## BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Authorizing Columbia 9-1-1	)	
Communications District to Construct a Gate in	)	ORDER NO. 81-2008
the Right-of-Way of Bridge Street	)	

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 368.056, the Board of County Commissioners may authorize the issuance of a permit to a person to allow construction of a gate on a public road under the jurisdiction of the County; and

WHEREAS, in issuing such a permit, the Board of County Commissioners may impose any conditions or specifications on the permit it determines to be advisable to preserve the purposes of the public road, and may include a requirement that the person issued the permit shall bear all costs of construction and maintenance of the gate; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District ("Columbia 9-1-1") has a public safety radio site off of Bridge Street on Corey Hill in Vernonia, which also cellular communications systems, cable television installations and a City of Vernonia water reservoir; and

WHEREAS, Columbia 9-1-1 has requested the authorization to construct a gate in the Bridge Street right-of-way, a copy of which request is attached hereto as Attachment 1, and is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the County Road Official has recommended that the County authorize Columbia 9-1-1 to construct and maintain a steel gate at the proposed location provided that gate access is provided to the County, other property owners and occupants served by Bridge Street beyond the proposed location of said gate, as well as all fire and emergency services operators; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Road Standards prohibits the placement of any structure in the right-of-way of any County road or public road under County jurisdiction without first obtaining a Construction Permit from the Columbia County Road Department;

## NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

- 1. The Columbia 9-1-1 Communications District is authorized to construct and maintain a steel gate at the location shown on the area map which is attached hereto as Attachment 2, and is incorporated herein by this reference, upon the issuance of a Columbia County Construction Permit by the Columbia County Road Department.
- 2. The above authorization is subject to the following conditions:
  - i. Columbia 9-1-1, its assigns, and successors in interest, shall at all times be

solely responsible for the maintenance and repair of such gate. Columbia 9-1-1 shall keep the gate in good repair.

- ii. The gate shall be constructed of steel with two reflectorized object marker signs (zebra boards) on each side of the gate for visibility purposes.
- iii. The County Road Department shall install an advance warning sign on Bridge Street to warn of the presence of the gate, and shall be responsible for the maintenance and replacement of such signage.
- iv. A key to the gate shall be provided to all owners and occupants of property having access onto Bridge Street beyond the location of the gate, the County Road Department, and to all local fire and emergency services operators.
- v. Columbia 9-1-1, its assigns or successors in interest, shall remove the gate at its sole expense upon a determination by the Board of County Commissioners that the gate is no longer in the public interest, or immediately upon request of the County Roadmaster if an emergency situation occurs which requires its removal.
- vi. Columbia 9-1-1, its assigns or successors in interest, shall follow all applicable provisions of the Columbia County Road Standards, Ordinance No. 96-6, as may be amended.
- vii. Columbia 9-1-1, its assigns or successors in interest shall provide insurance in an amount to be determined by the County Roadmaster, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its Board of Commissioners, the Roadmaster and all other County officers, agents and employees from any claim which might arise on account of the issuance of the Construction Permit, or this Gate Permit. The County Roadmaster shall require a certificate of insurance to be provided.

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viii. The Columbia County Roadmaster shall issue a Public Road Construction Permit to Columbia 9-1-1 upon Columbia 9-1-1's compliance, to the Roadmaster's satisfaction, with all applicable Columbia County Road Standards.

Approved as to Form

By: Office of County Counsel

Office of County Counsel



## Columbia 9·1·1Communications District

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September 22, 2008

Dave Hill, Columbia County Road Master 1054 Oregon Street St Helens, OR 97051

Dave;

Please accept this letter as our request for approval to place a gate at the entrance to Corey Hill in Vernonia. As you are aware, Columbia 9-1-1 has a public safety radio site at this location. The access to the site is off of the end of Bridge Street near the entrance to the cemetery. This location also has cellular communications systems, cable TV installations and a City of Vernonia water reservoir.

