

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

WORK SESSION

October 23, 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.

DLCD GRANT APPLICATION:

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, came before the Board regarding a DLCD grant. The State land use planning rules require the County to prepare and adopt a coordinated 20 year population forecast. The grant would be used to contract with the Portland State Center of Population Research. The total project cost of \$31,910 includes the \$25,000 grant and an in-kind match of \$6,910 consisting of county and city representatives time on the project as well as the cost of the county plan amendment process. Because this project is required by the State, Todd is asking for formal approval to submit the grant. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to authorize the LDS Director to submit a grant application to DLCD in the amount of \$25,000 for the Coordinated Population Forecast project. The motion carried unanimously.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE MECHANIC I POSITION:

Todd Dugdale reviewed his memo to the Board regarding the need for this position. Previous discussion has been held on options for addressing the need for county facility grounds maintenance and the cleanup of litter and illegal dumping on county owned properties and right of ways. This position would work closely with the Code Enforcement Officer. The FY 2008 cost is \$72,596 which includes \$54,196 in salary/benefits and a one time cost of \$18,000 for a vehicle and \$500 for a cell phone. There would be no general fund impact because the costs would come out of the Solid Waste Fund contingency account. After little discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the creation of the Facility Maintenance Mechanic I position, assign to Salary Range 18, and authorize the LDS Director to fill the position. The motion carried unanimously.

COMPREHENSIVE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE:

Todd Dugdale and Roger Kadell were present for discussion. Todd briefly informed the Board on the outcome of the public meeting held last week on the Kennel Ordinance. There were about 20 members from the public present and there was a lot of good discussion. A public hearing will be scheduled for the Kennel Ordinance at a later date.

Regarding the Animal Control Ordinance, Roger has been working on a draft comprehensive ordinance to define the program and his authority. Sarah stated that this draft ordinance is based on

the Animal Control Officer being a peace officer. Before taking the time to review this draft, she needs direction from the Board if this is their preference. Jean Ripa stated that the Board determined, years ago, that the Animal Control Officer was not a Peace Officer. That decision was based on complaints from the Sheriff's Office. Todd stated that he just wants the Board to be aware that they are working this ordinance, understanding that it still needs to go through the County Counsel's office for review. After some discussion, the Board directed Todd and Roger to work with County Counsel to determine if this ordinance is even necessary or if state law is sufficient.

WEST LANE ROAD LEGALIZATION:

Dave Hill and Lonny Welter, were present for discussion. Commissioner Bernhard felt a little uncomfortable after the public hearing last week and wanted more discussion on this issue. Commissioner Hyde spoke with a couple of property owners, one being Dave Maloney who now says that his property is at least 30 feet from center, and even more in some areas. So there is no issue there. After sending out certified mail to all the property owners, we only heard from three who had any concerns. At this point, Dave Hill needs direction from the Board on how to proceed. He reiterated that the current plan is to improve the road to 32 feet (16 feet from center). Commissioner Bernhard feels the property owners should be notified again. Spencer would suggest that a letter be sent to property owners, putting the burden on them, to show that they have paid taxes on the additional property. Commissioner Corsiglia stated that the Board has already made a motion that gets the right-of-way at 60 feet. However, he feels that a certified letter should go out to all property owners and if they have any issues, they need to bring that to the attention of the Board. Dave agrees and suggested that the letter also state that the Board has legalized the road to 60 feet and they have until a certain date to bring any concerns or issues to the county's attention. Then the county would only have to deal with the owners that respond. All agreed with that. Spencer was directed to draft a letter to the property owners.

FINALIZING ACCESS APPROACH ISSUES:

Sarah reminded the Board that a public hearing was held on this ordinance back in December 2006. The main issue is what to do with the deposit. Commissioner Hyde feels that if the property owner doesn't complete the access approach, they forfeit the deposit and the county makes the improvements. The ultimate purpose here is to get the access approaches completed. Sarah disagrees, she feels that if the owner doesn't construct the access approach, then they lose their deposit, but are still liable for making the improvements. Commissioner Hyde noted that this has been discussed at a meeting with the builders and everyone seems to be in agreement with the ordinance and a public hearing has already been held. After some discussion, the consensus of the Board was to schedule this for the first reading.

UPDATE ON COUNTY PARKS:

While present, Dave Hill updated the Board on current and upcoming projects at Asbury Acres, Camp Wilkerson, Fischer Park and others. He stated that the Parks rules/regulations/fees will be looked at annually.

HERMO ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:

Using a visual, Dave Hill explained the impact to a piece of property on Hermo Road, which is owned by Helen Cook. This right-of-way is the biggest hurdle for this road improvement. Dave has negotiated a price with the Cook's to avoid litigation. Approval of the Dedication Deed and Temporary Construction Easement is on consent agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(f):

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(f). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 23rd day of October, 2007.

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

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By: 
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

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Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

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