

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

January 24, 2006

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

Commissioner Corsiglia called the meeting to order.

REQUEST TO CREATE PLANNER III POSITION IN LDS:

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, came before the Board to present his request to create a Planner III position in the Planning Department. He explained that a Planner I position is entry level, the Planner II position is journey level and the Planner III would be an advanced journey level position. The Planner III position would fill the gaps in the skill levels needed in the department and provide the County the opportunity to attract and retain a more experienced planning professional. To cover the costs of this proposal, Todd would fill the currently vacant Planner II position with a Planner I. Todd went over the budgetary effects. A new job description has been prepared for the Planner III position and Todd would recommend a SR 30, however, Human Resources is recommending a SR 28. The difference in costs between the two salary ranges would be \$4,465 per year.

Jean Ripa felt that she could not recommend a SR30 because we are above average in most positions. The benefit package is not included in the comparable numbers that Todd presented. She also feels this is going to cause some personnel issues in the department for internal equity. She believes that it is always better to start lower with the ability to go up because it's too hard to go back down. If the Board wants to be more competitive with the closer counties, as far as wages, then the benefit package may need to be cut to compensate for that.

Commissioner Corsiglia is always concerned when the county loses skilled employees because of wages, but can understand the argument for the SR28. The Board feels that the internal equity is an issue and agreed with creating the position, but at the salary range 28. Approval was added to the consent agenda.

2006 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES:

Jan Kenna, CCCC Director, came before the Board to present the 2006 Comprehensive Plan for the Commission on Children & Families. Every two years, they are required to update the comprehensive plan. A lot of data is looked at and some changes have been made. The most significant change is the economics - with an increase unemployment, it effects alcohol and drug use, child abuse, crime, etc. When the unemployment is down and people are working, it reduces these crimes. Jan wanted to thank all the departments that helped put this together. It is due January 31st in the State office so Jan asked that the Board approve this today. With that, Commissioner Hyde

moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the 2006 Comprehensive Plan for Children & Families. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONSIDERATION OF OFFER TO PURCHASE COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY:

Cynthia Zemaitis, Natural Resources Administrator, approached the Board to again discuss the offer to purchase county owned property by Mr. Dave Kolar. The Board asked her to do some research on the property and bring her findings back to the Board, which she reviewed. The City of Scappoose has stated that the property is not buildable. There is also a question if the BPA has an easement on this property. Commissioner Hyde would vote no to sell the property to Mr. Kolar. Commissioner Corsiglia feels different, sell the property with buyer beware. Cynthia would recommend that this property be removed from the surplus property list and add it to the facility list. After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to deny the offer to purchase TL #3202-044-00600. Commissioner Corsiglia opposed. The motion carried.

GAS AUCTION:

Cynthia asked that she be authorized to conduct the gas auction as opposed to hiring someone to do it. The Board felt that Cynthia has the knowledge and ability to conduct this auction and agreed with her request.

AMENDMENT #15 TO THE 2005-2007 IGA WITH DHS:

John Knight presented Amendment #15 to the 2005-2007 IGA #113022 with DHS. The final agreement has not been completed and was extended to January 31, 2006. Because the extension is due to expire, this amendment would again extend the agreement to February 28, 2006. After discussion, this amendment was added to the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION #6-2006:

Sarah Hanson presented Resolution No. 6-2006, "In the Matter of Authorizing Brian Little to Negotiate and Sign an Extended Enterprise Zone Agreement with Pacific Stainless Products, Inc.," which was discussed last week. It was pulled so that changes could be made, which Sarah reviewed at this time. After discussion, Sarah will make some additional changes and have it finalized for the consent agenda tomorrow.

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, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to deny the grievance filed by Gina Meza. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hyde wanted to commend Walt Pesterfield for the job he is doing in the Corrections Department.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PERSON:

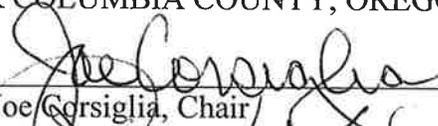
Commissioner Hyde met with the City of St. Helens last week where discussion was held on the subject of hiring of an Economic Development person. He feels that it should be funded by all entities. He would suggest scheduling a noon work session to meet with all the cities for a roundtable discussion on the in-depth issues.

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

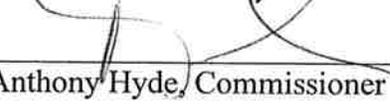
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 24th day of January, 2006.

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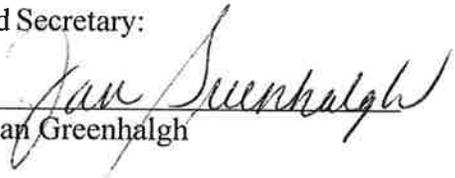
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