

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

September 27, 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.

ORDER NO. 67-2005: TEMPORARY TRAVEL PERMITS FOR CORRECTIONS:

Walt Pesterfield, Community Corrections Director, came before the Board to discuss the amended travel permit policy. Walt has assessed the policy and would like to recommend some changes. Walt gave some background on what this policy covers and is requesting some changes so that the County's policies are in line with the Interstate Compact policies. The Travel Permit Policy would be amended to allow persons under department supervision who are not Compacted Offenders to seek employment in other states, such as Washington. These permits would be for employment purposes only. After discussion, the Board added approval to the consent agenda.

UPDATE ON PLAZA OF DISCOVERY:

Janet Wright reviewed the grant that the County received for the completion of the Plaza of Discovery. Susan Jurasz and Peter of Sea Reach, approached the Board to give an update. Sue will be asking for some input from the Board on the direction to be taken. Maps were presented showing the plaza as it is now, with full dimensions, which will be the guide for where they go from here. Peter then went to a separate map detailing their proposal. Susan reviewed some of the written information that will be on the tiles, which has been taken out of the diaries and will be placed along the path. Peter showed the Board an example of an actual tile that will be placed on the trail in the plaza and how they will be installed for safety and security. The Board thanked Susan and Peter for the update and look forward to the finished product.

PORT WESTWARD RIGHT-OF-WAY:

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, came before the Board along with Brian Beirwagin of Parametrix and David Fienhauer of Right-of-Way Associates to discuss the right-of-way acquisitions needed for Phase 2 of the Port Westward road improvement project. Brian handed the Board a color coded plan for acquiring those right-of-ways. It denotes the properties that have already been acquired and the ones currently in negotiation with the property owners. David went over the process that needs to be followed in acquiring these right-of-ways, whether they are donated or purchased. Discussion was then held on the process that needs to be taken to acquire the necessary right-of-ways, the installation of sidewalks and the agreement to pave the parking lot for the feed store. The Board then stated that any further discussion on this issue should be held during the scheduled Columbia County Development Agency meeting.

The Board recessed the meeting at 11:00 a.m. to go into the Columbia County Development Agency meeting. All were present.

The Board reconvened at 11:45 a.m. with all present.

TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICE ON WOODS DRIVE:

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, gave a brief overview of a request received to use planter boxes as traffic calming (slowing) devices on the edge of Woods Drive, off of Turley Road. Dave has looked into this and presented photos of some suggested planter boxes which he would recommend using along with some low scrubs. He would suggest that the neighbors construct them and maintain them, to county specs. Dave has already been in contact with the neighbors, who are all in agreement with this and Dave informed them that he would have to take it before the Board first. After discussion, Dave asked for authorization to purchase and install the necessary signage. The Board agreed and felt the property owners should purchase and install the signs.

ACCESS APPROACH ORDINANCE REVISIONS:

Lonny briefly went over some of the changes that need to be made to the Access Approach ordinance. Dave Hill stated that he will be working with Sarah Tyson on those needed amendments.

OFFERS TO PURCHASE COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY:

Cynthia Zemaitis, Natural Resources Administrator, came before the Board with offers to purchase county-owned property.

The first offer is from Clifford Martin to purchase two parcels, tax lot(s) #4234-030-00200 and #4108-023-02800 for \$1,250 and \$2,200 respectively. In reviewing the maps, Cynthia stated that these are both small parcels and would be best sold to the adjoining property owners. Given that, she sent letters to each of the adjoining property owners informing them of the offers received and giving them another chance to purchase these properties. She has not heard from any of them. Under discussion, the Board stated they were not comfortable with selling these properties to anyone other than the property owners and denied the offers at this time. With that, Cynthia asked that these parcels be taken off the surplus list and dedicate them to the public. Commissioner Bernhard suggested selling the property to adjoining property owners for \$1. That would get the properties off the list and back on the tax roll. Cynthia stated that brings up a problem with how much property each adjoining property owner gets. After discussion, Cynthia will do further research and get back to the Board.

The offer is for \$101 for tax lot #5235-000-03200 from a person who is not an adjoining property owner. Again, letters were sent to the owners on the east and west side of the property, Mr. Howard and Dr. Middle. An offer was received from Mr. Howard in the amount of \$200 and an offer was also received from Dr. Middle for \$150. Cynthia asked for Board direction on how to proceed. After discussion, the Board felt it best to accept the offer from Mr. Howard because his offer was higher and geographically makes sense. Cynthia will notify Mr. Howard that his offer was accepted.

JOE FLORI - REQUEST FOR DATA RECORDS FROM TIMBER COMPANIES:

Joe Flori reviewed the two requests he has received for data records in the Assessor's office and would ask that he be allowed to give this information to the timber companies free of charge because of the amount of money they have saved the county. With that, the Board agree to waive of the fee.

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

The Executive Session was carried over to the 9/28/05 Board meeting.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 27th of September, 2005.

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

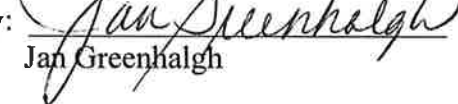
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