

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 20, 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 October 12, 2010 Work Session and October 13, 2010 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

HEARING: LOAN FINANCING FROM SPWF BY CONTRACT WITH OBDD:

This is the time set for the public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 2010-8, "In the Matter of an Ordinance Authorizing Permanent Loan Financing from the Special Public Works Fund by Entering into a Loan Contract with the Oregon Business Development Department - L02002".

Sarah pointed to the Loan Contract, Agreement and Promissory Note included in the packet. In 2002, the County entered into a loan agreement for interim financing for Phase 1A road improvements. We now have the final terms for permanent financing. A public hearing is required to finalize the financing. Sarah has included an emergency clause to get the ordinance approved and back to the state by their deadline.

The hearing was opened for public testimony.

With no testimony coming before the Board, the hearing was closed for deliberation. Commissioner Hyde stated that this has been a long time coming and glad to see it is now ready for approval. Sarah gave the first and second reading of Ordinance No. 2010-8, by title only. With that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-8, "In the Matter of an Ordinance Authorizing Permanent Loan Financing from the Special Public Works Fund by Entering

into a Loan Contract with the Oregon Business Development Department - L02002".
The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-9: COLUMBIA CITY MAP AMENDMENT TO EXPAND UGB:

This is the time set for the reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2010-9, "In the Matter of an Application by Columbia City for a Major Map Amendment to Expand the City's Urban Growth Boundary by Approximately 6.04 Acres".

Robin stated that an Emergency Clause has been added to this Ordinance at the request of the City of Columbia City and agreed to by the Board. Sarah gave the first and second reading of Ordinance No. 2010-9, by title only. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-9, "In the Matter of an Application by Columbia City for a Major Map Amendment to Expand the City's Urban Growth Boundary by Approximately 6.04 Acres".
The motion carried unanimously.

DELIBERATIONS: AMEND CCZO & COMP PLAN TO BE IN COMPLIANCE:

This is the time set for deliberations, "In the Matter of Amending the Columbia County Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan to Bring Columbia County Forest and Agriculture Zones into Compliance with State Law".

The Board held a public hearing on this matter and the record was closed. Planning staff has made some changes to the Ordinance that need to be addressed in the record.

Todd Dugdale, LDS Director, reviewed the changes, and noted that they are not substantive, basically proper formatting changes and spelling errors. Todd stated that an emergency clause has been included to address applications that have been in the process for a long time and the applicants that have been stymied by the more restrictive code and cannot finalize their applications.

After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to tentatively approve this application, with the emergency clause, direct staff to prepare an Ordinance for adoption and set Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at or after 10:00 am for the reading of said ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAIM OCTOBER 24-30, 2010 AS "PRO BONO WEEK":

Commissioner Hyde read the proclamation into record after which Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to proclaim October 24-30, 2010 as "Pro Bono Week". The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for 10/19/10.
- (B) Ratify letter to Dennis Sigrist, Oregon Emergency Management, regarding HMGP 1733-0002.
- (C) Ratify the appointment of James Fery and James Tierney as Chairperson's Pool and James Fery, James Tierney, Eric Sellix as Non-Office-Holding Pool to the Board of Property Tax Appeals.
- (D) Order No. 65-2010, "In the Matter of Adopting the Columbia County Drug and Alcohol Policy for Mass Transit Safety-Sensitive Functions".
- (E) FEMA Model Statement of Assurances for Property Acquisition Projects and authorize the Chair to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (F) State of Oregon Special Public Works Fund Amended and Restated Financial Assistance Award Contract for L02002 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (G) Amended and Restated Loan Agreement between the State of Oregon Acting by and Through its Business Development Department and Columbia County for L02002 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (H) Third Amended and Restated Promissory Note L02002 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (I) Amendment #6 to the Oregon Commission on Children & Families 2009-2011 County Intergovernmental Agreement COL0911 and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON DISSOLVING OF SCAPPOOSE PARKS RECREATION DISTRICT:

Commissioner Fisher stated that a public hearing was held on this matter last week and the decision was made by the Board to carry over deliberations to November 3, 2010 to allow members of the parks district and the City of Scappoose to submit comments.

Sarah stated that this request was brought to the Board by the Scappoose Parks & Recreation. The decision for the Board is to either dissolve the District on their own or put it on the ballot for election.

After discussion, the Board stated they would be taking action on Order No. 58-2010, "In the Matter of Dissolving the Scappoose Parks and Recreation District without Election" at the November 3, 2010 Board meeting.

CONTRACT WITH LRS:

Sarah briefly reviewed the contract with LRS for upgrades to the courthouse. Commissioner Bernhard mentioned that the Board has stressed that contracts entered into by the County encourage the use of local contractors and sub-contractors whenever possible. With that, Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the Personal Services Contract with LRS Architects for architectural and engineering services for the Columbia County Courthouse facility upgrade project. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended the groundbreaking on October 8th for the new West Oregon Electric facility in Vernonia.

On Monday, he attended an AOC meeting with the Governor and staff on the economic state of the State. It was a heavy dose of reality. He then flew to Sunriver to give a presentation to the Oregon Forest Council.

Last Wednesday, he made a report on the Oregon Solutions Project to the Governor. He stated that they will be breaking ground for the new Vernonia School on November 2nd.

Wednesday evening he was in Astoria to give a presentation on revitalization of a community and on Thursday, he gave the same presentation to Emergency Management in Hood River.

He reported on a meeting he attended to address the Annual NACO Conference which is to be held in Portland this year. They are expecting a large contingency from all over the country and it will be a very good way to showcase Portland.

Commissioner Hyde reported that Tillamook County Commissioner Tim Josi's wife passed away and the Board is thinking about him during this very hard time.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

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Commissioner Fisher met with the auditors last week. It seems to be going well and noted that there have been a lot of changes happening in the Finance Dept. The auditors should be making a report to the Board before the end of the year.

He reported on the meeting he attended with Todd Dugdale and the Corp of Engineers, Diking Districts and other agencies.

On Friday, he participated in a public safety meeting with AOC by conference call. Commissioner Fisher is very distressed about what he's hearing on what can happen during the legislative session with regards to charging communities for services provided by the State Police. This could have a huge impact on small communities and we all need to be very vigilant on even basic services.

Yesterday, he was out looking at Hermo Road. It has been turned back to a gravel road because of the inability of keeping up with paving projects.

He attended a United Way event yesterday. He encouraged everyone to support the United Way and noted that what we donate in our community, stays in our community.

The county will be holding an evacuation drill today at 11:00. Commissioner Fisher encouraged everyone to think about what they would do in their own homes during an emergency and prepare themselves.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard was in Bandon last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday attending a Workforce Alliance meeting. She reported on the Oregon Green Technology Certificate program that was discussed.

She saw an article in the Oregonian that President Obama will be coming to Portland today. He needs to be made aware of our timber industry and the need to look at the O&C funding.

EVACUATION DRILL:

Held after the meeting was over.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

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Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 20th day of October, 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