

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 14, 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 April 7, 2010 Board meeting and April 7, 2010 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None

HEARING: HARIBSON APPEAL OF ACCESS APPROACH FORFEITURE:

This is the time set for the hearing on the appeal filed by Hal Harbison on his Access Approach Deposit Forfeiture for Permit #6134. Staff has prepared a report and recommendation.

Lonny Welter, Transportation Planner, came before the Board to give his staff report. Mr. Harbison was living in Arizona during that time and had

a contractor construct the driveway to county standards. Due to a breakdown in communication, the permit was not pulled for inspection and had expired. Lonny contacted Mr. Harbison, who applied for a new permit. The access was inspected and approved. Because Mr. Harbison completed the work prior to the original expiration date, Lonny would recommend the access deposit of \$500 be refunded.

The hearing was opened for testimony.

Hal Harbison, 30620 Pittsburg Road, St. Helens: He stated that he did have a permit, however he was out of town during that time and there was a breakdown in communication. He agrees with staff that he should receive the \$500 deposit.

With no further testimony, the hearing was closed for deliberations. The Board agrees with staff and, with that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve staffs recommendation to refund the \$500 Access Approach Deposit to Hal Harbison and direct staff to prepare an order. The motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON SPLASH PARK:

Al Petersen, 155 Clark Street, St. Helens: He is here to give the Board an update on the proposed Splash Park in the courthouse plaza. Work on this project had slowed down during the winter months but the committee is now gearing up again. Al has put together an architectural cost estimate, which he submitted to the Board. Al went through his submittal, beginning with the conceptual design. This has been updated to incorporate recommended changes. Al explained that the committee is

seeking donations for this project. They are working on some fundraising projects, however they will be seeking some monetary donations from the county. The Board suggested that the committee make any monetary requests to the County Parks Department and/or the Cultural Trust Committee. Commissioner Fisher will get contact information for Mr. Petersen.

AMENDED ORDINANCE #2010-1: COUNTY COMMISSION
NON-PARTISAN:

Robin explained that this Ordinance is being amended to correct the election date in the attachment. Robin then read Ordinance No. 2010-1, twice by title only, noting the inclusion of an emergency clause. With that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to adopt Amended Ordinance No. 2010-1, "In the Matter of Designating the Office of Columbia County Commissioner as Nonpartisan Referred for the November 2010 General Election". The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for 4/13/10.
- (B) Approve Personnel Action for Brian Little.
- (C) Authorize the Chair to sign Notice of County Measure Election approved by Amended Ordinance No. 2010-1.

- (D) Order No. 13-2010, "In the Matter of Releasing Certain Reclamation Surety Bonds or Security Deposits".
- (E) Order No. 14, 2010, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property on Scappoose-Vernonia Highway, Scappoose, Oregon to Charley Curtiss and Patti Jo Curtiss [Tax Map ID No. 4N2W17-D0-01001]".
- (F) Order No. 15, 2010, "In the Matter of Conveying Certain Real Property off of Williams Street Near 3rd Street, Scappoose, Oregon to Richard and Margaret Smith [Tax Map ID No. 3N2W12-AC-00120]".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENT:

- (G) Personal Services Contract with Paul Koch for interim Economic Development Coordinator services.
- (H) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Clatskanie for Justice Court.
- (I) Personal Services Contract by and between Columbia County and LRS Architects, Inc. for a facilities study.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE CALENDAR ON WEBSITE:

Commissioner Fisher suggested that the various committee meeting dates and times, i.e., Planning, Solid Waste, etc. be added to the County website. Discussion was held on how that can be implemented and who would oversee the web updates.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde spent last Thursday and Friday meeting with a group of major funders, which was hosted by the Ford Family Foundation, to talk about the Vernonia School project. He felt it went very well.

Monday, the Board was in Salem to attend an AOC meeting. They discussed how to approach the next budget session. It was a very fruitful discussion which will carry on at the Spring conference in June.

Yesterday, he met with Weyerhaeuser on the final part of the CZ Trail project.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

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Today at 2:00, Commissioner Fisher will be meeting with the arts group to determine where to place some artwork in the courthouse annex.

Last Thursday was the last Enhanced Law Enforcement Advisory Committee meeting. The final report should be presented to the Board in the next couple of weeks.

He reported on the AOC meeting in Salem last Monday.

He reminded everyone of the Cleanup day this Saturday in Clatskanie and Vernonia.

On Saturday, he was in Rainier for a town hall meeting with Senator Johnson and Representative Witt. There was over 60 people who turned out for this meeting and a very constructive group. It was noted that government services are all connected. When services are cut in one area, it effects other areas of service.

People need to be aware that the County budget is extremely dire this year and will be worse next year. There are going to have to be some significant changes in how or if services will continue to be provided.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard also attended the AOC meeting in Salem. In the morning, there was a meeting on the strategic plan. She found it interesting the interaction between county and state agencies, and how AOC is working on coordination and communication between the two.

She also attended the town hall meeting in Rainier. There was a very good turnout. One item that came up is the sales tax to help fund our education system. Clearly people don't have the understanding on how the tax system works.

She participated in a conference call with Congressman Wu on the HUB zone issues. This is a Federal designation that allows one to take federal contracts but has strict compliance requirements.

On Friday she was at the Avamere Assisted Living facility, where CC Rider gave a great presentation on using their services and letting the residents know what types of services are available.

On Thursday, she was in Tillamook for a NWACT meeting. They worked on the *ConnectOregon III* applications. It was a very good meeting and they got to look at all the various projects submitted. Priorities were determined but ranking has not yet taken place.

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While in Tillamook, she also attended the NOHA meeting. They continue to work on filling the Director position. The current director is resigning in July.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 14th day of April, 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