C911CD proposed to have a gate constructed and installed that will replace the current cable that blocks the access road. A new gate will provided better access control to the site and will reduce the risk of injury that could be caused by the current cable.

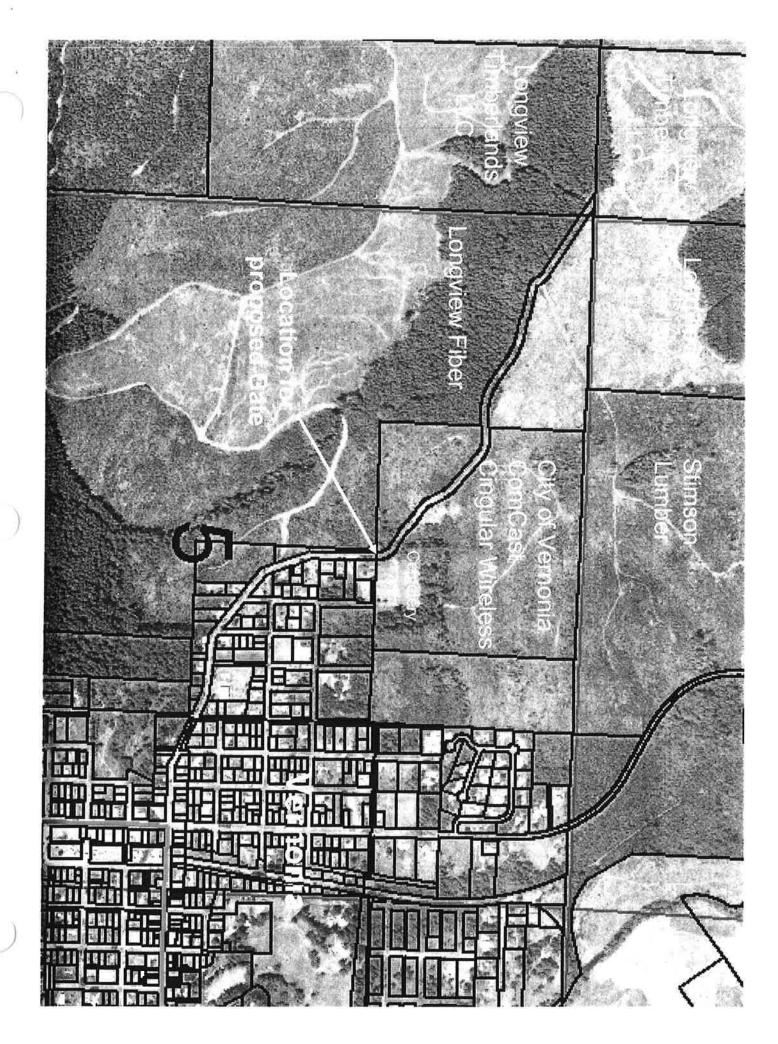
As with the gate placement at the Meissner site, which was approved by your office and the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, C911CD will purchase the gate, arrange for installation and provide a multiple lock system. This will allow approved agencies to place a lock on the gate. All ongoing maintenance of the gate will be coordinated by C911CD.

