

Board of Commissioners

(Memorandum Minutes)

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Chairman Fred Foshaug presiding, and Commissioners Minkoff and Ahlborn and secretary Gloria Salvey (deputy clerk) present.

Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Ahlborn seconded the minutes of the meeting of January 2 be approved. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous claims were approved.

At 10:30 the board recessed to attend the meeting of the Civil Service Commission which had been scheduled for that time.

At 2 p.m. a public hearing was held on the proposed vacation of a portion of the C.C. Barger Road No. P-35. Present in addition to Agnes Petersen, attorney for petitioners Alben H. Olson and Gertrude F. Olson, were Opal Werings, Mrs. Dworshak, and Verna and Cecil Hodgson. Keith Thompson roadmaster, presented his written report on the proposed vacation, and recommended as follows:

1. that the road not be vacated as proposed in Resolution 85-73, but instead be vacated per legal description he prepared.

2. final action not be completed until after proper dedication deed had been received as previously recommended.

3. that final order reserve for utility companies easements for utility lines, including rights for access for maintenance.

4. there be no requirement for grantor to improve lands dedicated, and that same be established as a county road.

Based upon the original Resolution 85-73, access would be denied to the property of Verna and Cecil Hodgson, who expressed opposition to the vacation as originally proposed. Thompson presented those present with copies of a revised map indicating the portions of the road to be vacated. After confirming this to be satisfactory with those concerned, Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Ahlborn seconded the road be vacated per Thompson's recommendations and revised legal description upon receipt of the necessary deed of dedication by Mr. and Mrs. Olson. Motion carried.

Thompson discussed the Meisner Lookout radio relay station, and problems encountered with vandalism.

Thompson advised Mr. Oester had met with the Planning Commission on Monday, seeking approval of a road off the Scappoose-Vernonia Highway. Thompson recommended the present road be approved, but that no further partitioning be allowed until such time as the present road is brought up to standards.

Thompson showed a map of water flows in the area of Knott Street and Mist Drive in Vernonia, and reported on alternate proposals to control the flooding situation in the area. However, he indicated that nothing could actually solve the problem because the area that floods is below river level, which would cause water to reverse the flow through the culverts when the river was high.

Thompson noted receipt of a request by residents of the area for improvement of the Elk Creek Road, indicated that it was not a formal petition.

Thompson presented the board with a copy of the safety survey prepared by the State Accident Insurance Fund covering the Goble and Vernonia shops, the park storage building, and Hudson Park and Camp Wilkerson. Discussion followed about the removal of the present park storage building, and construction of a new storage facility.

Thompson presented a copy of the Highway Safety Project Report.

Thompson discussed a proposed order imposing weight limitations to be used in the event any or all roads must be closed to heavy hauling as a result of weather conditions.

Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Ahlborn seconded the following purchase orders be approved: No. 2832, Imperial Eastman Corp., sander fittings, \$519.68; No. 2904, Olson and Johnson, diesel, \$1,359.97; No. 2905, Watters Concrete Products, rock, \$769.50; No. 2906, Pete Maticco, rock, \$12,846.00; No. 2906, Columbia West, crane rental, \$1,925.25; 2911, Pete Maticco, rock, \$22,004.25; No. 2912, F.C. Jones Construction Co., work on Clatskanie shop, \$3,217. Motion carried.

John DeFrance met with the board to request a loan be made to the Enforcement Fund as a result of lack of receipt to date of Federal reimbursement funds for that department. Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Ahlborn seconded Order No. 3-74 be approved, loaning the sum of \$7,000 from the General Fund to the Enforcement Fund.

Also approved was Order No. 2-74, loaning the sum of \$700 from the General Fund to the Emergency Employment Act Fund as a result of lack of receipt of federal reimbursement funds.

Commissioner Ahlborn moved

and Commissioner Minkoff seconded to approve the recommendations of the Civil Service Commission as follows: Position of Planning Director is exempt from Civil Service; Establishment of a position of "Chief Circuit Court Clerk" effective January 1, 1974 at Salary Range 20. Establishment of new position of Clerk-Typist 2 in the district attorney's office; Change in classification of one Clerk-Typist 2 and one Clerk-2 in the assessor's office to "assessment clerk" at Salary Range 15. Change in classification of one Clerk-Typist 2 in the assessor's office to Draftsman 1. Change in classification of one Clerk-Typist 2 in the assessor's office to "Keypunch coding clerk" at Salary Range 13. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ahlborn moved and Commissioner Minkoff seconded to accept the quotation of Gene Alexander to paint several portions of the courthouse building. Motion carried.

Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Ahlborn seconded to sign Access Road Easement in favor of the United States of America, across a portion of the fairgrounds property, for maintenance of transmission lines. Motion carried.

Notice of acceptance of appointment to the Fair Board was received from Gerilynn Johnson and William Raynor.

Notice of appointment to the Budget Committee was received from Ben Coleman.

Upon recommendation of Terry Rahe, Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Ahlborn seconded Harold Nelson be appointed a member of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Motion carried. Acceptance of appointment of Nelson was received.

The annual report of scalp bounty claims for calendar year 1973 was received, indicating total payments of \$283.30.

Commissioner Minkoff moved and Commissioner Ahlborn seconded they accept the quotation of General Spray Service of \$120 for dormant spray to control black scale insects and algae on trees in the plaza. Motion carried.

Sitting as the Dog Control Board, a claim in the amount of \$5 was approved for Alan Richmond, Route 1, 473-3, Warren, for two chickens killed by dogs.

By Woodrow Moe

Q. I'd like to find out if I'm eligible for monthly social security payments, but I have trouble getting around. Can I call my social security office to get some information?

A. Yes. Many social security questions can be handled by telephone. You can call any office. The number is listed in your phone book under Social Security Administration.

Q. I'm attending beauty school and get monthly social security student payments on my father's earnings record. I work part time as a babysitter, and a friend tells me these earnings count for social security. Is this true?

A. Yes, it is if the same person pay you \$50 or more in cash wages in any calendar quarter (January-March, April-June, July-September, October-December). As little as \$3.85 weekly from the same employer can amount to \$50 by the end of the 13 weeks in a calendar quarter. The law requires your employer to report your wages if they amount to \$50 by the end of the 13 weeks in the quarter and sent the social security contributions to the Internal Revenue Service. Only cash wages count—not room and board or other kinds of payments.

Q. I'll be 65 next year and I'm thinking about retiring. However, I have two teenage sons in college and I'm concerned whether I can afford to continue their education if I retire. Someone told me that my two sons would be eligible for monthly social security payments if I retire. Is this so?

A. Yes, it is. If you are eligible for monthly social security retirement checks, your sons will also get benefits until they are 22, if they are fulltime students and remain single.

Q. Until I quit college last June, I had been getting monthly checks on my late father's social security record. I'm 20 now and working full time. My employer has offered to pay all my tuition and fees if I return to school. Would I be eligible for monthly payments again if I go back to college?

A. No, you are not eligible for social security student's payments if you are paid by your employer for attending school at his request.

Q. I have already made over \$10,800 this year. Now that I've changed jobs, I'm still contributing to social security. Since I'll end up paying more that I should can't I get some money back?

A. Yes. You'll get a refund after you file your Federal income tax return for 1973.

Support Your Police

ASCS To Hear New Program

The new 1974 Rural Environmental Conservation Program (RECP) will be explained at a late January regional conference of top officials of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASCS) of the 14 Western states.

Charles D. Colegrove, ASCS county Executive Director said this regional meeting is a follow-up to the recent USDA announcement of the 1974 RECP operation and funding figures.

Colegrove said: "This new \$90 million RECP program is one from which all Columbia county residents can benefit. While cost-sharing under both annual and long term agreements is authorized in the RECP, there is an increased emphasis on tree planting."

Colegrove indicated he expects to have the full program details available shortly following this regional meeting. He advised Columbia county residents to watch for the detailed program announcement, and then those eligible should contact the county ASCS office in order to apply for conservation cost-sharing.

ASCS will administer the cost-share agreements through its farmer-elected committee system, in close cooperation with other agencies of USDA.

The Columbia County ASCA Office is open on Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon at 1681 St. Helens Street in St. Helens. The office is served from the Washington County ASCS Office which is open daily at 285 West Main Street in Hillsboro. Program details are available from either office.

Speaking To the Consumer

Marilyn Lunner
Extension Family Finance Specialist
Oregon State University

Freshness of Perishables. Oregon consumers have made a great step toward a longtime goal: open dating of perishable products. Their efforts resulted in legislation that will require dating of all perishable food products on Oregon's retail shelves as of January 1, 1974. The Oregon State Department of Agriculture will develop the kind of dating consumers feel would be the most meaningful for each kind of perishable product.

If you are interested and have comments to make on how the dates should be used—packing date, pull date, or, in the case of fresh poultry, the slaughter date watch the newspapers for notices of hearings on open dating. You must attend the hearings to make your comments.

Travel Costs Up. Vacationing by car this fall? You may need to allow more per day than last year if you stay in motels and eat your meals out. The American Automobile Association suggests that you allow about \$52 a day in your budget for a couple—and more, if children are involved. Costs include \$19 a day for lodging, \$18 for meals, \$10 for car expenses if you drive 300 miles a day and \$5 for tips and miscellaneous costs.

Contracts and the Law. When you sign an installment contract you are entering into an agree-

ment with a business firm that is enforceable in court, so it is important to understand all of the terms in the contract before you sign it. If you don't understand the contract, ask questions. If the amount of money is large, it may be advisable to consult an attorney.

For additional information on contracts and what they are, ask your county extension office for a copy of Extension bulletin 832, "The Family and the Law."

Vitamin Overdoses. Concern about the safety of certain vitamin products has led the Food and Drug Administration to issue an order restricting the sale of high potency Vitamin A and Vitamin D preparations to prescription status. Limits established are 10,000 International Units of Vitamin A and 400 International Units of Vitamin D per dose. Excessive intake of these nutrients has been shown to have adverse effects.

The restriction goes into effect in October.

Who Are You? A driver's license is the identification often requested for cashing a check. But if you have no license, what then?

It is now possible to obtain an identification card that can be used instead of a driver's license. Request it from the Motor Vehicles Division, 1905 Lana N.E., Salem 97303.

TLC for P.J.'s. Launder your child's flame-resistant nightwear with tender loving care. Otherwise you may damage the flame-resistant finish in the fabric. Follow manufacturer's directions. Do not wash with soaps or non-phosphate detergents, which build up a film on the fabric that masks the chemicals used in making the fabric flame-resistant.

If you do not want to use phosphate-based detergents, the Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends the use of "heavy-duty" liquid detergent. In either case, follow washing and drying directions on the care label to maintain flame-resistant qualities.

Count Your Losses. If you pay off an installment contract before it is due, what happens to that finance charge included in the contract? The contract was written and the finance charge determined on the total length of the contract. Paying off before the due date may mean you are entitled to a partial refund of the finance charge. The next time you sign an installment contract, ask what happens to the unearned finance charge if you decide to pay your contract before it is due.

Note Address Change. If you, as a consumer, have a complaint you want heard at the top, write the Office of Consumer Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20201. This office, headed by Virginia Knauer, has just moved to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Mail to Mrs. Knauer may be sent either to the new address or to The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500, where she continues to serve as Special Assistant to the Presi-

dent for Consumer Affairs.

Mail Order Problems. Complaints about mail order companies rank second only to complaints about cars, reports the Office of Consumer Affairs. Writers complain that they do not receive merchandise for which they have paid, or they do not receive a refund when they return unsatisfactory merchandise.

If you have a mail order problem, here are steps to take: Write the company, addressing your letter to the president. Or call the company, if your order is worth the expense of a long distance telephone call.

If a letter or call doesn't bring results, Direct Mail Advertising Association (DMAA) will try to solve your problem if it involves one of its 1600 member companies. DMAA address is 230 Park Ave., New York, NY 10017. Or contact the Office of Consumer Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20201.

Help for the Disabled. Medicare benefits for hospital and medical costs were extended to disabled persons under 65 years of age effective July 1, 1973. This is an important new coverage for the young family. Social Security estimates that people who are disabled need about seven times as much hospital care and three times as much doctor care as the non-disabled.

