

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

March 5, 2012

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Chuck Vesper, Rick Sanai, John Phelan, and Tim Loewen.

Guests: Ossie Bladine, News-Register; Dennis Rogers and Gordon Cook, Road Improvement Advisory Committee.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Leslie called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

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

B. O. 12-110 - February 13, 2012

B. O. 12-111 - February 27, 2012

* See agenda for formal session minutes to be adopted.

* Personnel - Approve the change of the Public Works Road Division to the summer work week schedule of four consecutive ten-hour days during the six-day work week period, effective March 26, 2012.

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

* Committees - See agenda for details.

* Resolutions - Approve Resolution 12-3-8-1 in support of the proposed O&C Trust, Conservation and Jobs Act. The commissioners agreed to include the modifications made by Clackamas County to the draft resolution.

Department Updates

Public Works: John Phelan stated that the proposed Maintenance Improvement Projects list should be completed in the next two weeks and then the commissioners could go out and look at the proposed projects. He said that he is anticipating similar expenditures to last year, which was just over \$1 million. He stated that some money would be used to contract out drainage work in the next two to three months, although it's difficult to find enough staff to oversee those activities. He said that he would be hiring six temporary employees at the end of the month.

He stated that the Transportation System Plan (TSP) is in full swing now, and he would

likely be requesting approval to contract out some data collection work for that. He said that he would ask the Road Improvement Advisory Committee (RIAC) to gather some data as well. He provided updates on the Sheridan Green Bridge project and the Habitat Conservation Plan, and mentioned that he had passed along a proposal for a policy regarding blue road signs for the commissioners to review.

Juvenile Department: Tim Loewen reported that his detention staff has been doing very well with skill streaming, a program that has been successful in the department for many years. He noted that Beth Appert has been coming over from Public Health to work with the youth as well. He reviewed various training opportunities that his staff has been involved in and provided updates on the Amity House project, probation policies, staffing, and the state budget. He stated that his department has been working on utilizing Docuware, the county's system for scanning documents, in order to improve its ability to manage timeliness of discovery documents.

* RIAC Annual Report - Accept the 2011 annual report from the Road Improvement Advisory Committee.

Dennis Rogers, RIAC Chair, reviewed the annual report, noting that the committee has had two resignations since the first of the year and has one application pending. He said that ODOT had promised support for the TSP planning process over a year ago, and he is pleased to see that finally happen. He said that the committee has been discussing the need for improving drainage systems on all road structures, and will probably focus more on that in the coming year. Gordon Cook, Vice-Chair, stated that drainage work would protect the county's assets. He said that staff has done a good job dealing with the ongoing issues regarding the Fender's Blue butterfly and Kincaid's lupine, and they are also handling complaints far better than they used to, as evidenced by the fact that nobody has brought complaints to RIAC in quite some time. He said that the shifts that have been made due to staff leaving have been healthy.

Gordon stated that RIAC would like some feedback from the commissioners about developing a policy regarding blue road signs. Leslie explained that the committee members need to know if they should continue working on the issue or if the Board wants to take a different direction. She said that the signs are a lot of work and the county is not currently recouping all of its costs. She said that one option would be to use the same company that ODOT uses, rather than putting up the county's own signs, but she would not recommend that option because the company operates on a first-come-first-served basis, so newer businesses wouldn't be able to get a sign in the same location as an existing sign. She suggested that the commissioners read through the information from RIAC and give the committee some feedback.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary