

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 12, 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 Cynthia Zemaitis, Acting 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 May 5, 2010 Board meeting; and May 5, 2010 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Richard Melton, 55141 Columbia River Hwy Scappoose, OR. Mr. Melton is here to again complain about the lack of a porch light and having to take his signs down. This is a danger to him and his wife. Commissioner Hyde drew a diagram of the house and sign areas to explain to Mr. Melton that the sign with the wires running to it is illegal, however he can re-install the porch light. Mr. Melton stated that the Board needed to install the porch light because he has already spend several hundred dollars on this. Commissioner Hyde responded that the county will not be paying for Mr. Melton's light. Mr. Melton indicated that he can not have an electrician hook it up and meet code; they would need to run conduit all over, which he will not allow. Commissioner Bernhard said they have already sent a letter and have tried to resolve this with Mr. Melton for some time.

METRO WEST PROCLAMATION AND AWARD:

J. Kooyman, Supervisor for CC Rider Transportation, presented a proclamation to the Board, proclaiming the week of May 16-22, 2010 as "Emergency Medical Services" week and honors the EMS partners. She thanked the Board for their support and invited them to their celebration on May 13th at the Metro West office. After reading of the proclamation, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the proclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

HEARING: MASS GATHERING AT TROJAN SITE FOR SCOUT JAM 2010:

This is the time set for the public hearing, "In the Matter of the Application to Hold a Mass Gathering at the Old Trojan Site for Scout Jam 2010".

Cynthia Zemaitis, Natural Resources Administrator, gave the staff report. She met with several members of the Cascade Pacific Council, along with the Emergency Management Director, Columbia Fire and Rescue, and a representative of the Health District. They went over the various administrative rules and ordinance requirements, and understands there are plans for health and safety in place for this event. All county representatives were satisfied that the Council has met all requirements.

Cynthia recommended that the permit for the Scout Jam mass gathering be approved conditioned upon receipt of a signed Indemnity Agreement and an additional insured endorsement before the event.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

Valerie, Sunset Trail Division of the Cascade Pacific Council, introduced herself and stated that she is in charge of general facilities and, generally, the "campsite mom" for this event. She shared her appreciation to the County staff for working with them so graciously to get everything in order.

Commissioner Bernhard indicated she had no questions for the Council. Commissioner Hyde spoke of the long-term plans to turn the Trojan site into a beautiful park with camping. Commissioner Fisher indicated he had spoken with members of the Council before the hearing and had no further questions.

With no further testimony, the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the Mass Gathering Permit for Scout Jam 2010, subject to receipt of the additional insured endorsement and a signed Indemnity Agreement. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which 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 5/11/10.
- (B) Approve Personnel Action for Walt Pesterfield.
- (C) Approve Consent to Assignment of a portion of Enerfin Resources' interests in certain gas production leases to Klabzuba Oil & Gas.

- (D) Authorize reimbursement of up to \$200 for travel expenses for each final candidate for the position of Economic Development Director and authorize Jean Ripa to sign corresponding claims for payment.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (E) Incident Management Team Cooperative Assistance Agreement by and between Columbia County and the City of Clatskanie and authorize the Chair to sign.

- (F) Oregon Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Contract DR-1733-OR Contract Funding Addendum for Management Costs and authorize the Chair to sign.

- (G) Ratify approval of the Child Passenger Safety Program Grant Agreement with the Alliance for Community Traffic Safety.

The motion carried unanimously.

UNC - DEMOLITION CONTRACT:

Jim Tierney, Unmet Needs Committee, 125 N 17th Street, St. Helens. Mr. Tierney reviewed the recommendations of the Unmet Needs Committee for the selection of the demolition contractor to demolish homes that will be purchased under FEMA and CDBG as a result of the 2007 flood event. The Request for Proposal required the UNC to review the candidates and recommend a contractor to the Board. Mr. Tierney handed out the ranking sheets.

The UNC followed two processes: one meeting of the UNC to review six proposals (the rankings from this meeting are reflected on the first sheet). This was presented to the Vernonia City Council, with some discussion resulting on whether this was an acceptable result. There was then another meeting of the UNC to do a second review, which occurred at the City Council. The rankings from this second meeting are shown on the second sheet. At the end of each process, the recommendation was to award the contract to Trail's End, who ranked the highest in both. Mr. Tierney indicated that Vernonia is very isolated, so there will be a lot of trucking involved, there is a need for staging for grinding concrete and another for sorting, packaging and shipping of different categories of waste and recycling. The vision was to have one demolition contractor do the work for both the City and County properties. The County is paying for this out of HMGP FEMA. For property within the City limits, the City should select the contractor for their properties; the County will do the same for their small fraction of the properties. It would be good and cheaper for the County to have the same contractor.

After discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to accept the scoring from the Columbia County Unmet Needs Committee for the Vernonia flood demolition project and authorize staff to issue a notice of intent to award the contract to Custom Excavating/Trail's End Recovery. Commissioner Hyde abstained from voting because he was

involved in the review process. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended an O&C meeting in Ashland last week. The group went over the required budget cuts of 25% which was a very painful exercise. He hopes the process will ring clear and true with the legislature.

On Monday, he was in Salem attending an AOC legislative meeting endorsing the plan for having alternative fuel sources. A good share of the investment is power lines and corridors, and he suspects PGE will be looking for another fuel source. The standard cost of decommissioning will be in the rate base.

After the work session yesterday he then traveled to Portland for a meeting on the Vernonia School project. Following that, he met with the fire department, who also needs to be a participant, and then met with the UNC to discuss demolition contractors..

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher was in Astoria yesterday afternoon to attend a health committee meeting. They are trying to get Columbia County, as a whole, designated as medically under-served. If the designation is approved, we can get 3 or 4 times the amount of contribution. This coming Saturday is an open house for the St. Helens senior center and at 5:00 the Sacajewea Center is having an auction.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard has been in ongoing discussions about the hospital situation. She received a call this morning and apparently the County has sent information to the Secretary of State's office and we're waiting on the results.

On Monday, she participated in a conference call with AOC.

The Board received word that Dale Heimuller passed away this morning. Dale served as a County Commissioner in the early 1990's. She expressed her sympathy to the family.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 12th day of May, 2010.

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

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____

Anthony Hyde, Chair

By: _____

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____

Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____
Cynthia Zemaitis