

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 27, 2010

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Earl Fisher and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with Sarah Hanson, 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 Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2010 Board meeting and January 20, 2010 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for 1/26/10.
- (B) Cancel the March 24, 2010 Board and Staff meeting.

- (C) Order No. 1-2010, "In the Matter of a Refund to Northwest Natural Gas Company Taxes Pending Further Appeal Pursuant to ORS 311.806".
- (D) Approve letter to Oregon Department of Energy regarding proposed Order for PGE Request for Amendment 7 to the Site Certificate for the Port Westward Generation Project.
- (E) Authorize Todd Dugdale to fill one vacant Maintenance Mechanic II position.
- (F) Approve request of Walt Pesterfield for out-of-state travel to attend training.
- (G) Approve 2010 Liquor License for "The Warren Country Store".
- (H) Reappoint Peggy Howell, Nina Reed, Sykes Mitchell and Mary Jo Simpson to the Columbia County Housing Authority Board.

**AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:**

- (I) Amendment #6 to the Personal Services Contract By and Between Columbia County and CASA of Columbia County for Court Appointed Special Advocate Services.
- (J) Amendment #3 to the Personal Services Contract By and Between Columbia County and Columbia Community Mental Health for Skills Trainer.
- (K) Amendment #5 to the Personal Services Contract By and Between Columbia County and Columbia Community Mental Health for Teen and Family Transition Program.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Hyde reported on the very productive retreat the Board held last Friday. Along with the Finance Director, they went through the entire budget in detail.

He was very happy with election results last night. Both Measures 66 & 67 passed.

Yesterday, he attended what he felt was the most productive meeting yet in Vernonia on the school project.

On Monday, he flew to Corvallis to speak about the Vernonia project. With the economic turnaround, the Ford Foundation is back in business and they may be a big donor to this project.

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He attended an O&C meeting in Salem last week. There was a lot of discussion on the re-authorization of funding and work is heating up. They are doing a national campaign on this and he is very encouraged with that process.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher has been working on tasks he was assigned during the recent Board retreat.

He had discussions with Clatsop County on the LNG project and how that may impact Columbia County.

He attended an ESD meeting in Hillsboro and a lot of discussion was held on Ballot Measures 66 & 67 and how that vote will effect school funding.

Public Health spoke at the Clatskanie Kiwanis meeting last night.

The Board will be conducting their annual inspection of the Jail facility today at noon.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bernhard was very excited to see that BM 66 & 67 passed last night. Hopefully this will help our situation in Columbia County.

She attended an Economic Opportunity meeting in Scappoose last night. The City of Scappoose is looking at expanding their UGB. They have hired a consultant to prepare the study. They are also looking at establishing an Enterprise Zone. Scappoose is growing rapidly and they are trying to prepare for that.

She was at a CAT meeting last Monday. A lot of discussion was held on the foreclosure problems in this county. CAT is working with local citizens in our community who are faacing this problem and it seems to be helping. CAT is a tremendous resource for a lot of different situations.

She commented on the Board retreat held recently and felt it was a very productive meeting.

Thursday, the Board met with representatives from ODOT on a variety of projects in Columbia County. It's very helpful to have this open line of communication with ODOT.

***The Board recessed the meeting at 10:25 am and will reconvene at 12:00 noon at the Columbia County Corrections Facility for their annual inspection of the Jail.***

There was no Executive Session held.

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

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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jan Greenhalgh