

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 30, 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 Corsiglia moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2005 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENDATION TO DEPUTY LANCE RITCHIE:

The Board presented Deputy Lance Ritchie with a letter of commendation for his intervention in a kidnaping and assault of a woman and, most likely, saving the woman's life. Commissioner Hyde read the letter into the record. The Board expressed how proud they are of Deputy Ritchie.

PROCLAIM APRIL 2005 AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH":

Commissioner Hyde read the proclamation into the record, proclaiming April 2005 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month". Commissioner Bernhard, as a member of CCCCCF, said a few words about the programs and services that the Commission on Children & Families provide.

Doreen Hocrafter explained how the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) advocate for the children in our county. Jan Kenna stated that there are a number of agencies involved in the efforts to reduce child abuse and to promote a healthy family life style. She noted that this is also "Sexual Assault Awareness Month". All of these efforts are connected..

Debra Holton, Women's Resource Center, read a statement into the record. The Columbia County WRC invites Columbia County's Board of Commissioners to join other state and national organizations in observing April 2005 as Sexual Assault Awareness month. The resource centers efforts to expand awareness and provide effective service to the survivors of sexual assault will succeed only if community members and partners join us in addressing a violent crime that affects a large number of county residents. Terms a "silent epidemic" by the American Medical Association and a significant threat to the physical and emotional well-being of the world's population by the World Health Organization, rape and sexual assault are the most under-reported crimes in the United States. Authorities ranging from the FBI to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center estimate that only 1 in 12 victims report the crime to law enforcement. Large numbers of victims never tell anyone and consequently suffer the resulting emotional, mental and physical effects without support, assistance or information. Providing appropriate intervention and support, as well as preventing assaults, requires peeling back the

veil of secrecy and silence that so often shroud sexual assault. Community recognition and support for Sexual Assault Awareness Month is a crucial part of addressing that silence. We appreciate the Board of Commissioners' support for Sexual Assault Awareness Month efforts as part of our community's growing awareness about the need to address sexual assault in Columbia County.

Brandi Bonney, Executive Director of WRC. In support of Child Abuse Awareness Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, their agency has taken on the role to be mandatory reporters of child abuse. Although they are there to protect the victims, it is also vitally important to protect the children of this county.

Ceceila Haack, OSU Extension Service, spoke about the "TV Turnoff Week" event going on April 25, 2005 through May 1, 2005. She pointed out that by the time a child reaches the age of 18, they have seen an average of over 200,000 acts of violence on TV. The average child spends more time watching TV than at school.

With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the proclamation, proclaiming April 2005 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify Select-to-Pay for 3/29/05.
- (B) Accept 21 Day Waiver and Approve Partition Plat for Rainier Riverview Estates.
- (C) Approve Partition Plat for Robert Hall.
- (D) Appoint Diana Nish to the Commission on Children & Families for a four year term. Term to expire on December 31, 2008.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Personal Services Contract with Emil Slatick, Ph.D. for Psychological Evaluation/Assessment Services for Youth and Families.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(1)(f)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session, John Knight presented the Board with the recommendation from the evaluation committee for the 2005 Summer Concert Series. John reviewed the recommendations. Double Tee received 389 points and LMG received 426 points. John also gave the Board a copy of the two proposals received. Based on discussion, this matter was carried over to tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR COLUMBIA MEADOWS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:

This matter was held over to Thursday, March 31, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.. (See above).

TRANSPORTATION RFP:

Janet Wright has prepared the draft RFP for transportation services and given that to John Knight for his review. Janet and Commissioner Bernhard met with Jean Palmeteer of ODOT yesterday and a few changes were made to the RFP. The Board needs to determine if they want to go with a single provider service or not because that needs to be clear in the RFP. There was a consensus by the Board to go with a single provider.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

The Board met with Senator Wyden on Monday at a Town Hall meeting in Vernonia. Then they went to lunch at the Senior Center.

The Board attended the funeral service for Max Poling yesterday.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia attended the Kiwanis fund raiser last weekend.

He made the suggestion that the Board should send something to Cliff Multanen for driving all the way over from Boise, Idaho to sit in on the Community Corrections Director interviews, which had to be rescheduled. The Board agreed.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the meeting with Jean Palmateer yesterday in Salem. Jean had some very good things to say about Janet Wright and her work she had done on transportation.

She also attended the Town Hall meeting in Vernonia. It was a good opportunity for people to ask Senator Wyden questions.

She attended the service for Max Poling yesterday.

She worked the Easter Egg Hunt held at the Fairgrounds last Saturday. Even though it was raining, there was a very big turnout. As always, it was well organized and successful.

The Board recessed the meeting at 11: 00 am and reconvened at 1:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(a) - EMPLOYMENT:

The Board immediately recessed the regular session 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.

The Board again recessed the meeting and carried it over to Thursday, March 31, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting reconvened as scheduled. Those present were Commissioner Hyde, Commissioner Corsiglia and Commissioner Bernhard, together with John Knight, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

Commissioner Hyde called the meeting back to order.

DISCUSS CONTRACT FOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:

The Board continued their deliberation on the Summer Concert Series. Commissioner Hyde has reviewed the proposals and can understand why the points were scored as they were. We need to ask Lowell if he is willing to match the proposal to give the Fairgrounds \$30,000. Commissioner Bernhard read a fax from Lowell where he states they intend to pay \$1.25 to \$1.50 per ticket. She has had a good relationship with Lowell and doesn't feel Mr. Liken has been very involved in past concerts. She believes that Lowell cares about the community and that is a plus. Based on her personal experience with Lowell and if he will guarantee the \$30,000, she would agree with awarding the contract to Lowell MacGregor. Commissioner Corsiglia would agree if there is a \$30,000 guarantee. The county needs some assurance that it will be paid and a firm date on when it will be paid. Commissioner Hyde also agreed, as long as the \$30,000 is guaranteed. Commissioner Bernhard also noted that Lowell states in his proposal that no concert would be held the same weekend as the county Fair, which is an important issue. With that, the next step is for John Knight to contact Lowell MacGregor to see if he is willing to guarantee the \$30,000 and come back to the Board with that information.

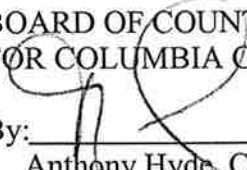
OREGON ROAD RALLY:

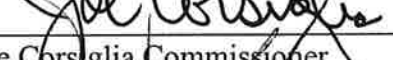
Commissioner Hyde received a call yesterday from the Independent asking why the Board is trying to shut down the Road Rally. He informed Noni Anderson that is not the case. The county is simply requiring a \$5,000 deposit for road impacts. This is much more than what was required last year and Mr. Nagle does not feel that the rally will have that much impact on the roads. Commissioner Hyde explained to Noni that pictures are being taken of the road before and after the rally to determine the actual impacts. Dave was present and commented that last


Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 30th 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