BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

August 9, 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.

WORK AT APPLE VALLEY:

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, came before the Board to explain that there are a lot of maple trees growing up at Apple Valley and are threatening the conifers that were replanted. There is a lot of work involved in removing the problem and it could be expensive to hire someone to do it. He would suggest that the jail work crew do the work and this is the best time of year to do it. Commissioner Hyde suggested getting an estimate from Dan Green for overhead spraying, if that could be done considering the power lines up there. Slashing the maples will only be effective for a couple of years. Dave felt it might be fairly expensive to spray. After discussion, Dave was directed to find out the costs for spraying and report back to the Board.

JE DUNN AMENDMENT #3 AND SPWF LOAN AMENDMENT #2:

This matter was tabled for one week.

BONNIE SHOOP: RIVERSIDE ART FESTIVAL:

Bonnie Shoop, 301 S 2nd, St. Helens: She would like permission from the Commissioners to use the Plaza on Saturday, October 1st to hold the first annual Riverside Arts Festival. She already has permission from the city to block off the streets around the plaza. Commissioner Hyde would say his only concern is that it not interfere with the Plaza of Discovery work. Bonnie stated that nothing would be in the plaza itself, only in the streets. After discussion, the Board gave permission for the Riverside Arts Festival to use the plaza area on October 1st.

PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY:

Cynthia Zemaitis, Paralegal, approached the Board with amendments to the Public Records Policy. She presented the Board with the draft changes. Commissioner Bernhard first wanted to thank Cynthia for the work she has done on this policy. Cynthia then went over all changes to the existing policy. Joe Flori talked about the requests for survey information. These files are updated as of 5/1/05. He has been informed that the Surveyor will no longer allow him to scan survey records from that time forward. Because of that, Commissioner Hyde suggested that the Board's office submit a public records request to the Surveyor, on a monthly basis, for all survey records. Cynthia noted that the county would most likely need to pay a fee for those records. Commissioner Bernhard feels this is not ok, the Surveyor is holding the county hostage. These surveys should be

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public record and the MOU with the Surveyor needs to be looked at right away. Until that time, the County will make a public records request to the Surveyor. Going back to the Data License Agreement, there is a Letter of Intent to be signed on any public records request for survey data until the agreement is finalized. Cynthia then went over the updated fee schedule. Jean feels the fee for staff time should be increased to \$33.00. Cynthia noted that this cost will go up \$2 automatically every year. The hourly rate was discussed. It was decided that it should be broken down into 15 minute increments, instead of every hour. Cynthia stated that she has put in this policy that information will not be sent by e-mail, explaining that the information could have the potential of being changed. After discussion, the final amendments were carried over to the consent agenda.

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, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to designate Commissioner Bernhard to represent the county in mediation for the Historical society. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board recessed the meeting at 11:45 a.m. to attend the Sheriff's Levy Focus Group meeting at the Jail at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting back to order.

SHERIFF'S LEVY FOCUS GROUP:

Discussion was held on the results of the survey on the Sheriff's Levy. Based on the survey results, it appears there is a great deal of support for the ballot measure. The next focus group meeting was set for Wednesday, August 17th at 2:00 p.m.

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

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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 9th of August, 2005.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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