

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 17, 2008

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Anthony Hyde (via telephone), Commissioner Joe Corsiglia and Commissioner Rita Bernhard, together with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2008 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Ron Youngberg, Homeland Emergency Management Committee, spoke with Vicki Harguth about the current weather conditions and is starting the preparation of the appropriate paperwork. The County may need to declare an emergency as soon as tomorrow. Some places could see a foot of snow, freezing rain, with more snow coming. Commissioner Hyde was on the phone with the Army Corp and weather service this morning and there is snow in the forecast for the next 3 weeks. We should have our ducks in a row should we need to declare an emergency. Commissioner Bernhard asked if we could claim any costs back to last Sunday and Commissioner Hyde confirmed we could. No formal action was taken by the Board at this time.

Chad Olsen, City of St. Helens, stated that the city offices will be closing at 12:00 noon today.

Commissioner Bernhard stated that, if the courthouse is closed, she will put the information on the County's voice mail system and Janet Wright will prepare a press release. Jean Ripa stated that the policy is that, if the Board closes the courthouse, employees will be paid for up to a week.

After discussion, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to close county offices today at 12:00 noon for all non-essential county employees. The motion carried unanimously.

Janet Wright will send an email to employees and prepare a press release.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- (A) Ratify the Select-to-Pay for 12/16/08.
- (B) Ratify letter to the Columbia County Republican Central Committee signed by the Board of Commissioners.
- (C) Approve the refund request by Jeannette Garner for withdrawal of a partition application in the amount of \$1,155.00.
- (D) Approve the 2009 Social Gaming License for the St. Helens Moose Lodge #591.
- (E) Appoint Steve Scott, to replace John Krause and Darrel Lockhart, to replace Dwayne Barnes on the Transportation Road Advisory Committee.
- (F) Reappoint Don Kalberer and Barbara Larson to the Columbia County Museum Board of Directors.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (G) Amendment #49 to the 2007-2009 Intergovernmental Agreement #119925 with DHS and authorize the Chair to sign.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde gave a brief report on the weather in Vernonia.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

None.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

- ▶ Commissioner Bernhard addressed the staffing problems in the Road Department. Some are up to 35 hours of overtime in the last week. There was a hold put on any hiring of staff, however, with the current weather situation, the Road Department needs to hire some staff. Commissioner Bernhard asked if Lonny Welter has checked with Cardinal Staffing. Lonny will do that, however there are some specific job requirements.

Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to authorize Dave Hill to fill 2 Road Worker positions in the Road Department and to deal with any seasonal hiring as needed. The motion carried unanimously.

Another issue is weight restrictions on county roads due to the freeze. Lonny explained that the Board needs to approve this by order. The Board is in agreement to have the Road Department move forward with the paperwork to limit weight restrictions on certain county roads with an order to be completed once the actual roads are determined.

Lonny reported on the January 1st Mud Run up in the Yankton area. It is anticipated to be a bigger event than usual. Lonny has been asked if no parking signs will be posted along the roads near the run. With that, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to authorize the Road Department to post “no parking” signs during the annual mud run. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(2)(e)(d)(h):

The Board recessed the regular session to go into Executive Session as allowed under ORS 192.660(2)(e)(d)(h). Upon coming out of Executive Session, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Corsiglia seconded to add \$400 reconveyance fee on foreclosed properties as discussed last week. The motion carried unanimously.

ORD #2008-6: REGULATING EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS:

Sarah read Ordinance No. 2008-6, twice by title only. If approved, it will be effective the date the measure would be effective.

At this time, Commissioner Bernhard moved and Commissioner Hyde seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-6, “In the Matter of an Ordinance Regulating the Employment of Unauthorized Aliens”. The motion carried unanimously.

YEAR END BOARD MEETINGS:

The staff meeting today at 2:00 pm is canceled; the December 23, 2008 work session is canceled; and the December 24, 2008 Board meeting and Staff meeting is canceled.

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

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 17th day of December, 2008.

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: _____
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By: _____
Jan Greenhalgh

By: _____
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner