

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION  
June 14, 2005

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with John Knight, County Counsel, and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Commissioner Corsiglia was attending a RAC meeting in Salem.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

**RECLASSIFICATION REQUEST FOR DA'S OFFICE:**

Jean Ripa, Human Resources, brought before the Board a request from Steve Atchison to reclassify the position of Deputy District Attorney I to Deputy District Attorney II. Jean recommends approval and noted that this is already in the upcoming budget. After little discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to upgrade a position in the District Attorney's Office to Deputy District Attorney II, effective July 2, 2005. The motion carried unanimously.

**UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTIONS: ANIMAL CONTROL & CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Jean Ripa, Human Resources, presented updated job descriptions for both the Animal Control Officer and the Code Enforcement Officer. Jean reviewed the changes in both descriptions. These are a result of moving the Animal Control Officer under Code Enforcement. Because of the additional duties of the Code Enforcement Officer, an increased salary range is appropriate. After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to assign the position of Code Enforcement Officer to Salary Range 26, effective July 1, 2005. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bernhard will be in contact with the County Clerk to discuss that department continuing to collect dog license fees.

**MEASURE 37 CLAIM - RAYMOND & STEPHEN BARRETT:**

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, presented a Measure 37 claim received from Raymond and Stephen Barrett. For a 1.97 acre parcel on Reeder Road on Sauvie Island. The property is zoned Existing Commercial. Claimants allege a reduction of fair market value in the amount of \$295,000 due to EC zoning district regulations and Riparian/Wetland regulations for their proposed development of 2 approximately 1 acre lots for mixed residential/commercial development. Todd reviewed the information in the staff report. Based on the research, staff has determined that the claim does not meet the threshold requirements for proving a Measure 37 claim and recommends that the Board take action to deny the claim. After discussion, the Board carried this over to the Board meeting.

**BUDGET ISSUES:**

Ruth Baker, Finance Director, presented the Board with a revised budget which incorporates the removal of the step increases for the Commissioners and adjusting the budget for the veteran's office. Other items include open and closed bank accounts in the District Attorney's office and the Sheriff's office. In the budget process, the 207 fund has been reactivated to be used as an enterprise fund for the transfer station. The last issue is a resolution for Board consideration to forgive the loan to the animal control fund from last year. After discussion, the Board added the resolution to the consent agenda for approval.

**REQUEST TO FILL VACANCIES IN JAIL & SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**

Jim Gibson was not present and therefore, this matter was carried over.

**NOHA APPOINTMENTS:**

Commissioner Bernhard addressed the need to make an appointment to the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority Board. She is waiting for a call from Carol Snell to clarify all Board member names and expiration dates. However, there are some vacancies and she would recommend that Casey Mitchell be appointed. The Board added this to the consent agenda.

**REQUEST FROM ACLU FOR WAIVER OF PUBLIC RECORDS FEES:**

John Knight addressed the request from ACLU to waive the public records request fees. The Sheriff's office is working on an estimate of those fees, but that has not been completed yet. However, this is a substantial request and these will be a cost to the county. The Board has the authority to waive this fee if it is determined to be in the best interest of public. Commissioner Bernhard does not see a benefit to the public or Columbia County and further, this request will require a lot of staff time. After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to deny the request by the ACLU for a waiver of the Public Records Request fees. The motion carried unanimously.

**ORDER TO APPOINT ADMINISTRATOR FOR PUBLIC ROAD EVENT ORDINANCE:**

John Knight explained that the existing Public Road Event Ordinance designates John Clouse as the administrator. The order now before the Board would simply name the position (now Vicki Harguth), not the actual name of the administrator. The Board agreed and added this to the consent agenda.

**CDBG GRANTS FOR HOUSING:**

Jim Tierney, CAT, introduced Renda Harris with the Northwest Regional Housing Center. Renda gave some background on herself and explained what the Housing Center does. There is a CDBG grant they would like to apply for which is separate from the existing CDBG grants.

Commissioner Hyde talked about the letter the Board just received from OECDD regarding the administration of CDBG grants. Jim Tierney has had a conversation with Del Little and would be willing to meet with OECDD along with Commissioner Hyde.

Regarding this current CDBG grant, it is a separate issue. It is independent of the OECDD grants. There is a small grant from HUD to allow them to provide some service, but it is important to obtain this new CDBG grant. After discussion, the Board agreed to set a public hearing on June 22, 2005 for this grant.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(h) LITIGATION:**

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(h). 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 14<sup>th</sup> of June, 2005.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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By:   
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: Not Present  
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

By:   
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Board Secretary:

By:   
Jan Greenhalgh