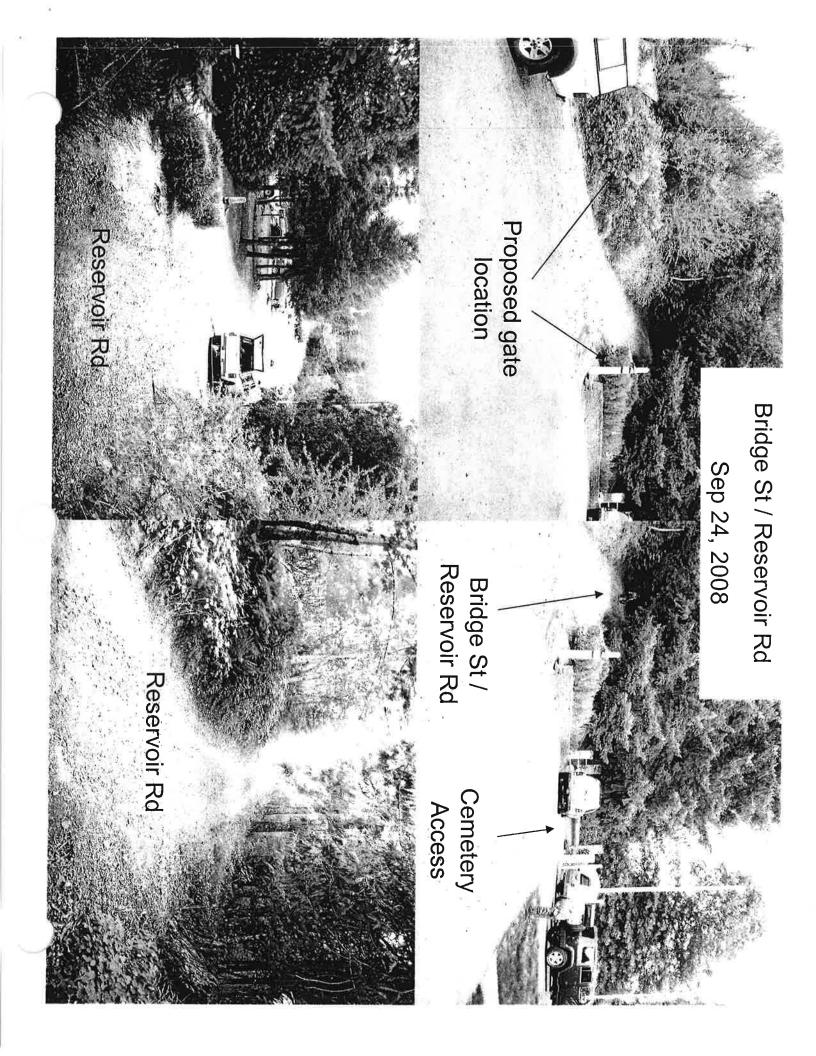
C911CD has contracted with a manufacturer for the gate at the Meissner site and we plan to use the same contractor for this gate. This company has installed gates in our county for several landowners.

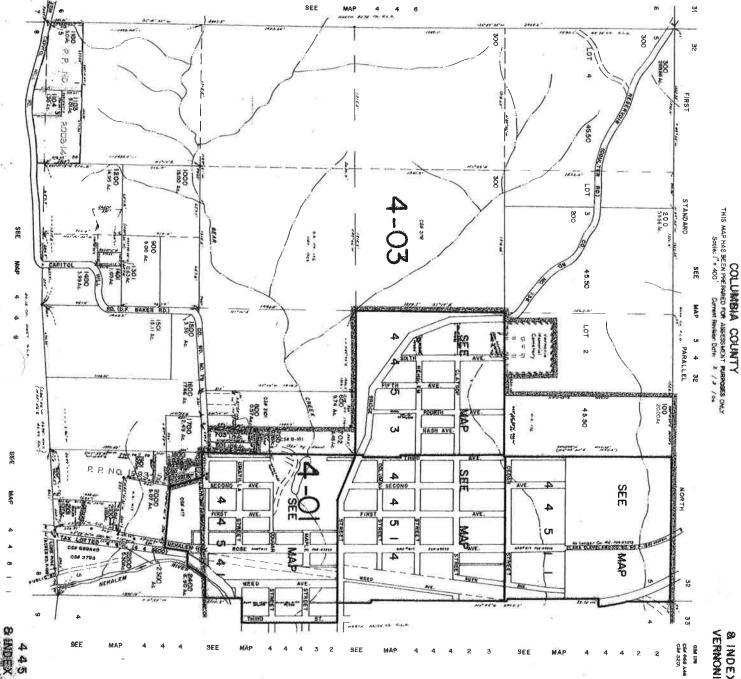
Thanks for your consideration of this request

Professionally;

Steve Watson







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