

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES
March 2, 2005

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

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2005 Work Session and February 23, 2005 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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 with the addition of **Item M:**

- (A) Ratify Select-to-Pay for 3/1/05.
- (B) Decline request from Judge McLean for special exemption to give his staff additional step increases.
- (C) Appoint Garth Bachman to the Commission on Children & Families for a four (4) year term. Term to expire on December 31, 2008.
- (D) Approve 2005 Liquor License Renewals for:
 - Goble Tavern;
 - Two Bros. Mexican BBQ;
 - St. Helens Golf Course;
 - St. Helens Moose Lodge #591;
 - Warren Country Inn.
- (E) Authorize Ruth Baker to fill one Junior Accountant position in the Finance & Taxation Department.
- (F) Letter of Authority for Arron Clodfelter, Engineer, County Road Department.
- (G) Appoint Don Roppel to the Columbia Drainage Vector Control District.

- (H) FY 2005 Homeland Security Grant application.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (I) Cooperative Improvement Agreement with ODOT for Bonneville Drive-Callahan Road Walkway/Bikeway lane striping.
- (J) Project Use Agreement, Declaration of Restrictive Covenants and Equitable Servitude, Alcohol and Drug Free Housing Grant Program.
- (K) Housing Development Grant (Trust Fund), Project Use Agreement.
- (L) Oregon Housing and Community Services Department, HELP Program, Financing Adjustment Factor Savings Funds Use Agreement.
- (M) **Approve Partition Plat for Asset Construction LLC for Hazen Road, accept the waiver and authorize the Chair to sign the waiver.**

The motion carried unanimously.

PORT WESTWARD RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION:

Dave Hill, Public Works Director, Brian Bierwagen, Parametrix, and David Feinauer, Right-of-Way Associates came before the Board to talk about the right-of-way acquisitions at Port Westward. Dave Hill clarified that this is for the road from Hwy 30 to Port Westward. The county needs to certify that we have the right-of-way in order to obtain the grant funding. Brian went over the design maps to explain the different areas of the road where acquisitions need to be obtained. The acquisitions are for minor safety improvements to the road. He explained the process they will take to achieve these acquisition, i.e., easements, quit claim deeds and dedications. They have only contacted one property owner at this point but will be contacting the other owners after they receive approval on the forms from County Counsel. We need to show that we are satisfying all state and federal requirements.

Dave Feinauer explained that the state has adopted the federal acquisition uniform act. We need to go through the evaluation process before there are any discussions on compensation. We would ask first for either an easement or donations of the property. Commissioner Hyde asked if the property is donated, could the property owner use the value as a tax right off. Dave stated that may be possible however an appraisal may need to be done to determine the true value. The strategy here to is minimize the acquisition costs.

After discussion, there was no action needed by the Board, but Dave will be working with Sarah to get the forms approved.

PEGGY CRISP - PUBLIC RECORDS FORM:

Peggy Crisp, 34571 Millard Road, Warren: She understands there is a new process for reviewing public records so she picked up a request form yesterday. She does not want any copies, she simply wants to look at the Fair bills. She used to just meet with Ronda to do this. John explained how the new process works and that she will now need to make arrangements with the Board office to review the bills. .

TAMMY MAYGRA:

Tammy Maygra, 34319 Canaan Road, Deer Island: Regarding the acquisition discussion just held, Tammy asked that if a property owner doesn't want to donate his property, would the county condemn his property? The Board stated that decision would be made when the time came, but would certainly consider it for public safety reasons. She asked about the maps that were presented during that discussion and if she could get copies of them. The Board stated they were public records and directed her to fill out the new public records request form.

Tammy then asked the Board if they have had any more contact with Spiro on the LNG project. The Board hasn't heard anything recently.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde wanted to thank Congressman Wu, Senator Johnson, Representative Witt and the VA Services for meeting with the Board and the public last week to take comments from the veterans and to discuss funding issues. It is very important that we find a way to ramp up funding for VA services.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia was very pleased to see the City of Rainier come to an agreement on the River Queen.

He commented on the great meeting last week with David Wu.

Commissioner Corsiglia made a public plea for anyone who can help the county acquire a flag. They are very expensive and the wind destroys them and the county simply cannot afford to keep replacing them.

He received a number of calls yesterday on the potential of a NASCAR in Troutdale. Hopefully, Columbia County is not out of the running for that.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard continues to meet on transportation issues and she wanted to compliment Janet Wright on all her hard work on this. There is a very good group of people on

the Transportation committee now and she is very encouraged with the direction they are taking.

There will be a presentation tomorrow at the Elks at noon on the value of hiring and retaining military personnel. There will be a soldier present who was injured in Iraq and he will be speaking about his experiences in Iraq and taking questions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(h):

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

CLATSOP COUNTY JAIL SPACE:

Commissioner Hyde informed the Board that Jim Gibson has been soliciting Clatsop County to rent bed space from our jail. The state heard about this and contacted Jim Gibson and stated they would be interested in renting bed space from Columbia County. Jim informed the State that if they paid \$55 per bed, paid their own medical expenses and commit to 30 beds (used or not), he would take it to the Commissioner's for consideration. The Board is in favor of this and directed John Knight to prepare a contract with the State for bed rentals.

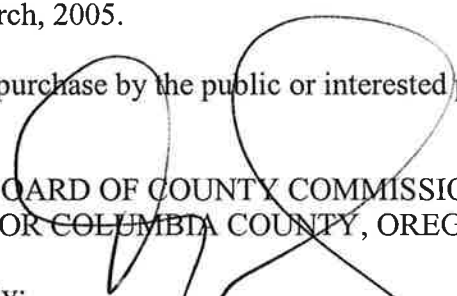
Commissioner Bernhard stated that she had attended a meeting earlier in the week with Clatsop County officials and Donna Tewksbury from CCMH regarding the possibility of working together to provide a better level of service for drug and alcohol prevention and treatment. Rentals for jail bed space from Columbia County was also discussed.

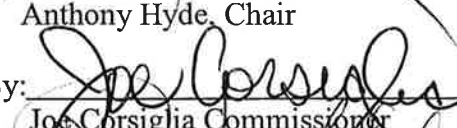
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

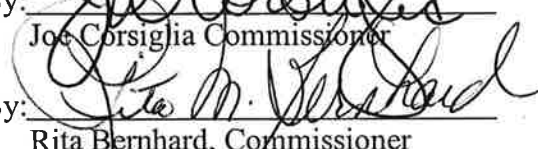
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 2nd day of March, 2005.

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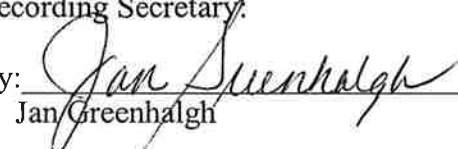
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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh