

**MINUTES  
INFORMAL SESSION**

**March 16, 2004** 10:00 a.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

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

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Becky Blanchard, and Jeffrey Gottfried.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register and Lisa Kreder, Dayton High School.

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\* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order at 10:05.

\* Personnel - Steve presented requests for personnel action received from various departments. See agenda for details.

Stark Building - John G reported that the owner has agreed to a one-year extension of the current lease. Steve will set up a meeting to discuss the terms of the agreement.

Metsker Park - Becky Blanchard and Jeffrey Gottfried presented a proposal for the expansion of Metsker Park. The issues discussed included restrictions in certain areas to allow only youth groups, the possibility of using Title 3 funds for areas adjacent to BLM property, overnight camping policies, and potential members of an oversight group. Becky will finish a final draft of the letter to Weyerhaeuser and circulate it among the commissioners for signatures.

Willamette Water Trail - Becky reported that the idea of a water trail along the Willamette River to direct boaters to existing public facilities has generated positive response. She said the trail would discourage trespassing on private property, encourage safe, responsible use of the river, and create a family-friendly environment. A planning group is being formed from areas along the county's stretch of the river.

\* Permit - Approve a permit for the Sternwheeler Willamette Queen to be tied up to the dock at Rogers Landing Park from the afternoon of March 27, 2004 to the morning of March 28, 2004.

Bikeway Committee - John K discussed the possibility of reconstituting the Bikeway Committee to meet a few times a year, work with local groups, and review and prioritize requests as they come in. He recommended Dan Upton, chair of the original committee, to serve as the new chair, and discussed other potential committee members. Leslie said it's important to reserve some money in the bikeway fund to match any state grants that may get approved. John K suggested that research be done on the original committee before creating the new one.

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Minutes - Mary moved to approve minutes from the informal session on March 2, 2004. The motion passed, Commissioners George, Stern, and Lewis voting aye.

\* Approve formal session minutes from February 26, 2004 and March 4, 2004 at this week's formal session.

Committee Applications - The Local Investment Advisory Committee has received two applications for the two positions available. The Board agreed to wait one more week before making the appointments.

\* Contracts - See agenda for details.

\* Transportation - Authorize provision of secure transportation of mentally ill persons by Coastal Transportation, Inc. and Mt. Retreat Secure Transportation, Inc., effective March 30, 2004 through March 30, 2006.

BLM Planning Process - Mary stated that BLM is revising its planning process and the county can either be involved or appoint O&C Counties as its representative in the process. Leslie said that appointing O&C will be less expensive. Mary moved to appoint the Association of O&C Counties to represent Yamhill County in the new BLM planning process. The motion passed, Commissioners George, Stern, and Lewis voting aye.

Contract Review Board / Fairgrounds Roof Repair - Leslie called for a special meeting of the Contract Review Board to be held Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 9:45 a.m. to consider a contract for repair of the fairgrounds roof.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Anne Britt  
Secretary