

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

January 30, 2012

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Rick Sanai, and Pat Anderson.

Guests: Ossie Bladine, News-Register; Ed Gallagher and Dave Rouse, Portland State University.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Leslie called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Minutes - Mary moved approval of the following informal session minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

B. O. 12-58 - November 28, 2011, work session;

B. O. 12-59 - December 5, 2011;

B. O. 12-60 - December 12, 2011.

* See agenda for formal session minutes to be adopted.

* Personnel - Pat presented personnel requests from various departments. See agenda for details.

Energy Efficiency - Ed Gallagher and Dave Rouse discussed a proposal to work with Yamhill County on an energy efficiency management plan. Ed provided background information and stated that smaller cities and counties often don't have the staff available to focus on these issues like they want to. Dave stated that he and Ed have spent several months looking at best practices in this area. He said that each of the cities and counties they have looked at have been unique, but all had significant opportunities for reduction of energy usage.

He stated that he and Ed would like to work with two graduate students from Portland State University on a pilot project that would involve putting together an action plan for Yamhill County that could result in significant savings, which could be used for other critical services. Ed noted that in addition to energy usage, they would also look at things like water usage, fleet management, and purchasing practices. Dave stated that they would be looking at funding partners to help with capital projects.

Laura suggested looking at the Jail and Detention Center to see what energy reductions could be made there. Mary stated that Matt Deppe from McMinnville Water & Light would be interested in helping with the project. She said if the results of the project are useful, they could be shared with other counties as well.

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary