

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

October 10, 2006

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

Commissioner Corsiglia called the meeting to order.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING: USDA LOAN PROCEEDS:

Ruth Baker, Finance Director, addressed the Board on the need for a supplemental budget hearing. She explained that USDA is paying off the OECDD note which funded the Columbia Community Mental Health Creekside facility. In this process, the county is relinquishing title to the facility to CCMH. This hearing is required due to the increase of more than 10% in the county budget.

The hearing was opened for public testimony. With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the supplemental budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

OFFER TO PURCHASE BELLA VISTA DRIVE PROPERTY:

Cynthia Zemaitis, Natural Resource Administrator, came before the Board to discuss the \$500 offer received from Martha Stokes for the Bella Vista property. Martha has asked that the Board accept her offer and that the property taxes be canceled. Commissioner Bernhard stated that the Board does not have the ability to cancel the taxes and Martha has already been informed of this.

Commissioner Corsiglia feels that if offers are being considered, then the developer that put in the original offer should be contacted again to see if he still has an interest. The City of Scappoose has stated that this property is not buildable and Commissioner Corsiglia would like to see a restriction on the property that states no dwelling or accessory buildings can be constructed on it. Sarah suggested that all interested parties be contacted and list any restrictions on the property and schedule a telephone auction. The Board agreed and, after discussion, the Board directed Cynthia to work with Sarah and Todd on some final language for the letter and have the Board review it before it is sent out.

FRANCIENE URBAN - MEASURE 37 CLAIM:

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, explained that this issue has been continued a few times at the request of Rosemary Lohrke, representing her aunt Franciene Urban. Rosemary came into the office this morning and informed Todd that she is ready to move forward on this claim. Todd then went over the facts of the case. Franciene Urban acquired the property in 1951 and the property was un-zoned at that time. The claimant alleges a reduction in value of \$184,200 due to land use restrictions. Staff

finds that Franciene is eligible and that the value of the property has been reduced. Staff recommends the Board waive the requirement of Section 506.1 of the Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Bernhard declared a potential conflict of interest because she has received campaign donations from Rosemary Lohrke and will not be voting on this matter.

After discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve Order No 75-2006, "In the Matter of the Claim for Compensation under Measure 37 submitted by Franciene Urban". Commissioner Bernhard abstained. The motion carried.

COMPLAINT FROM CHET LEE - KEASEY ROAD:

Commissioner Hyde received a complaint from Mr. Chet Lee concerning junk cars on property next to his, owned by Bill Hawkins. The complaint is that Mr. Hawkins is turning the property into a wrecking yard and the neighbors are upset about it. Mr. Lee has been trying to contact Robert Crain for 6 months and has not gotten any response. Todd will meet with Robert Crain on this and get back to the Board on the status of this complaint.

DAVID YOUNG MEASURE 37 CLAIM:

Sarah updated the Board on the David Young Measure 37. After review of the statutes, staff will be recommending approval of this claim. She has prepared an Order for approval.

RESOLUTION - REFINANCE OF JAIL BONDS:

Each Board member has spoken with Ruth Baker on this matter individually and agreed to add approval to the consent agenda.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Room 311, with all present.

Commissioner Corsiglia called the meeting back to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(d) - BARGAINING:

The Board immediately 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 authorize Jean Ripa a Letter of Agreement with the Columbia County Sheriff's Association regarding John Hinkle. The motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

After some discussion on the issue, there was a consensus of the Board to continue with the classification and compensation review process.

Commissioner Bernhard heard from Roger Kadell that Animal Control has hired 2 part time staff and they are very pleased with the results.

Commissioner Bernhard addressed the need to find someone to oversee the annual United Way campaign. After discussion, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to allow Commissioner Bernhard to send out an e-mail seeking a volunteer for this position. The motion carried unanimously.

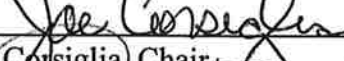
Commissioner Hyde took a video on "meth" to the school district. The Board would like to make a presentation showing their support for addressing the meth issue. Commissioner Corsiglia will bring this up at the next Meth Committee meeting.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 10th day of October, 2006.

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

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By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Board Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh