Board of Commissioners

(Memorandum Minutes)

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with Chairman Fred Foshaug presiding, Commissioners Minkoff and Ahlborn and secretary Gloria Salvey (deputy clerk) present. Also present a large part of the during meeting was Mrs. Mary Earnest

a visitor Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Ahlborn seconded the minutes of the meeting October 31 be approved.

Motion carried. Miscellaneious claims were approved

Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Ahlborn seconed to approve the following purchase orders; 2647, McCormack Pipe, culvert, \$2,438.94; 2644. Traffic Safety Supply signs \$533.50; 2313, Chevron Asphalt, MC-250, \$1,773.75; 2641 Olson & Johnson Shell, petroleum products, \$519.69; 2437, Kynsi & Lammi, clearing, hauling & machine rent, Charles Grayson property on Clatskanie River, \$1,062.00; 2639, Clatskanie PUD, heaters, \$1,195.80. Motion carried

Keith Thompson, roadmaster, met with the board and advised the complaint received from Mr. and Mrs. BenTre' had been resolved by agreement with property owner that the gate closing the road would be moved.

Thompson indicated he had asked who was responsible for assigning "P" numbers to roads, and who was responsible for maintenance of "road jackets, but as yet had not received a reply

Thompson reported the railroad crossing should be complete this morning, at a cost of \$2,340. However, he indicated there would probably be an-

other \$400 in actual costs. Thompson reported most road department activity this week was attention to the snow. He stated there were a considerable amount of problems in the high levels because of trees and brush. Next week, plans include grading on several roads, and brush cutting in some of the problem areas. He indicated that they will be trying to get an overlay on the Lentz road west of Rainier, and culverts on the Thomas Road, near Highway 30 in Warren.

Thompson indicated there was nothing new from Columbia t as to delivery date on the new sanders and plows, so they are anticipated about December 1. The plows will be put on

the 10-yard trucks. Thompson then discussed with the board the matter of requirement of physical examinations for employees, and indicated several of the newer employees had not had them. This was to have been reactivated some time ago, but a revised medical form had not yet been com-

Commissioner Minkoff inquired as to the status of the overlay on Highway 30. Thompson indicated he had received quotations, and would submit them later in the day.

Commissioner Ahlborn asked about the water line situation into the dog pound, and Thompson stated nothing had been done, and he recommended the project be contracted and a seperate meter installed. Thompson was requested to take care of this, since there is insufficient water pressure at the pound for required sanitation.

Thompson stated there is a problem with the Viewcrest subdivision assessment roll, in that the computer costs do not check out with the ledger costs. He stated it will be November 21st

before the assessment is com-

Thompson indicated he had contacted a "sign man" who was willing to come to work for Columbia County at a starting salary of \$825 per month, with a guaranteed 6 percent increase at the end of six months. After discussion, the board concluded there could be no guarantee of any increase, and that Civil Service would have to recommend a starting salary for the

Eric Carlson met with the board to review several items which were scheduled for action by the Civil Service Commission at their meeting.

At 10:30 a.m. the board recessed their meeting to attend the Civil Service Commission meet-

Mrs. Lee Miller met with the board to advise that a new refrigerator is needed in the health department for storage of vaccines, another examining table is needed, and another file cabinet. She also discussed recent legislative requirements for additional services to be provided by the health departments.

Jeri Johnson met with the board to request that since a salary range change had been recommended for several positions, that hers also be considered. This was taken under advisement.

Terry Rahe met with the board to discuss capital outlay items needed by the health departments, and presented a list of priority items.

Doug Stewart, assistant principal, St. Helens High School, met with the board to discuss the upcoming National Student Government Day, and requested permission to bring student council members on a tour of the courthouse. Because of the AOC convention, it was agreed November 21, from 1:30 until 3 p.m. would be set as date and time for this tour.

At 2 p.m. a public hearing was held on the requested vacation of portion of the A.L.Morgan Road, No. 111. Keith Thompson presented written recommendations about the proposed vacation, which indicated that the original survey starting point could not be located, and therefore, it was not possible to locate the road in question. However, he indicated that since there was a possibility that tax lot 3473-1 would be isolated by the proposed vacation, the petitioner should either provide access to that parcel by dedication of a 50foot right of way or the petitioner should acquire that parcel. There being no one present to represent the petitioner, nor other remonstrances, Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Ahlborn seconded the petitioner be notified of the recommendation of the roadmaster, and upon compliance, the road be vacated as petitioned. Motion carried.

Thompson then presented Purchase Order No. 2650, to St. Helens Paving Company, for emergency repair work necessary on old Highway 30 as a result of heavy construction at the Beaver Industrial Site. Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Ahlborn seconded the purchase order be approved in the total sum of \$20,140. Motion carried.

