

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 30, 2009

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Rita Bernhard and Commissioner Earl Fisher, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, Spencer Parsons, Assistant County Counsel and Cynthia Zemaitis, acting Board secretary. Commissioner Hyde was on vacation.

Commissioner Bernhard called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2009 Board meeting and December 16, 2009 Staff meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CHECK FROM THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB:

The Commissioners presented a grant check and donations from the American Kennel Club to Roger Kadell for the Columbia County Animal Control Program. The grant was for \$4,484 from the AKC's Campaign Animal program to help establish a temporary animal shelter and emergency animal response teams which will coordinate with County Emergency Management during emergencies. Roger stated that this will get them to the implementation stage as opposed to the planning stage, and gives them a step above most other counties in terms of preparedness. The AKC has also donated 100 micro chips valued at \$1,000 and a chip scanner valued at \$250.

Commissioner Fisher expressed appreciation for Roger's dedication in following through on this. It will be very helpful in an emergency.

JENNIFER CUELLER-SMITH – AUDIT

Jennifer stated that she just received the draft of the audit yesterday. Since this is due to the State by the 31st, and Jennifer needs adequate time to review it, she has filed for an extension. Commissioner Fisher asked why it has taken the auditors so long to get a draft in. Jennifer said she understood that they started earlier this year. She had a serious conversation with a higher up in the auditing firm and learned that there was staff turn-over and the gentlemen in charge of our audit was no longer there. Jennifer is also still in the learning phase, so it may have taken her longer to answer any questions they had.

1st & 2nd READING OF ORDINANCE 2009-11 - AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2005-1:

This is the time set for the first and second reading of Ordinance No. 2009-11, "In the Matter of Amending Ordinance No. 2005 - 1, Approving the Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map Amendments for the Bates & Roth Site to Correct Scrivener's Error".

Spencer explained that three pages from the staff report were missing in the final Ordinance No. 2005-1 when it was approved and recorded in the Commissioners' Journal. This new ordinance is simply to insert pages 53, 54 and 55 of the staff report into the ordinance.

With that, Spencer gave the first and second reading of Ordinance No. 2009-11, by title only. Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-11, "In the Matter of Amending Ordinance No. 2005 - 1, Approving the Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map Amendments for the Bates & Roth Site to Correct Scrivener's Errors". The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Bernhard 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 12/22/09 & 12/29/09.
- (B) Ratify Partition Plat for Columbia River PUD and Columbia County.
- (C) Order No. 86-2009, "In the Matter of Amending Order No. 39 - 2004, the Application of Northwest Aggregates, aka Glacier NW, for a Site Design Review to Mine the Fort James Site".
- (D) Order No. 87-2009, "In the Matter of Declaring Certain Personal Property Owned by Columbia County to be Surplus to the County's Needs and Directing the Disposal Thereof [Photocopier]".
- (E) Order No. 88-2009, "In the Matter of Approving Title III Projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 as Amended and Re-authorized by Public Law 110-343".
- (F) Order No. 89-2009, "In the Matter of Amending the Rules and Regulations and Fee Schedule Governing Columbia County Forests, Parks, Beaches, Docks and Other Recreational Facilities Subject to Ordinance No. 94-9".

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Ratify the Chair's signature on the Oregon Parks & Recreation Grant for Crown Zellerbach Trail Mitigation Measures.

- (H) Amendment #11 to the 2009-2011 Intergovernmental Agreement #127291 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.
- (I) License and Indemnity Agreement with the City of Rainier Police Department for use of the Columbia County Firearms Range Complex.

The motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ITEMS:

Sarah Hanson stated that the UNC has recommended that three separate letters be approved by the Board. The first two are addressed to Oregon Emergency Management and concern the Hazard Mitigation grant. The third is a template of a letter that will be sent to each property owner whose house may be purchased under the Community Development Block Grant, and will need to be signed individually at the time they are needed. Sarah recommended that the Board approve the first two letters, and approve the third letter as a template that will go to individual property owners to be signed by the Chair as appropriate.

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the letter to OEM for HMGP No. 1733-13-R Phase One regarding the Country Kitchen Acquisition and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the letter to OEM for HMGP No. 1733-13-R Phase Two regarding the Vernonia Sentry Market Floodproofing and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the form letter to Columbia County property owners for acquisition of flood damaged property and authorize the Chair to sign, and work with the powers that be to see if they can make this a workable situation in successfully obtaining signatures as Sarah has recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

Commissioner Bernhard stated that holiday festivities going on have taken quite a bit of time. Commissioner Bernhard acknowledged that Spencer Parsons is leaving us, and expressed her appreciation for all the good work he has done.

She indicated that there was a need to reappoint Casey Mitchell to the Northwest Housing Authority. Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to reappoint Casey Mitchell to the Northwest Housing Authority. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Bernhard also stated that Genevieve Sadley has resigned and they will begin looking for a replacement next week.

Commissioner Bernhard indicated that this was her last meeting as Chair. She wanted to thank everyone for all their help during this very difficult year and is sorry to say that she believes this next year will be just as challenging.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Not present.

COMMISSIONER FISHER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Fisher indicated he has worked very hard on some very difficult situations. He attended a meeting yesterday of the Commission on Children and Families in Hillsboro where they were working on organizational issues. The new chair of the Board of the Oregon CCF took the time to attend and listen to the concerns raised. The consensus was that all phases of government need to make sure they start working in harmony, which was stressed a great deal.

Commissioner Fisher would like to apologize to the workers in this building that they came to work without the parking lot being cleaned of ice and snow. That is unacceptable to this Commissioner and he will work to be sure that doesn't happen again.

Commissioner Fisher wishes all County employees and all citizens of the County a Happy New Year.

NEXT MEETING SET

Commissioner Fisher moved to have the first meeting of the New Year on January 5, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 308. Commissioner Bernhard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no Executive Session held.

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

NOTE: A tape of this meeting is available for purchase by the public or interested parties.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 30th day of December, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Rita Bernhard, Chair

By: Not Present
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary: By: _____
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

By: _____
Cynthia Zemaitis, Acting Board Secretary