

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 4, 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 Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2010 Work Session; July 28, 2010 Board meeting; and July 28, 2010 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. With no changes/additions, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for 8/3/10.
- (B) Appoint Commissioner Hyde to the Columbia County Economic Team.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (C) Amendment #2 to the Personal Services contract with KLS Surveying, Inc., for elevation certificates for flood rehabilitation projects.
- (D) Amendment #3 to the Personal Services Contract with Lower Columbia Engineering for foundation design and engineering services for flood rehabilitation projects.
- (E) Approval of Public Services Contract with Cardinal Staffing Services.

The motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY FACILITIES STUDY UPDATE:

Bill Potter, Building Services Manager, came before the Board to discuss the Courthouse facility study. A part of this study is to analyze the HVAC system and some grant funding has been received through ARRA for this project. The engineers have been working on the details and, in the process, they are recommending that some additional work be done to gain greater energy efficiencies and longer life span of the systems. That final report will be presented in a meeting with staff and Commissioner Fisher. Bill is here today to discuss the BETC (**Business Energy Tax Credits**) application for additional funding for this project. The application will not be completed until all the facts are received tomorrow, but it must be submitted by Friday at 5:00 p.m. It appears there will be a need for an additional \$200,000 to \$300,000 for the complete build-out of the HVAC system. After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the BETC application, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and authorize Commissioner Fisher to sign the completed application. The motion carried unanimously.

#### GINGER LEE - REQUEST FOR WAIVER:

Lonny Welter, Transportation Planner, addressed the request by Ginger Lee for a waiver of the requirement to have her driveway approach paved. Lonny gave some background on the permitting history of this property and, using visuals, explained the number of improvements to the property since 1999. To date, the driveway apron has still not been completed. Ms. Lee is trying to obtain a hardship home to care for her mother, but must first complete the access approach. The Lee's are experiencing some financial difficulties and therefore has requested the waiver of this requirement. After discussion on the options and comments by the Board, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to deny the request by Ginger Lee for a waiver of the access approach requirement. The motion carried unanimously.

#### COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde stated that the Board meetings are now back live on KOHI.

Last week he attended a meeting with GAO, Government Accounting Office, who is doing research on congressional requests. One study is on decommissioning costs of power plants.

He attended a Town Hall meeting in Vernonia last week for an update on the Vernonia School project.

He attended the CEPA meeting yesterday in Clatskanie.

He wanted to remind everyone that the Vernonia Jamboree is this weekend.

**COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fisher had a good meeting Friday with the interim director at the Port of St. Helens.

He also attended the CEPA meeting yesterday in Clatskanie. They talked a lot about the potentially hazardous cargo transported by rail.

Yesterday, he met with a group of people in Clatskanie who are looking at the medical needs around the county. There was some good discussion on what options are and are not available for medical services.

Commissioner Fisher wanted to personally thank Kathy Beck, United Way Director, for all of her hard work on putting together the Blues Festival in Clatskanie held last weekend. The Bluegrass Festival is next weekend in Clatskanie.

**COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bernhard reported on the TOC conference she attended in Albany last Thursday and Friday. There is a new certification process that would involve many of the junior colleges throughout the state. This certification would allow workers to be employed in a variety of "green" jobs.

On Monday night she attended the Scappoose City Council meeting. There was more discussion on the proposal to bring back the Scappoose Pow Wow. Everyone seemed to be very excited and heard no opposition, with the exception of one gentleman who had some concerns with the name and its reference to Native Americans. The Boosters may be looking at changing the name.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Anthony Hyde, Chair

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

Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Recording Secretary

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

Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

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

Jan Greenhalgh