

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 18, 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 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 June 8, 2005 Budget meeting; January 11, 2006 Board meeting; and January 11, 2006 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the January 10, 2006 Work Session were held over.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Katie Harris, Veterans' Services, 1054 Oregon Street, came before the Board to give her quarterly report. Projects over \$4 million coming in this year. Katie informed the Board on what is coming before the E-Board on VA funding.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Commissioner Corsiglia read the consent agenda in full. Items (B) and (H) were pulled from the consent agenda and held over. With no other comments, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the consent agenda as amended:

- (A) Ratify Select-to-Pay for 1/10/06 & 1/17/06.
- (B) Order No. 4-2006 (Amending Order No. 128-98), "In the Matter of Establishing Fees for Conciliation and Mediation Services in Certain Domestic Relations Cases". ***(PULLED AND HELD OVER)***
- (C) Order No. 7-2006, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property to the Columbia Hills Development Company [Tax Account No. 01-08 3222-014-11000]".
- (D) Order No. 8-2006, "In the Matter of Amending the Procedures for Vacations of Public Property".
- (E) Appoint Richard Sorenson to the Columbia Drainage Vector Control District to complete the term of George LeMont, term to expire on 12/31/06.

- (F) Reappoint Jimmy Wolfenbarger to the Columbia Drainage Vector Control District for a four (4) year term.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (G) Amendment #14 to the 2005-2007 Intergovernmental Agreement #113022 with DHS.
- (H) Approve Exhibit C, entering into the NACo Prescription Discount Card Program. *(PULLED AND HELD OVER)*
- (I) Approve amended completion date for public improvement contract with Waste Management to move and install a compactor in the Columbia County Transfer Station.

The motion carried unanimously.

**REQUEST TO RECONSIDER OFFER TO PURCHASE COUNTY PROPERTY:**

Cynthia Zemaitis, Natural Resources Administrator, came before the Board with Dave Kolar, 5324 SW Patton Road, Portland, Oregon 97221. Mr. Kolar is asking that the Board reconsider their decision to deny his request to purchase TL #3202-044-00600. After doing some checking, he believes this property is suitable for the placement of a dwelling and therefore would ask that the Board reconsider selling him this property.

Cynthia doesn't know whether or not this property is buildable, however, if it is, the County can't sell it by private sale, it would need to go to auction. Further, if the property is buildable, it could increase the assessed value.

Mr. Kolar feels there may be a risk on his part to get a building on this property because of the slope and feels the \$500 would represent his risk. He believes the listing on the County website of \$500 constitutes a sales price, which he is prepared to pay.

John Knight reviewed the statutes which states that the property can be sold by private auction if the property is assessed at less than \$5,000 **and** is deemed unsuitable for the placement of a dwelling. If this property is buildable, then it cannot be sold by private sale, it would need to go to auction.

Commissioner Corsiglia expressed some concerns with the process being used here, with determining if the property is buildable or not and how it is assessed and feels it needs to be looked at before an auction is held. Commissioner Hyde said what the Board can do is hold an auction.

Mr. Kolar expressed his disappointment that he followed the rules and brought in a check for the amount listed on the website but not being able to purchase it.

Commissioner Corsiglia suggested we take a week to look at the process and details and bring it back next week for more discussion at the work session.

**COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:**

Commissioner attended a meeting in Portland yesterday at the Propeller Club to hear from different LNG corporations on site proposals. There was some good information given, but no decisions made.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bernhard participated in a NWACTION conference call yesterday to discuss the Connect Oregon project. This project could provide some additional funding for different projects in Columbia County. The City of Rainier has been looking at the downtown area and how they will deal with the increased rail traffic.

Last week, she attended a meeting for the Clatskanie After School program. They are looking at more educational types of after school programs for the kids other than just babysitting.

The County got a new bus yesterday for the transportation system, which has a larger capacity and will make a big difference in the fixed route services.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde spent the last week focusing on our state of emergency and weather related issues. We've been pretty lucky so far, however there has been some interruptions in our infrastructure, which are going to be expensive to correct. We are now at 31 days of rain, with one day of sunshine.

**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, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to authorize the Human Resources Director to respond to the contract re-opener from AFSCME Local 1442, voice our objections to the proposal and take any further actions as appropriate. The motion carried unanimously.


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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006.

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

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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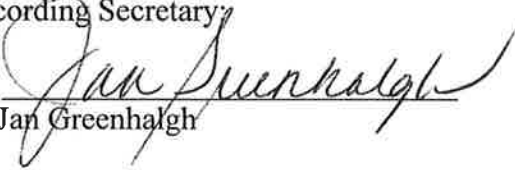
  
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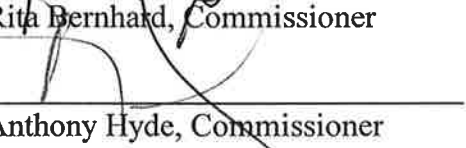
  
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