Ron Reeves met with the board and presented Surface Mining Permit of Don Hooper, which was approved by the

Clyde Pugh met with the board to discuss the insulation of the old courthouse attic, as required by the fire marshall. He was requested to proceed with the necessary insulation project.

A quotation was received from Gene Alexander for painting portions of the courthouse.

Robert Stevens, together with Dr. Del Cole, director Region 1, and Allen Sternberg, Mental Health specialist, met with the board to discuss reimbursible funds for the mental health division. They also discussed planning for future reimbsible

fund projects. Option for Access Road Easement was signed, for access to and from the St. Johns-Longview transmission lines, across fairgrounds property

A claim for lamb killed was denied, since there was no proof that dogs had killed the lamb. The claim had been submitted by John Koller, Jr.

Because of the AOC convention to be held November 14-16. 1973, the board agreed to hold their next meeting on Tuesday, November 13.

District Attorney Lucas met with the board to discuss personnel status and changes in Enforcement Fund personnel, resulting from transfer from the Sheriff's department.

The offer of \$100 each to purchase Lots 1 through 4. inclusive, Block 9, Reuben, received from Bernard Zawiki, was accepted.

UGN Totals On Rise

County-wide United Good Neighbors totals continued to grow this past week with Clatskanie at \$4832 or 120 percent of their goal, Rainier with \$5,708, or 104 percent; St. Helens, \$9735, 42 percent; Scappoose-Warren, \$1594. 65 percent and Vernonia with \$1436, or 71 percent of the total goal. County totals so far are \$23,306 or 66.5 percent of the total goal of \$35,000.

Washington Visit Enjoyed

RIVERVIEW-Earlier in the month Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schalock spent several days visiting relatives and celebrating anniversaries in eastern Washington. At Cheeny they brated the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Doty of Everett and the 25th also of Mr. and Mrs. Schalock, Mr. and Mrs Cecil Dial of Sprague had been the best man and maid of honor fifty years ago at the Stark wedding and were at the anniversary.

After returning home Mr. and Mrs. Schalock went out to dinner on the actual date of the Schalock's anniversary

Mr. and Mrs Hank Hudson and Debbie visited relatives on the coast Saturday through Monday. They took Mrs. Ellen Glenn of Otis and visited Mrs. Rhoda Woods and other relatives at Coos Bay

S.S.G. Jerry Buckner left for Germany Monday after spending a 40-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Buckner.

Tobacco is grown in 25 of the 50 states on approximately one-half



ARRIVALS

************************* Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Berge October 18, a boy, Trygve

Antonio, who weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces. He joins two brothers and one sister. Brian Patrick was the name

chosen for the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Fennell, born November 10 at 2:46 p.m. at the Forest Grove Hospital. The little lad weighed five pounds, 141/2 ounces and was 19 inches long at birth. He joins a sister, Shannon, 21-months old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl King, Vernonia; Mr. and Mrs. William Fennell, Paso Robles, California; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis, Astoria. Greatgrandparents are Emily King, Vernonia; and Anna Dial, Kelso, Washington.

Handicapped **Aided By PCC**

To courageous people, handicap need not mean helpless. Proof: some 300 people with handicaps of all sorts are currently attending Portland Community College, learning new

skills and enriching their lives.
One of these is Mrs. Lorrain Cline, 55, for many years a victim of multiple sclerosis. She has never allowed her progressive incapacities to keep her from the main stream of life, but has maintained a "business as usual" attitude.

Mrs. Cline spent ten years as a Girl Scout leader and three years on the Easter Seal board. She organized and headed the largest volunteer recreational organization in Washington and has worked constantly for the benefit of people with problems similar to her own.

An avid swimmer, Mrs. Cline has logged 350 swimming miles since she took to her wheelchair and won a 50-mile swimming trophy. In addition, she has taught hydro gymnastics, poolside ballet, and adaptive aquatics. She would like to become involved in some such program at PCC.

Brown Foliage Not Necessarily Disease

Pines, arborvitae, and other evergreen are showing more than the normal amount of brown foliage and it is not caused by insects or disease.

Reports from Wilbur W. Burkhart, Area Extension Agent, show complaints to run high from all parts of Western Oregon. Examination in the field and laboratory show no disease or insects but reveal hidden damage of the type associated with severe winters followed by dry periods in the summer.

Plant pathologists attribute increased browning to normal shedding of interior foliage inactivated by new growth excluding light. Shortly after foliage ceases to function in the food manufacturing process, it starts to die by turning yellow. When entirely brown, it dries and awaits heavy rains and wind to break it from the plant. Winter injury triggered the increase by causing small invisible cracks in the bark of the foliage outermost on the shrub at that time. Early spring growth was normal and in some cases more extensive because of favorable weather conditions. It is the partially covered older growth now observed to be in the process of dying and dropping

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