

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 25, 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.

HEARING: FOREST SYSTEMS SURFACE MINING EXPANSION:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of the Application by Forest Systems LLC, as agents for Bascom Pacific LLC for a New Surface Mining Operating Permit to Expand the Oak Ranch Quarry".

This hearing was rescheduled to February 15, 2006 at or after 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2006 Board meeting and January 18, 2006 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Tammy Maygra, Deer Island, feels there are a lot of unanswered questions regarding REDCO and asked if the Board would consider holding a joint public hearing with all groups involved in attendance so that everyone is present to answer questions. She continues to get different answers from the different agencies.

Sarah noted that there is a hearing scheduled for next week before the Board. Commissioner Corsiglia stated that the Board will take this request under consideration but can't commit to anything at this time. He suggested that Tammy list out the documents she is seeking and get that to the Board office and maybe he can help locate them.

Jim Bach, 30 Cowlitz St., St. Helens, came before the Board to talk about the two trees that are closest to the courthouse in the plaza that are owned by the county. He can't believe that whoever planted those trees meant to block the view of the most historic building in the county. Although he understands the love of trees, those two trees need to be taken down. They are not very old and have no historic value. Commissioner Hyde tends to agree that they block the view and should be removed and replaced with something more appropriate for the plaza. However, there has been a lot of protest from the citizens on the removal of any trees in the plaza. The county would need the citizens support before they would even consider it.

HEARING: AMEND COUNTY PUBLIC ROAD EVENT ORDINANCE:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of Amending the Columbia County Public Road Event Ordinance". John Knight gave the staff report on the amendments to the Public Road Event Ordinance. He has drafted Ordinance No. 2006-1 and went through the changes to the current ordinance. He noted that there is an emergency clause included so that, if approved, it would be in effect for the Trojan implosion. John then read Ordinance No. 2006-1, twice by title only.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

Thelma Bonar, 56734 Way Lane, Warren: She is all in favor of anything that protects the county roads. While present, she also wanted to thank Dave Hill for being so prompt on filling the pot holes on Church Road.

Tammy Maygra, Deer Island: She wanted to know if this ordinance will be so strict that it effects the Mud Run. She hopes not. If it does, then the County needs to hold the rock trucks accountable too.

With no further testimony coming before Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. This is a result of a lot of discussion and the Board is in agreement with the amendments. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2006-1, "In the Matter of Amending the Columbia County Public Road Event Ordinance". The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Corsiglia read the consent agenda in full. Items (D) & (H) were pulled. After a brief explanation of Item (E), Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the consent agenda as amended:

- (A) Ratify Select-to-Pay for 1/24/06.
- (B) Ratify Partition Plats for Beachwood Estates and Sophie Park.
- (C) 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".
- (D) Resolution No. 6-2006, "In the Matter of Authorizing Brian Little to Negotiate and Sign an Extended Enterprise Zone Agreement with Pacific Stainless Products, Inc.". (***PULLED FOR DISCUSSION***).

- (E) Order No. 9-2006, (Setting Auction Date), "In the Matter of Leasing County-Owned Oil and Gas Rights for Exploration and Production [March 2006 Lease Sale].
- (F) Authorize District Attorney to fill one Legal Secretary position.
- (G) Approve the creation of the Planner III position in Land Development Services, assign a salary range 28 and authorize the LDS Director to promote one current Planner II position.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (H) Approve Exhibit C, entering into the NACo Prescription Discount Card Program. *(PULLED AND HELD OVER)*
- (I) Amendment #15 to the 2005-2007 Intergovernmental Agreement #113022 with DHS.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM (D) - RESOLUTION NO. 6-2006:

Commissioner Corsiglia read through this Resolution and had a question about the language requiring the firm to purchase locally and if that included the firm's contractors or subcontractors. Commissioner Hyde agreed that may be mis-construed and it should only be for the "firm" itself. Sarah has drafted new language to clarify that issue. Commissioner Corsiglia has reviewed the new language and feels it addresses his concern. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve Resolution No. 6-2006, "In the Matter of Authorizing Brian Little to Negotiate and Sign an Extended Enterprise Zone Agreement with Pacific Stainless Products, Inc.". The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia participated in the Children's Theater which was put on by the Clatskanie Arts Commission in Clatskanie. This was a great event for the kids.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Last week, Commissioner Bernhard was in Canyonville for the quarterly TOC/OWA meeting. There was a lot of discussion on how we deal with workforce training throughout the State. There needs to be more involvement with the K-12 students and there needs to be more participation between the State Economic Development Department and the Workforce Development Boards. It was a very good meeting.

Friday evening, she attended the Chamber of Commerce awards banquet at the Old School. It was very well attended and a lot of awards were handed out.

On Saturday, she attended the St. Helens Senior Center Crab Feed. Afterwards, she attended the Columbia County Citizens for Human Dignity banquet where awards were given out. It was very well attended.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

On Monday, he attended a dinner in Portland where broad discussion was held on school funding.

This morning, he was working with some of the Vernonia leadership to put together a retrospect on the 1996 flood. Even after almost 10 years, it's still hard to relive that catastrophic event.

The Board recessed the meeting at 10:50 to attend a site visit at PGE.

There was no Executive Session held.

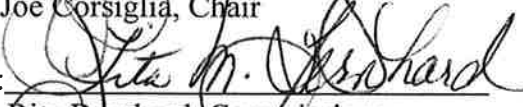
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.


Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 25th day of January, 2006.

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

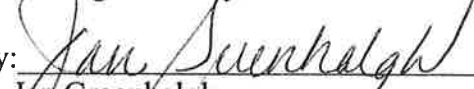
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Joe Corsiglia, Chair

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh