

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

October 27, 2010

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde, Commissioner Earl Fisher and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with Robin McIntyre, Assistant 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 Bernhard seconded to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2010 Work Session; October 20, 2010, Board meeting and October 20, 2010 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Linda Sallee, 59946 Sunrise Drive, St. Helens: She is a member of the Columbia County Parks Advisory Committee, however she is here as an individual to discuss some things about the Parks Committee. There were problems getting a quorum together and, as a result, some meetings had to be canceled and rescheduled. Because of this, it has been suggested that the Parks Committee hold quarterly meetings as opposed to monthly meeting. Linda feels that whatever is decided, the committee needs to be consistent in holding those meetings, otherwise the public doesn't know what's going on. She mentioned that Stephanie Klepel has applied for a position on the Parks Committee, but no formal action has been taken by the Commissioners. It is her opinion that there is not a lot of communication with the Commissioners and asked what they are expecting of this committee.

Commissioner Hyde stated that the Board tries to hold an annual meeting with various committees and agrees that it is time to do that again.

Commissioner Bernhard attends the Parks meetings regularly. She spoke with Bill Eagle about the process for appointments and reappointments. She asked that the committee send their recommendations to the Board, along with any suggested changes in meeting dates and/or frequency of meetings.

Linda stated that the Parks Committee is in favor of having Stephanie Klepel appointed but because they don't have a secretary, a letter of recommendation has not been sent yet and she noted that there is one member that doesn't make most of the meetings.

The Board feels that communication with committees is important to understand the goals of both sides. The Board agreed to set an evening meeting with the Parks Committee after the first of the year.

ORDINANCE 2010-6 - AMEND CCZO, FLOOD HAZARD OVERLAY ZONE:

This is the time set for deliberations on Ordinance No. 2010-6 however Robin asked that the Board continue this matter for one week to allow staff to finalize the Ordinance. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Fisher seconded to carry over deliberations on this matter to Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at or after 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for 10/26/10.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (B) Amendment #1 to the Personal Services Contract by and between Columbia County and Community Action Team, Inc., for Healthy Start Services.
- (C) Memorandum of Agreement for Child Safety Seat - Low Income Assistance Program with ACTS Oregon and authorize Jan Kenna to sign.
- (D) Memorandum of Understanding with High Impact Technology, Inc. and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended the annual NWRC&D dinner meeting last Thursday at Camp 18. It was a very good meeting and they shared information on all of their projects for the past year.

On Friday, the Board attended the Armory Open House that houses our National Guard.

Yesterday, he was in Vernonia in a series of meetings on the Vernonia School project. Groundbreaking will be held on November 2nd.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher also attended the open house for the National Guard Armory in

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St. Helens. This is a first class operation for our National Guard to train.

He has been out looking at some of the county roads that have been turned back to gravel. Hermo Road is one of them and the neighbors seem to appreciate it because the asphalt was in such bad shape.

He attended a strategic planning meeting for the Public Health Department. There was a lot of discussion on services provided given the funding realities they face.

On Thursday, he also attended the CCCC meeting. Representatives from the State were there to talk about what is going on with this program and upcoming transitions. The money is simply not there and changes will definitely be taking place with the services currently provided. They

talked about shared services and what is the most important services provided. There are some good programs that will have to be sacrificed.

He wanted to mention that art work has now been hung around the Courthouse from the local art groups and the art work will be changed about every 2-3 months.

He mentioned his visit with Michael Seeley, who operates a mint farm in Clatskanie. He is going to donate candies, teas, soap, etc. for a basket for the annual AOC conference. If other local businesses have products they would like promote, he would encourage them to come forward with to have them showcased.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard mentioned that the Board held their first evacuation drill last Wednesday. It went very well and she wanted to thank Derek White and his staff for putting that together.

She attended the Public Health meeting and CAT meeting. She was really impressed with the work that the Health District did in putting together good information explaining the various services they provide.

She also attended the Armory Open House. She was impressed with the way they went "green". This will be a facility that people can use for weddings, community events, etc. in addition to training.

She attended the annual NWRC&D meeting and, as always, it was excellent. It's good to see the people recognized for what they do.

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There was no Executive Session held.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon, this 27th 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, Recording Secretary