

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

June 13, 2006

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard and Commissioner Anthony Hyde, together with John Knight, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Commissioner Corsiglia was not present.

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting to order.

**UPDATE ON SDC'S:**

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, Todd Dugdale, LDS Director and John Ghilarducci, FCS Group were present for discussion. John reviewed his memo to the County on Transportation and Parks Rural SDC feasibility study and the next steps that need to be taken to get the SDC's adopted and implemented. John went over his recommendation of what needs to happen to move forward.

1) Add the development of transportation and parks comprehensive plans to each of the transportation and parks project lists, respectively, with an appropriate allocation to growth, in order to allow for the expenditure of SDC receipts on those planning efforts; 2) Notify potential persons of interest at least 90 days in advance of the first public hearing on the proposed new SDC methodology. This should include those who participated in the May 2 meeting, and others who may have an interest in the study. Make available the proposed methodology (FCS Group will provide) at least 60 days in advance of that first public hearing; 3) Adopt the proposed rural SDC's to apply in the rural County, and adopt each of the cities current transportation and parks SDC's to apply in each of the cities UGA's; 4) Adhere to the requirements of the MOU for fee collection and accounting; and 5) As needed later, work with each city to explicitly incorporate UGA needs to their next SDC update(s) and adopt updated UGA charges appropriately as warranted.

Discussion was held on the comparative charges for the different districts and what the SDC's can and cannot be used for. The County would be collecting the SDC's and would have total control over distribution. The Board suggested holding the first public hearing on October 4<sup>th</sup>, which gives a little more than 90 days to prepare.

**FY 2007 PLANNING & ON-SITE PROGRAM FEE INCREASES:**

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, presented his proposal for some on-site sewage program and planning fee increases. The on-site fee increases were discussed at the Builders roundtable meeting. There is a need to cover the additional planning costs and hopefully 100% of the costs for the On-Site Sewage program. Todd went over 2 options for the Board to consider for the On-Site Sewage fees increases and the one recommendation for planning fee increases. The last fee increase for the On-Site Sewage program was in 2003 and 2001 for Planning fees. Todd would recommend Option 2 for the On-Site Sewage fee increases. He would also recommend his proposal for Planning fee increases be adopted. Todd will need to get direction from the Board on which option they prefer prior to him sending out the public hearing notice. After discussion, the Board authorized Todd to notice a public hearing for June 28<sup>th</sup> with Option 2.

**EMPLOYEE EVENT:**

Jean Ripa, HR Director, received an e-mail from the Portland Beavers marketing department offering a discount price for county employees for the games. John Knight confirmed that this passes the ethics test. This would be a group discount and employees would pay the cost of the tickets. The Board would need to approve this. Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard authorized Jean Ripa to move forward with the Portland Beavers group discount plan. The motion carried unanimously.

**SCAPPOOSE BAY WATERSHED COUNCIL UPDATE:**

Janelle St. Pierre and Rita Beaston, Scappoose Bay WSC, came before the Board to give a report on restoration and enhancement projects that the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council has been involved in over the last year. Janelle presented the Board with a hard copy of the annual report which listed a number of different activities they are currently working on and upcoming programs they will be involved with. In 2005, the Scappoose Bay WSC was able to successfully bring in \$525,941 in grant dollars. Research shows that for every dollar spent on restoration projects, 80 cents stay in local communities with a multiplier ranging from \$1.68 to \$2.50. Based on these figures, the positive economic impact of watershed restoration investments in the Scappoose Bay WSC is between \$706,864 and \$1,051,882. They continue to work on community outreach and education through newspapers, county fair, Scappoose Sauerkraut Festival and other events.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL:**

Commissioner Hyde has been working with the focus group on Emergency Management and making presentations around the county. He is finding overwhelming support for the concept of hiring a staff person for Emergency Management. There has been discussion on forming an interim commission who will hire the person and work on a proposal for the County. He listed the persons he will be contacting to sit on this commission. Once he receives a response, he will bring it back before the Board.

**COURTHOUSE PARKING ISSUE:**

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, wanted to recommend that "short term" parking signs be posted in the row of 8 parking spots (on the river side) directly across from the Planning Department. This would allow citizens to park when coming into the Planning office on a short term basis. Bill Potter will be striping the parking lot soon and Todd felt this would be a good time to do this if the Board agrees. Commissioner Bernhard felt the Board should discuss this with Bill Potter and suggested he attend the 2:00 staff meeting tomorrow.

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

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(h)(d). Upon coming out of Executive Session, Commissioner Hyde moved and

Commissioner Bernhard authorized Jean Ripa to sign the release and resignation agreement dated June 7, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006.

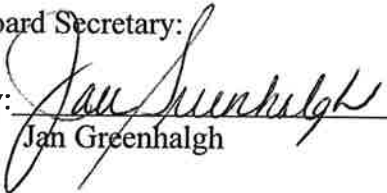
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By: Not Present  
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By:   
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By:   
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Board Secretary:  
By:   
Jan Greenhalgh