

INFORMAL MINUTES

March 19, 2007

2:00 p.m.

Oval Office

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

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Laura Tschabold, and Ken Huffer.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Bill Miller, Allegory Commercial Photography; Steve Miller, Jon Johnson, Diane Brandsma, and Jim Seymour, Rainbow Family Services.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order.

* Personnel - Approve the employment of Norman Hagestedt, Salem, as Environmental Health Specialist 1 in the Planning Department, regular full-time, Range 16, Step 5, effective March 26, 2007.

Photography - Bill Miller, Allegory Commercial Photography, discussed a Community Service Program offered to local government and other civic and non-profit organizations for photography services at a reduced rate. He distributed copies of a typical license agreement. Mary stated that Head Start staff members and others have been very pleased with his work and it would be beneficial for the county to have a photographic record of many of its important events. The Board agreed to consider the offer and discuss it during April budget meetings.

Rainbow Lodge - Jim Seymour, Executive Director of Rainbow Family Services, discussed the services offered by Rainbow Family Services to help youth with aggressive or self-harm behavior and their families. He presented a proposal to develop both a community respite home and an adventure school on the Rainbow Lodge property at a cost of approximately \$1 million and requested a 99-year lease of the property from the county. He said that the shortest lease term that would be considered by investors would be fifty years. He stated that the property could be open to broader community uses which are compatible with Rainbow's programs and the county could have first priority for the use of the school facilities after hours. He assured Ken Huffer of his commitment to work with the county to avoid any conflicts with nearby park property. John G said that he would gather information about the property zoning and deed restrictions for the Board to discuss during an executive session. Ken agreed to present the concept at the next Parks Board meeting to get some feedback from Board members.

Water Line - Ken stated that he has no objection to a request to attach a water line to a county bridge at Blackwell Park to serve another house after the land is partitioned. John G said that he would put together an agreement for the Board's approval.

* Easement - Approve the grant of an easement to the Oregon Department of

Environmental Quality (DEQ) and acceptance of Equitable Servitudes for the Martin & Wright property on Booth Bend Road, McMinnville, effective March 21, 2007.

* Resolution - Adopt Resolution 07-3-21-1 in the matter of participation in funding activities of the Oregon office for Community Dispute Resolution and appoint Carol White as the county's Dispute Resolution Program Coordinator.

* Surplus Property - Authorize John Krawczyk to submit documentation to maintain the county's eligibility status in the Oregon State/Federal Surplus Property Program.

Discretionary Spending - Leslie declared a \$275 discretionary expenditure to Yamhill County Air Support for one hour of flight time to do a video of afternoon traffic on Highway 99W in Newberg and Dundee.

* Contracts - Authorize the Chair to sign an agreement between the Transit Division and Chehalem Valley Transit for the loan of a bus purchased with federal grant funds.

Farm Loans - Kathy noted that Willamette Valley counties are eligible for USDA emergency farm loan assistance.

Study Group - Kathy stated that she would like Mike Brandt to head up a manager study group to review mapping, GIS, and cartography programs and evaluate staffing requirements and other needs. John K suggested that the group bring a recommendation back to the Board no later than the May budget meetings.

Visioning - Mary stated that she had been contacted by David Millman of Domaine Serene Vineyards about getting a group together to discuss visioning for Yamhill County in order to be better prepared for large rural business applications such as the recent wine tourist hotel. She said that a meeting has been scheduled for 2-4 p.m. on March 27, 2007 in the Annex and she hopes to have all rural industries represented as well as residents and businesses in the cities, which would also be impacted. She noted that one issue being researched is whether or not the Department of Land Conservation and Development has any funding available for land development planning.

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary