

**MINUTES
INFORMAL SESSION**

January 27, 2004 10:00 a.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

PRESENT: Commissioners Kathy George, Mary P. Stern, and Leslie Lewis.

Staff: John Gray, Steve Mikami, Tim Loewen, Chuck Vesper, Cliff Toney, Richard Sly,
Travis Pritchard, Jan Coleman.

Guests: Ray Teasley, Council of Governments; Don Clark, HAYC; David Bates, News-Register.

* = indicates item moved to formal agenda.

Kathy called the meeting to order.

* Personnel - Steve Mikami presented personnel actions requested by various departments. See agenda for specific items to be approved.

* Contracts - see agenda.

Housing Authority of Yamhill County - Don Clark was present to request a letter in support of initiating funding related to Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Council of Governments - Ray Teasley reviewed changes made by the legislature last summer relating to distribution of lottery funds, and resulting in a reduction in funding and a requirement for the counties on the regional development board (Marion, Polk, and Yamhill) to address job creation projects. He said a policy has been developed by COG; at this point each county's board is required to conduct a public hearing and make a recommendation to COG regarding the policy. Consensus: schedule a public hearing for February 19, 2004.

Juvenile Corrections / woodcutting barn - Discussion resumed on proposed sites for a woodcutting barn. Mary said the parks board is strongly opposed to siting the barn at a county park. Kathy believes the fairgrounds is the best location, closer to medical facilities in any emergency event, and a more appropriate location for the noise that will be generated by chain saws, stacking and hauling wood. After extensive discussion, consensus was to delay a week in order to see the fairgrounds site staked for size and location.

* Clerk's Office / job classification - Jan Coleman presented a revised job classification for deputy county clerk which will more accurately reflect actual current duties. Jan recommended reducing the salary to Range 20.

SSA evaluations - Kathy said the evaluations are due by the end of the month.

Employment contract / county counsel - John G. briefly discussed changes to his employment contract which is currently due for renewal.

Caruso vs. Yamhill County - John G. provided a brief summary of the current status of the lawsuit and said the parties reached agreement on a final order last night.

Adjourn: 11:22 a.m.

Carol Ann White
Secretary

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