

## INFORMAL MINUTES

January 29, 2007

2:00 p.m.

Oval Office

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

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Brad Berry, Tonya Saunders, Jeanie Sandall, and Dave Lawson.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Jim Baker, Peter Shultz, and Kenneth Knutson, STF Committee.

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\* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order.

\* Personnel - The Board discussed personnel requests from various departments. See agenda for details.

\* Contracts - See agenda for details.

\* Refund - Authorize a \$576 refund from the Planning Department to Rose Dodson.

\* Committees - Approve the appointment of Ron Nyman, Roger Hall, and Robert Gang to the Parks Board for four-year terms to expire February 1, 2011.

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Ida Jean Kinman from the Special Transportation Advisory Commission.

Work Session - The Board tentatively scheduled a work session for February 5, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the Newberg Landfill and bike path proposals.

Economic Development Partnership - Mary presented a request from the Economic Development Partnership for a \$9000 contribution to help start a new public relations program. The Board agreed to have Mary get more information about other areas for which a smaller contribution could be made.

Relay For Life - Jeanie Sandall stated that she would like to form a team of county employees to participate in the Relay For Life Cancer Walk because of the many employees who have had cancer or have known someone with cancer. John K stated that if the event is directly related to a county activity, the county-wide email system could be used to share the information. He suggested that Jeanie find out from Nancy Nunley if there are any activities in Public Health which could coordinate with the Cancer Walk.

\* STF Grant - Authorize the Transportation Division to apply to Oregon Department of

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Transportation for a Special Transportation Grant, \$2,127,565. Tonya distributed a list of grant projects and discussed the recommendation of the STF Committee for ranking the proposals. She explained that many of the committee members had been confused about what they were voting for, which had led to a poor outcome. Peter Shultz stated that he had called each of the members afterwards and had learned that there was unanimous support for ranking the Lead Agency Coordination position as the highest priority. Jim Baker and Ken Knutson agreed that Tonya's position is very important. The Board agreed to rank her position first, Enhanced Services second, and the Commuter Train Study third.

Mary said that Matt Simek would like the Board to know that although he is promoting the concept of a commuter/tourist train as a citizen activist, he wants to present the same position as the Board.

SP Newsprint - Dave Lawson provided an update on the SP Newsprint appeal and stated that both sides have worked diligently to negotiate a settlement. He thanked the Department of Justice and the Department of Revenue for their assistance and SP Newsprint executives for offering to waive the interest owed. He stated that the following property values will be adjudicated, which will enable all taxing districts to know the financial impact: \$125 million for 2005, \$100 million for 2006, and \$70 million for 2007-2011. John G stated that this is a great resolution. John K asked Dave to send him a rough estimate of the amount of funding set aside for this in the unsegregated tax account which will come back to the county.

Emergency Management - Kathy and John K discussed the concept of a joint Emergency Management agency with other jurisdictions and said that John K and Jack Crabtree are getting more information from comparable counties. John G stated that the county cannot give away its statutory responsibility as the lead agency, but it can enter into intergovernmental agreements to involve other agencies. John K said that if the county decides not to go that direction, it now has a good idea of what qualities to look for in an Emergency Manager.

Charles Stern Portrait - Mary stated that after much thought, she does not feel that it is right to ask other organizations for donations to help pay for the cost of the portrait and frame. She explained that Charles was County Clerk for twenty years, the county has named the building after him, and an opportunity was given after his death to contribute to a scholarship fund.

Faith in Action - Mary stated that she will use some of her discretionary account for a contribution to Faith in Action, which trains individuals to assist people in their homes, primarily seniors and those with disabilities. She stated that this is a 501(c)(3) and is not associated with any religion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Anne Britt  
Secretary