

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 18, 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 August 10, 2010 Work Session; August 11, 2010 Board meeting; and August 11, 2010 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

HEARING: DEAN CRAMER APPEAL OF ACCESS APPROACH DEPOSIT:

This is the time set for hearing on the appeal filed by Dean Cramer for the access approach deposit forfeiture on Permit #6196. Mr. Cramer was not able to attend the hearing today but did submit a letter for the record.

Lonny Welter, Transportation Planner, came before the Board to give the staff report as outlined in his memo to the Board dated July 15, 2010. As of this date and to his knowledge, Lonny stated that the access approach has not been paved.

The hearing was opened for testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. Commissioner Bernhard sees that this has been going on for 3 years and the access approach is still not paved. Commissioner Fisher understands that things happen and construction doesn't always go as planned, however, the Cramer's were aware of the time frame when they applied for an extension. Commissioner Hyde asked if the time frame is clearly articulated on the permit application. Lonny stated that, under the old permit application it was not, however, it is articulated on the extension form. Commissioner Bernhard has a problem that the work still isn't done even after the second permit was issued. Commissioner Hyde stated that the Board is looking at a permit that started 3 years ago and, with the information

provided, cannot justify refunding the \$500 deposit.

After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to deny Dean Cramer's appeal of the forfeiture of his \$500 deposit on access approach permit #6196 and direct staff to prepare an order on the denial. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Hyde read the consent agenda in full. Robin pulled Item (D) and carried it over. With no other changes/additions, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for 8/17/10.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (B) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Contract DR-1733-OR Contract Funding Addendum - Management Costs and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (C) GIS Data License Agreement with Columbia Land Trust.
- (D) Demolition/Deconstruction Contract by and between Columbia County and Custom Excavating by Dean Larson, Inc. (***PULLED AND HELD OVER***)
- (E) Construction Contract with TFT Construction for the Scappoose-Vernonia Highway Culvert Replacement at MP 3.0.

The motion carried unanimously.

ORDER #48-2010 - VETERANS SERVICES LOCAL OPTION TAX LEVY:

Sarah has the final draft of Order 48-2010 and it is now ready to be finalized.

On the previous discussion, Commissioner Hyde suggested that "families" be added to the explanatory statement which has been added. Commissioner Bernhard wanted to clarify that the amount is 3.5 cents per \$1,000 for 5 years. For the benefit of the public, Commissioner Hyde explained the purpose of this tax levy.

After discussion, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve Order No. 48-2010. "In the Matter of Calling an Election to Consider the Columbia County Veterans Services Local Option Tax Levy". The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to authorize the Chair to sign the Notice of County Measure Election for the 5 Year Local Option Tax Levy for Veterans Services. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the Explanatory Statement for the 5 Year Local Option Tax Levy for Veterans Services

and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde commented on the Vernonia School project and the huge all class reunion and fund raiser held last weekend in Vernonia. There were upwards of 1,500 people that attended.

On Monday, he attended the Oregon Innovation Council meeting. This is a committee made up of several groups of people appointed by the Governor to look at high tech opportunities. It's exciting to see the cutting edge technology coming to Oregon.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher wanted to thank the county staff who put together the county employee picnic held last weekend. It went very well and we're lucky to have the employees we do who work so hard.

Yesterday he was in Portland attending a retreat with ESD. They spent a lot of time discussing shared services between other agencies to provide services to the public.

He made note that the Board held discussions last week on the recent courthouse facility study. It was determined that the courthouse needs some serious attention, which means money. The Board will need to make some decisions on what can be afforded. He mentioned that the use of local contractors is a priority for the Board, if they meet the criteria.

He attended a meeting last night in Clatskanie. A local resident, Margaret Magruder, talked about a new (green) business she is starting, using sheep wool for housing insulation. She is looking at a facility in Rainier. Commissioner Fisher mentioned that Margaret was extremely impressed with our new Economic Development Director, David Stocker. A lot of positive things are going on in the county and we continue to look at these opportunities.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard also commented on the use of local companies and local employees for county contracts, which is a priority for this Board.

Ron Kroop and David Kim of ODOT came by the office yesterday to discuss the Hwy

30 corridor study. ODOT will be gathering data on the safety of Hwy 30 from Scappoose through Astoria due to the number of accidents in this corridor. He will be putting together a task force and Commissioner Bernhard suggested local participation. She noted the importance of looking hard at the Bennett Road and Gable Road intersections.

She spent some time at the employee picnic last Saturday. It went very well and she wanted to thank all those involved in putting it together.

Also on Saturday, she attended the opening of Veterans Park in Scappoose. The weather was very warm, but it went well and the Veterans did a very nice job with their flag presentation.

Last Thursday she was in the Dalles attending a GOHBI meeting. They continue discussing the integration of mental health and public health services, how it might work and other details involved with that.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(h) - LITIGATION:

This item was pulled and held over to the afternoon Staff meeting.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 18th day of August, 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: _____

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