

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 11, 2006

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

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2006 Board meeting and January 4, 2006 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Corsiglia read the consent agenda in full. John asked that Item (J) be pulled and held over. With no other comments, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify Select-to-Pay for 1/3/06.
- (B) Ratify Partition Plat for Dalton View Estates, St. Helens, Oregon.
- (C) Amended Order No. 73-2005, "In the Matter of the Appointment of Leslie G. Keenon as Columbia County Surveyor".
- (D) Ratify Order No. 1-2006, "In the Matter of Recording Satisfaction of Liens for Blaha Road Improvements without Cost".
- (E) Order No. 2-2006, "In the Matter of Extending the Franchise Agreement for the Columbia County Transfer Station with Waste Management of Oregon".
- (F) Authorize Community Corrections Director to promote one position to Parole/Probation Officer 2.
- (G) Appoint Scott Christie to the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, to complete the term of Rick Berman (term to expire 12/31/07).

- (H) Reappoint Jim Crislip, Jill Dale, Carolyn Little, Larry Lucas, Jay Tappen and Matt Workman to the Traffic Safety Committee for a three (3) year term.
- (I) Approve 2006 Social Gaming License for:
 - Wayside Inn;
 - St. Helens Moose Lodge #591.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (J) Regional Housing Center Agreement #00620 HCS #503, and authorize Commissioner Hyde to sign. (***PULLED AND HELD OVER***)
- (K) Intergovernmental Agreement with Lane County for the Purchase of 2 Caterpillar Integrated Toolcarriers and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FROM SHERIFF TO FILL ONE POSITION:

Commissioner Corsiglia reviewed a letter from Sheriff Derby explaining that Deputy Pat Dean is being deployed to Afghanistan with the Oregon National Guard for 14 months. Deputy Dean is currently working as the Motor Carrier Enforcement Deputy. The Sheriff is requesting that this position be filled during his absence. Understanding the need for this position, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to authorize the Sheriff to fill the position of Deputy Pat Dean while he is deployed to Afghanistan for 14 months. The motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF REQUEST TO HIRE P/T HELP TO COLLECT INMATE MEDICAL BILLS:

Commissioner Corsiglia read a letter from the Sheriff into the record, outlining his request to hire a part time person to collect unpaid medical bills incurred by inmates. The collected funds should pay for the part time position and also replace revenue to the medical budget.

Commissioner Hyde is not ready to approve this. He feels there are others avenues that could be taken for the collection of these bills and there is also a bigger issue to look at as far as the amount being charged to inmates.

After discussion, the Board did not take action on this request. Instead, the Board will have the Sheriff attend a future work session to discuss these issues.

STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO FLOOD HAZARDS:

John has drafted a resolution to declare a State of Emergency due to the flooding around the county. After talking with Vicki Harguth, he put in a start date of December 28, 2005.

Vicki explained what is happening around the county with flooding and landslides. She is working with the fire districts to obtain sand bags for disbursement.

Dave talked about the slide on Scappoose Vernonia Hwy, which is significant and going to be very expensive to fix. After last night, there are a couple of other landslides reported that will also be quite expensive to correct.

After discussion, Commissioner Corsiglia read Resolution No. 5-2006, "In the Matter of the Declaration of a State of Emergency due to Flood Hazards" in full into the record. With the change from "Flood Hazards" to "Severe Weather Events", Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve Resolution No. 5-2006, "In the Matter of the Declaration of a State of Emergency due to **Severe Weather Events**". The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

No comments.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Rodeo Court Coronation Saturday night. She is amazed at how much time they put into this. She was informed that Linda Todd, who works in Land Development services, has sewn and designed all the outfits for these pageants and was given an award Saturday night for her work.

Commissioner Bernhard received a call the other day from a man who wanted to compliment the Road Department for some work they did on his road. It's not very often that we get compliments, so she just wanted to pass that one on to Dave Hill.

She attended the MHAC & LADPC committee meetings this week. They are looking at ways to develop a transitional housing for women and children. There is currently one for men, but nothing for women and children. They are working hard to come up with a plan for this. One option might be to use the building that CAT currently uses because they will be moving to a new location.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde commented on the one confirmed case and one unconfirmed case of meningitis in Vernonia. He explained the process the hospital follows, but there were some gaps in communication with our Health District. He feels there is a need to establish a much better policy to deal with these types of issues.

He has been driving around the county the past couple of days looking at flood and landslide areas. Since 1996, he gets real concerned when there is a possibility of flooding.

He continues to work on Emergency Management planning.

On Friday, he was in Salem to continue his work on forest funding.

On Monday he was in Portland attending the Oregon Business Summit. There was a Professor from Harvard that gave a presentation by video that made it worth every minute of being there.

Last week, he was asked to be a ground breaker at the Sauvie Island Bridge. He has been involved with this since the beginning. To go from finding cracks in a bridge to having all repairs completed in 2 years is unheard of, but it was done. It usually takes around 10 years. Sauvie Island means a lot to Columbia County because of the amount of county residents that work on the island.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(e) - REAL PROPERTY:

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

While still attendance, Commissioner Hyde asked that Dave Hill be prepared with sand bags throughout the county.

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

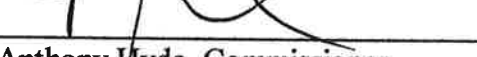
Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 11th day of January, 2006.

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: 
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh