

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 28, 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.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2004 Board meeting and the January 21, 2004 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENDATION LETTERS TO ROAD CREW:

The Board presented letters of commendation to employees of the Road Department for their hard work and long hours clearing the roads during the recent snow storm.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Debbie Karikas, 31320 Cater Road, St. Helens. She lives on Cater Road and has a blind driveway when approached by the southwest side. Three years ago, she had asked the Road Department to put up a sign to warn drivers, but nothing has been done. Also, garbage is being dumped on her property. She called the Road Department to see if they would pick it up and they said they are too understaffed for that. The Board stated they would check into the sign issue, however, she may have to pay for the sign. Regarding the garbage, she should contact Robert Crain, Solid Waste Coordinator.

Peggy Crisp, Warren updated the Board on the meeting at Asbury Acres with Corp of Engineers and the Division of State Lands. She presented the Board with a letter detailing what still needs to be done. Peggy explained what is being done and upcoming meetings. The project is still moving forward.

1st READING OF ORDINANCE #2004-3: COLUMBIA CITY MAP AMENDMENT:

This is the time set for the first reading of Ordinance No. 2004-3, "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)".

Sarah and Glen have done a lot of work on this and it is now ready for the first reading. At this time, Sarah gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 2004-3, by title only. Commissioner Hyde

moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to hold this matter over to February 11, 2004, at or after 10:00 a.m., for the second reading of Ordinance No. 2004-3. The motion carried unanimously.

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) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 1/6/04; 1/13/04; 1/20/04 and 1/27/04.
- (B) Ratify Resolution No. 5-2004, "A Resolution Regarding a Lease Purchase Agreement for the Purpose of Procuring 'Voter Tabulation System'".
- (C) Ratify Commissioner Bernhard's signature on Agreement with Election Systems and Software, Inc.
- (D) Ratify Commissioner Bernhard's signature on Municipal Lease Purchase Agreement No. 3399 with Government Capital Corporation.
- (E) Appoint Steve Johnson to the Mental Health Advisory Committee for a three (3) year term. Term to expire December 31, 2006.
- (F) Reappoint Liston Darby and Von Smith and appoint John DeFrance to the Columbia County Compensation Board for a one (1) year term. Terms to expire on December 31, 2004.
- (G) Reappoint Margaret Magruder for a (3) year term, Steve Reed for a (2) year term and Kathy Syrstad for a (1) year term to the 4-H & Extension Service District Budget Committee.
- (H) Approve request from AFSCME Local 697 to extend the 100 hour comp time accrual limit for any overtime worked by unit members due to the snow storm beginning December 30, 2003 and ending January 9, 2004. This extension is effective until May 1, 2004.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (I) Amendment #10 to the 2003-2005 County Financial Assistance Contract #05-001 with State Mental Health.
- (J) Personal Services Contract with Hahn & Associates, Inc. for Level I Environmental Review of Chapman Landing.

- (K) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of St. Helens for Justice Peace as Municipal Court Judge Pro Tempore.

The motion carried unanimously.

TAMMY MAYGRA & THELMA BONAR: SURFACE MINING ADMINISTRATOR:

Thelma Bonar and Tammy Maygra came before the Board to express their concerns with the Board deciding to contract with the State for surface mining administration. Once that contract is signed, it will just continue. Thelma feels that the other company that submitted a proposal would be better. The people want a full time administrator. Tammy doesn't feel the State should be involved at all. There are surface miners out there that are in non-compliance and nothing is being done about it. The people don't want to have to go to Salem to deal with those types of problems. The Board explained that the County will be contracting with the State to administer the county ordinance, just like it was with Carla or any other contract administrator. The people will still come to the County, not the State. The County does not have the funds to pay for a full time administrator. Tammy spoke with DOGAMI some time ago, and they stated that they do not have the staff to handle their current work load, so how can they take this on. Tammy has a good feeling about their initiative passing on March 9th, which will result in an increase of the depletion fee. That money is to go for a full time surface mining administrator. The Board should just wait until after the vote to do anything. The Board explained that, even if the initiative does pass, it will probably be contested. The Board has a responsibility to provide the service now. The State's proposal is half the cost of the only other proposal received. Sarah also noted that all of our personal services contracts have a 30 day termination clause. If something should change and the Board wanted to terminate the contact, they can. She is not sure what the issue is. Sarah will get a copy of the proposal to Tammy and Thelma so they can review it.

Bob Short, Glacier NW, responded. He works for a surface mining company and he is also a member of the Surface Mining Advisory Committee. For the last three years that he has been on the committee, if a complaint comes in about a mining site, Carla does her research and responds. He has heard some accusations here today that the mining industry is the bad guy and never in compliance. He cannot sit here and let that go unchallenged because that is simply not true.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

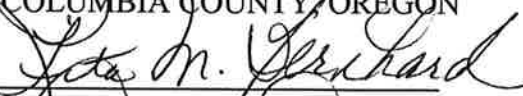
Commissioner Bernhard attended the quarterly City/County meeting last night. It was very well attended and discussion was held on a number of topics. Todd Dugdale updated the cities on the solid waste transfer station.


She also attended a transportation meeting yesterday, which was very productive. The County continues to try and provide transportation services to the public.


Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 28th day of January, 2004.

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

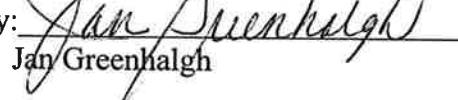
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh