life campaign. She agrees that there are a lot of good things out there to support, but the Board needs to consider how much they will allow that to happen in the work place. Bonnie asked if the Board would be willing sponsor a car wash or bake sale. The Board expressed

some concern that if they allow for one, how do they deny others. Jean could send out a survey to employees stating that the Board may consider a couple of sponsorships each year and what would the employees like to see. Regarding the current request, the Board cannot agree to having a car wash at the courthouse because it is a public facility, however a group of employees can identify themselves as a county team and do it somewhere else.

#### **NOTIFICATION OF SECURITY TRIALS:**

Jean addressed the issue of when increased security is in place, the courthouse employees are not notified. We don't know about it until that day. She would recommend that the Board ask for prior notice of increased security, so that employees are aware of it before it happens. It should be simple enough for the Sheriff's Office and/or District Attorney's office to notify someone, so notice can be sent out to employees. The Board agreed and will contact the Sheriff's office.

#### **BOCC STAFFING:**

Jean addressed the staffing in the Board office when Jan will be out of the office. A procedure has been worked out with Jan. She has a couple of people she can call to cover the office in emergencies and if they are not available, Jan will call Jean and she will call Winsum. The Board needs to understand that the level of coverage will be very slim, basically to simply answer phones and have a person in the office. Commissioner Bernhard stated that she is a strong proponent of having someone in the office, even if it's just someone to answer phones.

Commissioner Bernhard handed some e-mails to Jean from the Assessor's office. Some of the employees in the Assessor's office want to participate in painting their office. They would be doing it on a weekend and supplying the paint. Commissioner Hyde would agree with that, but wants to know what color before they do it. Commissioner Bernhard stated that the color would be white. Jean will look at the request and get back to the Board on that.

#### **POTENTIAL MOVE OF EOC TO THE 911 CENTER:**

Vicki Harguth, Emergency Management Director, came before the Board to discuss the concept of moving her office, EOC, to the 911 Center. There has been previous discussions on this concept but it just hasn't happened. Vicki has discussed this with the 911 Board to get their take on it and they are conservatively agreeable but wants to know the details. Vicki feels there needs to be some negotiations before anything happens. There would be a monthly lease fee involved. The Board is open to exploring this concept and Commissioner Hyde will prepare a letter to the 911 Board to start discussions. Vicki noted that if EOC remains in the basement, there are a lot of upgrades that will need to be done. She stated that the 911 Board meets again on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting back to order.

**ORDER NO. 15-2004 - BLAHA ROAD FINAL ASSESSMENT:**

Sarah reviewed Order No. 15-2004 that was adopted last week. She has prepared an amended order because there were some errors in the original order including the order number itself. She asked that the Board approve this amended order so that she can get it recorded. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve Amended Order No. 17-2005, "In the Matter of the Final Assessment Roll for the Blaha Road Improvement Project. The motion carried unanimously.

**DAVE HILL - PROPOSED DEPLETION FEE BALLOT MEASURE:**

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, wanted to discuss the measure that Thelma Bonar has asked to be on the ballot to increase the depletion fee. Dave has reviewed this with John Knight who notes some problems with the way it is written. Dave feels that the concept is good, but the Board should probably do something first if they want to get it on the ballot. Dave stated that he can work with John to come up with some language for the ballot measure. Commissioner Corsiglia spoke with Thelma on this and also suggested Bob Short speak to her about coming up with something that will work for everyone.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(d) - BARGAINING:**

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(d). Upon coming out of Executive Session, action was taken by the Board.

**ORDINANCE #2005-2 - FEE SCHEDULE FOR SURVEYOR'S OFFICE:**

John Knight explained that the Board previously took some action on a new fee schedule for the Surveyors office. To finalize that, the Board will need to adopt a new ordinance. John has drafted an ordinance and would suggest a hearing be held on June 1, 2005. The Board stated that they would like to have Phil Dewey present for the hearing so that he can comment on it. With that, the hearing date was set for June 1, 2005 at or after 10:00 am.

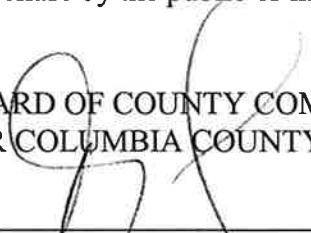
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 2005.

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


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Anthony Hyde, Chair

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Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

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