

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 19, 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, 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 May 11, 2010 Work Session; May 12, 2010 Board meeting; and May 12, 2010 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

ROAD HAZARD ORDINANCE:

Robin explained that the Road Department has asked, for some time now, for the preparation of an ordinance that would enable the county to site property owners, trucks, etc. who create road hazards on county roads. At this time, Robin presented a draft to Dave and a public hearing will be scheduled for the adoption of this ordinance.

HEARING: ADOPTION OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY DOG NUISANCE ORD:

This is the time set for the Board to consider Ordinance No. 2010-2, "In the Matter of the Adoption of the Columbia County Dog Nuisance Ordinance". Robin noted that this is not a public hearing so no public testimony will be taken. She stated that this ordinance also includes an emergency clause. With no questions by the Board, Robin gave the first and second reading, by title only. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-2, "In the Matter of the Adoption of the Columbia County Dog Nuisance Ordinance" to include an emergency clause. The motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAIM MAY 2010 AS "BUILDING SAFETY MONTH":

Commissioner Hyde read the proclamation adopted by Governor Kulongoski into the record, proclaiming May 2010 at "Building Safety Month". Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve this proclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. After some comments by Dave Hill on Item (K), Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for 5/18/10.
- (B) Ratify Subdivision Plat for Elk Ridge Estates, Phase 4.
- (C) Resolution No. 19-2010, "In the Matter of Correcting the Audit Deficiency noted in the FY 2008-2009 Columbia County Audit".
- (D) Resolution No. 21-2010, "In the Matter of Authorizing a Contingency Transfer for the Columbia County General Fund, a Resolution Transfer from Direct Pass Through to Unmet Needs Fund and Intrafund Transfers from Materials and Services to Transfers in the General Fund, Inmate Benefit, Courthouse Security, and Community Corrections Funds".
- (E) Resolution No. 22-2010, "In the Matter of the FFY 2010 Elections for O&C Land Related Safety-Net Payments".
- (F) Authorize Dave Hill to initiate the process to fill (2) Road Worker positions and (1) Lube Service Worker position, effective July 1, 2010.
- (G) Approve the request to promote Patsey Sadler from PO I to a PO II position, effective June 10, 2010.
- (H) Appoint Paul Simmons to the Transportation/Road Advisory Committee to complete the term of Frank Walling.
- (I) Appoint Jason Craft to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to complete the term of Jason Hudson.
- (J) Approve a partial Home Occupation/Conditional Use Permit fee waiver for Marci Tappan, reducing fee to \$533.00.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (K) Amendment #1 to the Emergency Relief Agreement with ODOT for Scappoose-Vernonia Road repairs.
- (L) GIS Data License Agreement with Green Diamond Resource Company and

authorize the Chair to sign.

- (M) Amendment #4 to Contract #52497 with the City of Portland, Office of Emergency Management, and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (N) Restrictive Covenant for Rainier Estby Station, restricting use for transportation services and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (O) Approve Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District Technical Assistance Award Contract and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (P) Memorandum of Cooperation for Water Conservation & Protection Plan.

The motion carried unanimously.

SPRINKLERS CONSIDERED FOR 1 & 2 FAMILY DWELLINGS:

Todd Dugdale and Bill Potter addressed the notice received from the State Building Codes Division where they are considering the adoption of the 2009 International Residential Code (IRC). This code contains a requirement that all 1 and 2 family dwellings have sprinkler systems. Todd noted that Building Officials across the state are generally opposed to this mandatory requirement and, would prefer that it be a local option for cities and counties. The Board does not support this as a requirement and will also look to AOC for an opinion on this.

TRANSFER STATION - SATURDAY VS SUNDAY:

Todd submitted this as information only and is not asking for any action. This is the weekend activity at the Transfer Station that the Board requested. He is expecting much more detailed information this week from Waste Management. Commissioner Fisher asked to see the detail by day. Roy Weedman has that information and will get that to the Board. Commissioner Bernhard suggested it may be an option for a seasonal closure as opposed to year round.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

No comments.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher attended the AOC Public Safety committee meeting by phone last Friday. An issue discussed was the a service fee schedule from the Oregon State Police, which basically would mean that if we use any state police services, we would be charged. This could be a potentially big hit to county and city budgets

and could dramatically effect services. Another item discussed is the medical costs for the jail and lifting the ceiling on the cap for medical services. One or two inmates with serious medical issues could drain the coffers. Both of these items are under discussion at this point.

Commissioner Fisher commented on the election detail received today. There are pages and pages of precinct positions with no candidates. This election is paid for by the voters and very costly. The Clerk is looking at legislation to make changes to requiring these positions be on the ballot. Commissioner Bernhard suggested they look at simply appointing these positions as opposed to elections.

Commissioner Fisher feels that, as we get ready for the upcoming legislative session, there are a number of issues we need to look at.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard attended her last United Way meeting last Thursday. She has been serving for the past 6 years, with retirement coming up, she is resigning from her position on this committee. She is hopeful that they will find a dedicated replacement to sit on this committee.

Last Friday, she participated in the AOC Human Services meeting by conference call. There are a lot of changes going on with the DHS mental health side of things and they are negotiating on how this will all play out. Also discussed was Veterans' Services, Senior services and how to address services versus funding.

On Saturday, she attended the St. Helens Senior Center grand opening and then went to the Sacagawea Center for their fund raiser. It was very well attended and they raised a lot of money.

She was in Scappoose early Saturday morning and had the opportunity to meet and talk with Chris Dudley, candidate for Governor.

On Sunday, she attended the funeral service for Dale Heimuller. The service was held out at the Fairgrounds due to the huge attendance. She conveyed the Board's condolences.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 19th day of May, 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

By: _____

Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh