

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 14, 2004

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

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

Commissioner Bernhard wanted to thank the road crew, emergency responders, and everyone who put in their time during the recent snow storm.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2003 Work Session; January 5, 2004 Board meeting; and January 12, 2004 Emergency Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING: COLUMBIA CITY MAP AMENDMENT TO UGB:**

As scheduled, the public hearing, "In the Matter of the Application of the City of Columbia City for a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment from Forest Resource and rural Residential to Urban Growth Boundary (UGB)", was held.

Sarah reviewed the application. The Planning Commission held a hearing on this matter on September 8, 2003 and recommended approval. This Board will hold this hearing on the record of the Planning Commission, unless they decide to open the hearing up for any additional testimony. The Board declared no ex parte contact or conflicts of interest. Sarah then read the pre-hearing statement into the record as required by ORS 197.763. This amendment must be adopted by ordinance which will require 2 readings. Sarah noted that she is not prepared to hold the first hearing today. Sarah entered County Counsel's hearing file into the record, listing all contents, marked *Exhibit "1"*.

Glen Higgins, Chief Planner, came before the Board to give the staff report. All properties to be included in the UGB are residential properties. All lands taken into the UGB are for expanding the city's residential areas, specifically the Chimes Crest area and around the Sixth Avenue and Smith Road area. Glen went over the applicable criteria, which the application complies with.

Discussion was held on if an exception needs to be taken to Goal 14. The city has prepared an exception statement, should it be needed. Sarah would recommend taking the exception, but she is continuing her research on that. LDS has not received any opposition to the application. The Planning Commission and LDS staff recommend approval of this application.

The Board discussed how they should proceed with the hearing. After some discussion, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to open the hearing to new testimony. The motion carried unanimously.

Leanette Rivers, on behalf of the City of Columbia City, was here in support of this application and available to answer any questions. The new reservoir is now on line. It has a 1 million gallon capacity and fits with their 20 year plan.

Lisa Smith, Planner for the City of Columbia City, commented on the Goal 14 exception. She feels that the County is taking the appropriate steps in covering that issue.

Dwayne Gainer, Warren. He is a realtor in the area and feels that any expansion needs to have due-diligence. It is very clear that the appropriate systems are in place and ready to go. He supports this application.

There was no opposition.

With no further testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the application of the City of Columbia City for a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment from Forest Resource and rural Residential to Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). The motion carried unanimously.

January 21, 2004 at or after 10:00 a.m. was the date and time set for the first reading of Ordinance 2004-3.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Bernhard read the consent agenda in full. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Amended Resolution No. 45-01, 'In the Matter of the Proposed Vacation of a Portion of An Unidentified Road or Alleyway Lying Adjacent to the Neer City Subdivision, Goble, Oregon (Initiating Vacation Proceedings) [Godsey Petition]'
- (B) Resolution No. 3-2004, "In the Matter of the Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Severe and Unusual Winter Weather".
- (C) 2004 Social Gaming License for "Wayside Inn".

- (D) Appoint Bonnie Banta to temporarily fill the position of Lonny Welter on the Reduce Illegal Dumping Task Force.
- (E) Lessor's Amended Consent to Assignment, Oregon Petroleum to Sievers and Elgerd.
- (F) Lessor's Amended Consent to Assignment, Sievers and Elgerd to Eldora Exploration, LLC, and Pitkin Projects LLC.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (G) Amendment No. 3 to Transportation Contract with Metro West.
- (H) Amendment No. 3 to Transportation Contract with Scappoose Senior Citizens, Inc.
- (I) Resolution for the Lower Columbia River Highway Corridor Management Plan.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bernhard commented again that she appreciates the efforts put forth by everyone during the recent snow storm.

Commissioner Bernhard brought up the request to reappointment Fred Oviatt to the Parks Board. With little discussion, Commissioner Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to reappoint Fred Oviatt to the Parks Board. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board also received a recommendation from the Fair Board to appoint Paul Connelly to the Fair Board. Commissioner Corsiglia and Commissioner Hyde understood that the Board would be interviewing for any new Fair Board appointments. After discussion, the Board decided to make contact with and interview Mr. Connelly prior to making any appointment.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde commented on recent declaration the Board approved, declaring a disaster due to the recent snow/ice storm.

**COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Corsiglia attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting this morning. Their comments on the storm were that they were surprised by the low number of traffic accidents.

They also heard comments from out of towners that Columbia County was one of the easiest county's to get around in during the storm.

**COUNTY COUNSEL COMMENTS:**

Betty Huser is present to discuss the elections equipment and software purchase. The company will be giving the county a \$17,500 credit for a trade in of the old equipment. This has been discussed with the Board a few times and Betty would like to have a decision made on the financing end of this. John did make some changes to the language in the contract and returned it to the company, but has not received it back yet. Because of the time crunch here, he would suggest the Board approve the purchase, at a five year term and authorize the Chair to sign once the contract is received back and approved by Counsel. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to move forward with the purchase of the elections equipment and software, on a five (5) year term, subject to approval of the contract by County Counsel and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(f)(d). Upon coming out of Executive Session, no action was taken by the Board.


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

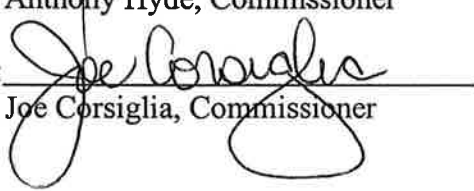
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.

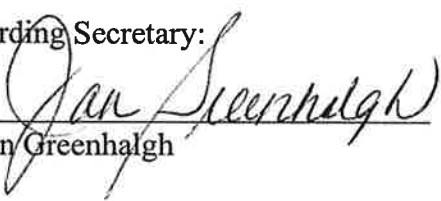
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:   
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By:   
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By:   
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:  
By:   
Jan Greenhalgh