

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 16, 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 March 9, 2005 Board meeting and March 9, 2005 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

SEA REACH, LTD - PRESENTATION OF INTERPRETIVE PROJECT AT PLAZA:

Sudan Jurasz and Katie Butowicz of Sea Reach, Ltd., came before the Board to give a short presentation on the proposed Interpretive project at the Plaza. This is to celebrate the bicentennial of the Lewis & Clark journey. They wanted to create an exhibit to summarize Lewis & Clark's journey from the confluence of the Columbia River to the ocean. Sudan noted that time is of the essence on this project.

Katie has done all the research on this project which has been very detailed. There are many, many books and internet sites on Lewis & Clark, but nothing that gives a daily journal. Finally, she found The Definitive Journal of Lewis & Clark. There are 12 volumes of which volumes 6 & 7 refer to the Columbia River portion of their journey. When it was determined what they saw on their journey, these items were listed and will become part of the interpretive center.

The Board finds this very interesting and this proposal appears to be well founded in fact. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to accept the proposal of the Plaza of Discovery Interpretive Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify Select-to-Pay for 3/15/05.

- (B) Order No. 7-2005, "In the Matter of Adopting the State of Oregon Building Code and Specialty Codes.
- (C) Reappoint Lea Ann Berg and Brian Burright to the Ambulance Service Advisory Committee. Terms to expire on December 31, 2007.
- (D) Appoint Joanne Young to the Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee for a three year term. Term to expire on December 31, 2007.
- (E) Appoint Joanne Young to the Mental Health Advisory Committee for a four year term. Term to expire on December 31, 2008.
- (F) Authorize Dave Hill to fill one .6 FTE Parks Secretary position.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Approve the final recommendations of the Columbia County Citizens Advisory Committee for grant applications funded through the Oregon Department of Transportation's Public Transit Division Discretionary Grant Program for the 2005-2007 Biennium.
- (H) Amendment #38 to the 2003-2005 County Financial Assistance Contract #05-001 with State Mental Health.
- (I) Interagency Agreement with Oregon Emergency Management.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde reported on his trip to Washington, DC. last week. He worked on the re-authorization of the PLT and TEA-21 funding. This funding is very important to Columbia County. There are scheduled cuts in the President's budget on CDBG grants. These grants are also very important to Columbia County. Cutting this budget in half is just not acceptable.

He attended the Breakfast of Champions in Portland yesterday which is to honor local heroes. There were three veterans from Columbia County who were honored for the over 500 units of blood they have donated since World War II.

He spent time in Salem the past week at AOC working on a number of different bills being presented.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia reported on the Meth Task Force meeting held last week. Funding is a issue for projects dealing with this issue.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard was on vacation last week, however, she did attend the Breakfast of Champions yesterday. There were a number of compelling stories. It was nice to see people from Columbia County recognized.

She commented on funding issues and how they will effect workforce training. Some good news is that the unemployment rate in Columbia County is down.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(d) - BARGAINING:


The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(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 16th day of March, 2005.

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

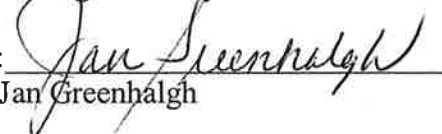
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: 
Joe Corsiglia Commissioner

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh