

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

October 25, 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 Corsiglia was not present.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting to order.

**TEMPORARY DOG LICENSING:**

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, and Roger Kadell, Animal Control Officer, came before the Board to discuss temporary dog licensing. Roger has been working with Washington County on some animal control services and has looked at their temporary licensing program. Roger had staff go through the numbers of adopted dogs, 138 were adopted. Out of 127 strays returned to owners, 28 obtained licenses. Out of a total of 265 dogs, 35 licenses were obtained. Roger feels it would be very beneficial to enable animal control staff to issue temporary dog licenses at the shelter and out in the field. Staff would collect the fee and complete a Temporary Dog License application. This application would be held for 30 days, pending receipt of rabies vaccinations. If not completed in the 30 days, the fee would be forfeited. Roger feels this would be another option to citing the owner into court and would get more dogs licensed. Roger has drafted an order for Board approval. After little discussion, the Board agreed to add approval to the consent agenda.

**REQUEST TO EXTEND ACCESS APPROACH PERMITS:**

Lonny Welter, Road Department, came before the Board to discuss a request by Alice Swaim to extend her Access Approach Permit on Fairview Road in Rainier. The circumstances are that she is ready to take occupancy, but has not completed the road access yet because she cannot find a company to do it at this time. Lonny explained that there are times, due to weather and/or back log of pavers, when the work can't be done right away. Lonny went over what process has been used in the past, which didn't work too well. Then the Road Department suggested collecting an additional \$500 deposit, which gives the property owner more incentive to get the work done. Lonny explained that in the amendments to the Access Approach Permit Ordinance, there would be no \$500 up-front fee, but if the access is not done by the time of occupancy, a \$1200 deposit would be put up to allow the property owner occupancy. He noted that these amendments have not yet been approved. Commissioner Hyde stated that this issue was discussed at length some time ago and the end result was that we want the work done and the deposit should be enough to pay for the work to get done. Lonny agrees but feels there needs to be an exception, not the norm, for times when the access simply cannot get paved in a timely manner. Commissioner Hyde agreed that a deposit should be required, which should be enough to cover all costs, to allow for occupancy. Commissioner Bernhard voiced concerns that with allowing additional deposits, we would be getting back to the issue we were trying to resolve in the first place. At various meetings with the builders and building inspector some time ago, it was decided that in order for a person to get a final occupancy permit,

they would need to have the access paved first. As for the request before the Board, the Road Department had asked the Board to allow an exception to the ordinance to extend the permit. However, there was mis-communication between the Road Department and the Board office last week, approving the additional \$500 deposit. Lonny has not checked with LDS to see if Ms. Swaim has been given occupancy or if the Treasurer has received the additional \$500. At this point, this request may have already been dealt with. Sarah understands that amendments need to be made to the Ordinance, but until that happens, she would recommend that the Board not accept additional deposits from this point forward. Sarah would suggest that Ms. Swaim be given a time limit in order to get the work done. After discussion, Sarah would recommend that the Board allow the Road Department the flexibility to extend access permits and accept the additional \$500 deposits up to today and then increase the deposit an additional \$1,500 from here forward, with the extension being 180 days. She will draft an order for Board approval. The order will also deal with the current issue before the Board.

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


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, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to continue the current policy to not allow County resources of any type for union business. The motion carried unanimously.

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

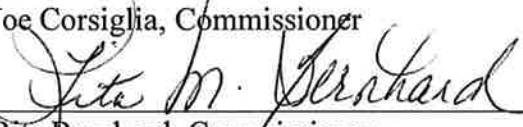
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 25<sup>th</sup> of October, 2005.

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

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By:   
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: Not Present  
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

By:   
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Board Secretary:

By:   
Jan Greenhalgh