

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

July 10, 2007

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

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting to order.

**NW OREGON WORKS (NOW) INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT:**

Janet Wright, Economic Development, came before the Board to discuss the agreement for economic development planning, which was brought up at the last City/County meeting. This agreement is between Columbia, Tillamook, Clatsop and a portion of Washington County. Columbia County's portion is \$8,000 and Janet understands that was already agreed to and budgeted for. There is also a \$25,000 grant from the Governor's office. Tillamook County has already signed the agreement and Clatsop County is in the process of signing. Janet is requesting that the Board approve this agreement. After discussion, the Board added approval to the consent agenda.

**CZ TRAIL - WEYERHAEUSER RESERVATION OF EASEMENT:**

Janet Wright and Dave Hill were present to discuss the draft Weyerhaeuser Reservation of Easement. Sarah reviewed it and suggested that the terms be consistent with the existing Reservation of Easement with Hancock. Commissioner Hyde read through the easement and feels it is more than fair. Dave commented on a couple of issues in the easement, one is that Weyerhaeuser states that they will give 21 days notice of any logging operations, however, when transporting workers and equipment, that can be done at any time. This can cause some problems. Also, when vehicles are on the trail, they will be limited to 25 mph. Dave feels that 25 mph is too fast and should be reduced. Lastly, the county will be responsible for maintaining the culverts, but the language is vague. Is that to maintain the culverts for horse and foot traffic or for log trucks, which can be much more expensive. Commissioner Hyde suggested that issue be discussed with Weyerhaeuser, along with the 25 mph concern. Janet will set up a meeting with Weyerhaeuser to discuss these concerns.

**MUSEUM ASSOCIATION:**

Sarah has been communicating with Commissioner Corsiglia on the status of the museum and when it will be opened again to the public. John Knight was working on this and it was his opinion, along with the attorney Mike Lilley, that the museum remained closed until all issues are dealt with. Commissioner Corsiglia stated that this has been dragging on for years and it needs to be settled. The Board gave the Museum Association some names for possible appointments to the Museum Board, but as of yet, nothing has been done. Sarah stated that there is a provision in the settlement

agreement, that if the existing association does not appoint the remaining members, then Judge Grove has the authority to do it. The Board directed Sarah to draft a letter to the Association to address concerns and to get things moving along. Sarah will forward this to Mike Lilly to do because he is the attorney working on this.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACT:**

Commissioner Bernhard received a call from Bruce Goldberg, DHS, regarding the County's intent to terminate the contract for mental health services and have CCMH contract directly with the State. He is very concerned about that. Bruce will be out of town for awhile but will have his assistant contact the Board to schedule a meeting to go over the issues and concerns. Commissioner Bernhard expressed her interest to be involved in that meeting. After discussion, Sarah will contact DHS and Roland of CCMH to set a date and time to meet with the Board.

#### **STATUS OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IGA:**

Vicki Harguth and Ruth Baker was present for discussion. All of the cities and the special districts have returned signed agreements, except for 2. This agreement is for Emergency Management services for all entities. Vicki has billing statements prepared and will send them out. Ruth presented the Board with the General Ledger for the Emergency Management Coordinator. Revenues were budgeted for \$80,000. After all expenses, there is a deficit of \$4,593.

Commissioner Bernhard stated that the Board received a letter from C.E.N.T. addressing their concerns about not funding USAI. Vicki has a grant for \$200,000 but it must be used specifically for USAI. When she gets back from vacation, she will be working with Jean Ripa on the position.

#### **ELK CREEK ROAD UPDATE:**

Commissioner Bernhard received a call from Mr. Caulfield regarding Elk Creek Road so she asked Dave to be present today to give an update. Dave stated that there is a logging operation planned for up there and afterwards, the county will be laying down asphalt grindings. The asphalt grindings helps eliminate a lot of the dust problem. The plan is still to turn the road back to gravel. Commissioner Bernhard asked that Dave call Mr. Caulfield to explain the situation and plans for the road.

#### **REQUEST TO PAY SDC IN PAYMENTS:**

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, brought before the Board a request from Columbia County Christian School to pay their System Development Charge in installment payments. They have stated that they could manage the \$18,720.00 fee if spread out over three years at \$6,240.00 per year. Sarah voiced her concerns with allowing this because of other requests that could be made. After consideration, the consensus of the Board was to deny this request. Todd will inform them of the Board's decision.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(e)(h):**

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(e)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia to deny the BOLI settlement offer. The motion carried unanimously.

**FACILITY TOUR:**

The Board left the meeting to take a tour of the courthouse facilities in consideration of the upcoming moves of certain offices.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Present

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Board Secretary:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Jan Greenhalgh