If you are presently drawing social security benefits as a result of a disability, you are now eligible for hospital and medical coverage. But if you become disabled in the future, there will be a 24 month waiting period for Medicare under these changes in the law.

BONELESS BOSTON BUTT
PORK ROAST 89¢ LB.

SHOULDER CUT
PORK STEAKS 98¢ LB.

COUNTRY STYLE
PORK SAUSAGE 89¢ LB.

SWIFT'S PREMIUM
SLICED BACON 119¢ 8 LB. PKG.

OSCAR MAYER ASSORTED
LUNCH MEATS 69¢ 8 LB. PKG.

HYGRADE BALLPARK GRILL TYPE
WIENERS 109¢ LB.

COTTAGE, PURE
ORANGE JUICE 79¢ HALF GAL.

CAMPBELL'S
VEGETABLE SOUP 6 10 1/2 OZ. TINS \$1

COTTAGE
TOMATO SAUCE 5 15 OZ. TINS \$1

CHEERIOS CEREAL 39¢ 10 OZ. (W/OUT COUPON 53¢) UNIT 1 PER COUPON. EXPIRES JAN. 19, 1974.

INSTANT SANKA \$1.49 8 OZ. (W/OUT COUPON 1.89¢) UNIT 1 PER COUPON. EXPIRES JAN. 19, 1974.

FOLGER'S COFFEE \$2.69 3 LB. (W/OUT COUPON 2.89¢) UNIT 1 PER COUPON. EXPIRES JAN. 19, 1974.

COLD POWER 99¢ 14 OZ. (W/OUT COUPON 1.42¢) UNIT 1 PER COUPON. EXPIRES JAN. 19, 1974.

HINDQUARTER
Turkey Roast 39¢ LB.

PARKAY VEGETABLE
MARGARINE 3 \$1 1 LB. PKGS.

KRAFT SALAD DRESSING
MIRACLE WHIP 69¢ (Limit first jar) 32 OZ. JAR

WESTERN FAMILY
CLOVER HONEY \$1.99 48 OZ. JAR

Lettuce 5 \$1 HEADS FOR

FRESH FROM CALIFORNIA

LARGE GREEN BELL PEPPERS 2 FOR 25¢

RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT 8 LB. BAG 89¢

LARGE RED RIPE TOMATOES 1 LB. 33¢

SUNKIST NAVAL ORANGES 6 \$1 FRESH, JUICY 6 LBS.

CASCADE DISHWASHER DETERGENT 50 OZ. SIZE \$1.09

FOLGER'S
INST. COFFEE 10 \$1.49

PILLSBURY (BAKE, COUNTRY, EX. LIGHT)
BISCUITS 2 27¢

DARIGOLD FRESH SOLO
BUTTER 93¢

PILLSBURY ASSTO. STRUZZEL
SWIRL CAKE 89¢

HARICO PREMIUM SALTIMES
CRACKERS 39¢

KRAFT LIGHT (DRESSING, Miracle Whip) & Dressing
DRESSING 2 88¢

PORTER'S LONG ITALIAN
SPAGHETTI 53¢

PILLSBURY SUGAR SUBSTITUTE
SWEET 10 89¢

PARSONS' CLEAR OR SWEET
AMMONIA 49¢

S.O.S. SCOURING
SOAP PADS 35¢

KRAFT SAUCED DELUXE PROC. AMERICAN
CHEESE 89¢

WESTERN SHOPS
GARBAGE BAGS 45¢

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MEMBER UNITED GROCERS, INC.
735 JEFFERSON AVE. — VERNONIA, OREGON

EFFERDENT
DENTURE CLEANER TABLETS
REG. \$1.09
79¢

FRIDAY'S CHILD
HAIR SHAMPOO 69¢
REG. 89¢ 4 OZ. SIZE

FOR HEADACHE RELIEF
BUFFERIN TABLETS 99¢
REG. 11.23 BOTTLE OF 60

4-WAY
NASAL SPRAY 89¢
REG. 11.08 1/2 OZ. SIZE

DEODORANT
BAN ROLL ON 99¢
REG. 1.19 1.5 OZ. SIZE

MEN'S VITALIS
HAIR TONIC \$1.19
REG. 1.41 7 OZ. SIZE

Commissioner Ahlborn moved