

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 16, 2005

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with John Knight, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary. Commissioner Corsiglia was not present.

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

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2005 Work Session, February 9, 2005 Board meeting and February 9, 2005 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**PHIL DEWEY - PRESENTATION:**

Phil Dewey, County Surveyor, came before the Board to express his opinion on what needs to be done with the funding issues for the Surveyors office. He presented copies of the ORS's that deal with the surveyor's position. The county has been going back and forth on the Memorandum of Understanding with the surveyor's office which is bogus. We need to establish the groundwork to fund this office. The county is looking at developing a GIS system and he feels it cannot be done properly without the involvement of the surveyor. He has subsidized the county over 25 years to the tune of \$250,000.

Commissioner Hyde expressed his concern with not having a deputy surveyor in the event something happens to Phil. Phil stated that a deputy surveyor needs to have a valid surveyors license for Columbia County. He also stated that the county is not going to find a deputy unless the county is willing to pay for their work. The Board scheduled this matter for further discussion at the next work session.

**JIM TIERNEY - TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITY GRANTS:**

Jim Tierney, Community Action Team, came before the Board to talk about the Transitional Housing project at the Jail. He gave a brief update on the project funding. He feels there may be a shortfall in the budget for this project. He is trying to be pro-active and would like to hold a fund raiser to obtain additional money. It would be ideal if it was raised in the name of the county because the project is on county property. The Board had no concerns with this and gave Jim permission to move forward on raising funds for this project.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- (A) Ratify Select-to-Pay for 2/15/05.
- (B) Approve 2005 Liquor License for Quincy Store.
- (C) Reappoint Tony Hyde to the Northwest Oregon Economic Alliance Board for a 2 year term. Term to expire on December 31, 2006.
- (D) Appoint Rick Berman to the Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee for a three year term. Term to expire on December 31, 2007.
- (E) Reappoint Liston Darby, John DeFrance and Von Smith to the Columbia County Compensation Board for a one (1) year term. Term to expire on December 31, 2005.
- (F) Reappoint Kathy Syrstad to the 4-H & Extension Service District Budget Committee for a three year term. Term to expire on December 31, 2007.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (G) Amendment #39 to the 2003-2005 County Financial Assistance Contract #05-001 with State Mental Health.

The motion carried unanimously.

**TRANSFER STATION PROGRESS REPORT & REQUEST FOR ANNEXATION:**

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, Matt Tracy, Solid Waste Coordinator, and Bill Potter, General Services Director, came before the Board to give an update on the Transfer Station project. Todd asked for Board approval for the request for an annexation of the project site into the City of St. Helens. This is required for the Transfer Station to connect to the city's water and sewer facilities. After little discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the Transfer Station site annexation application and annexation petition. The motion carried unanimously.

Matt then gave the Board an update on the construction phase. Bid packets have been prepared and sent out. The Road department will do the paving, rather than bidding it out, which should save money.

Todd then updated the Board on the project budget. OECDD has approved the county's budget amendment. The new loan amount is currently \$3,361,337. The annual debt service on this amount will be \$237,921. The contract with JE Dunn currently includes Phase 1 of the project totaling \$1.7 million and includes building purchase and site excavation and grading. Future amendments to GMP will address remaining project work. Todd anticipates one more GMP amendment for the project.

The project design, construction and county management team has found \$56,000 in value engineering savings. However, significant increases in site preparation costs are anticipated due to over-excavation and placement of imported soils due to poor soil quality and strength; and removal and disposal of solid waste found buried on the site. Todd noted that they are reviewing the purchase agreement for the site, because this could create some major costs. This material is being taken to the Hillsboro Landfill. Staff is in discussions with Waste Management concerning possible tipping fee reductions for this purpose. Staff is doing everything they can to keep costs down. They should have more definite numbers in about 2 weeks. Commissioner Bernhard suggested that the previous owner be contacted in regards to the solid waste and the fill permits he may have obtained.

Todd is working with Ruth Baker on setting up a franchise fund.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Last week was very busy. On Wednesday he met with the Esquarian group and then headed to Salem for an O&C meeting. He also attended an OECDD meeting and then a meeting with legislators. On Monday he attended the AOC legislative meeting and then the AOC training on Tuesday. He was also involved in the Community Development Forum with the Governor.

**COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:**

Not present.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

On Thursday, Commissioner Bernhard was in Astoria for a Workforce meeting and then attended a goodbye party for Jill Elkins, MTC, who will be setting up work force training in Iraq. A new director has been hired for MTC.

She attended a United Way meeting that night to meet with agencies who are seeking funding for their programs.

On Saturday she attended a full day United Way retreat at Armstrong.

On Saturday evening she attended a fund raiser for Koni Comfort, a cancer survivor where around \$7,000 was raised.

On Monday and Tuesday she was in Salem attending the AOC legislative meetings and training.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(a):**

The Board recessed to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(a). 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: Not Present  
Joe Corsiglia Commissioner

By: Rita M. Bernhard  
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: Jan Greenhalgh  
Jan Greenhalgh