

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 7, 2010

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Earl Fisher and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant 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 March 31, 2010 Board meeting and March 31, 2010 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Richard Melton, Columbia River Hwy, Scappoose: He is here again to discuss his property rights. In the letter he received from Commissioner Fisher, it stated that the county was in the wrong when they closed down his garage sale and that he is allowed to have up to 4 per year. Regarding the sign issue, the letter stated that he is not allowed to have any political signs measuring 4' x 8' on his property without a permit. However Commissioner Fisher posted a 4'x8' campaign sign on his neighbors property when running for office. Richard then addressed the lighting issue, where Robert Crain ordered his lights removed. He now has no outside lights which makes it very dangerous pulling in and out of his driveway as it is

right on the highway. There is a very serious situation and a danger to his family. Commissioner Bernhard stated that this issue has been going on for months and something needs to be done to get this matter resolved. Mr. Melton would appreciate that.

HEARING: CM/GC CONTRACTING METHOD FOR TRANSIT FACILITY:

This is the time set for the public hearing to solicit input on the proposed use of the Construction Manager/General Contractor alternative contracting method for construction of the Columbia County Transit Facility.

Robin explained that to use the exemption method, a hearing must be held to solicit public input. She has prepared the final order with proposed findings for Board review.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

Ken Andrews, Senior Project Manager for Milstead Building Construction Management, 19373 NE Calkins Lane, Newberg, OR 97132: He has been a project manager for many years and he believes the CM/GC method is a good process. He doesn't know the value of the work, however considering the size of the job, the Board should consider using an outside manager.

With no further testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. After little discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve Resolution No. 12-2010, "In the Matter of Exempting the Contract to Construct a New Transit Facility from Competitive Bidding". The motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAIM "NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL APPRECIATION WEEK":

Commissioner Hyde read the prepared proclamation in full. Afterwards, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the document, proclaiming April 11-17, 2010 as "National Animal Control Appreciation Week". The motion carried unanimously.

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 4/6/10.
- (B) Approve Personnel Action for Dave Hill.
- (C) Notice of County Measure Election - Caption: Makes County Commissioner Positions Nonpartisan Beginning in 2011.
- (D) Appoint Paul Langner to the Columbia County Budget Committee for a three year term.
- (E) Approve the 2010 Liquor License Renewal for the St. Helens Golf Course.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENT:

- (F) Amendment #12 to the 2009-2011 Intergovernmental Agreement #127291 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (G) Amendment #20 to the 2009-2011 Intergovernmental Agreement #127291 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (H) Grant Agreement #26490 with ODOT, Public Transit Division for 5310 to expand on-demand transit services for seniors and persons with disabilities and authorize the Chair to sign.

- (I) Confidential Information Memorandum of Understanding between Columbia 911 Communications District and Columbia County for CAD Access and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (J) Rental Agreement with Russell and Debra Smiley, parks hosts for Camp Wilkerson.
- (K) Amendment #6 to the Personal Services Contract with Columbia Community Mental Health for the Teen and Family Transition Program.

The motion carried unanimously.

LOCAL TROOPS COMING HOME:

Commissioner Bernhard received a call yesterday that some local troops will be leaving Iraq and returning home soon to St. Helens. She suggested that person contact Joe Pyle, our local VA Officer. She also spoke with Senator Johnson on some ideas on to welcome them home. This should be happening sometime around April 25th.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde participating in senior orals last Wednesday at the Vernonia High School. He believes this was one of the highest level of orals presented and he gave his first perfect score in 20 some years.

He continues to work on fund raising efforts for the Vernonia School project. Friday will be the first *ConnectOregon III* meeting.

The Board met with Congressman Wu on Friday.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

The Board met with Congressman Wu on Friday. Commissioner Fisher appreciates the time the Congressman spends here in Columbia County. They discussed the Hermo Road project and the airport issues.

Yesterday, he met with a local artist group representative on sharing their artwork here at the courthouse. He would encourage others that can to display this groups art work.

He mentioned that the CASA/Banner transition has gone very well. He spoke with one of the Judges who agrees all is going well.

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He wanted to thank the various Kiwanis Clubs for their work on the annual Easter Egg hunts around the county.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended the Scappoose Economic Opportunity Group meeting last night. They are looking at ways to develop the city, going beyond the existing UGB and continue to go through the review process to see what they can and cannot do.

The Board attended the CEPA meeting yesterday.

This morning she attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting. They discussed the continuing problems with the congestion at Gable Road and other transportation issues along Highway 30. Chief Sallee talked about the bomb threat received at the St. Helens High School.

She began her Jury duty obligation yesterday.

Last week she attended the NOHA meeting. They are still looking to fill the Director position that becomes vacant in July. Screening applications, etc.

On Saturday, she attended the Easter Egg Hunt at the Fairgrounds. She, along with Representative Witt, did the head count, which was approximately 32,000. It was a very cold day but, even with that, it was another huge success.

She attended the meeting Congressman Wu held over at the MTC office. He talked a lot about the Workforce Investment program and the youth jobs program. He is working on the re-authorization of funding for the youth program.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 7th day of April, 2010.

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

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Recording Secretary:

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____

Rita Bernhard, Commissioner