

**MINUTES**  
**INFORMAL WORK SESSION**  
**April 3, 2007** 1:30 p.m.

**Service Team Budget Presentations**  
Oval Office, White House

PRESENT: Mary P. Stern and Leslie Lewis, with Kathy George joining the meeting in progress.

Staff: John Krawczyk, Julia Staigers, Nancy Reed, Laura Tschabold, Ken Huffer, Dan Linscheid, Richard Sly, Mike Brandt, Bill Gille, Susan Mundy, Russ Heath, and Dave Lawson.

Guests: Michael Green, Budget Committee member, and Joe Sharp, Fair Board Vice-Chair.

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Mary reconvened the meeting.

**LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION TEAM**

Fairgrounds (20-80) / Fair Event Center (20-82) - Leslie reviewed the Fair budgets. She noted that a new equestrian group from Mollala is now using the facilities, which provides added revenue. Joe Sharp provided an update on the A-dec Building remodel project and stated that the Fair Board is currently in negotiations with Les Schwab to rename the building after them in exchange for funding to replace the roof and provide ongoing support for facility maintenance. He added that the Fair Board is looking forward to extending this type of arrangement to other buildings on the fairgrounds if there are individuals or business willing to do so. Leslie said that the Fair Board has discussed the possibility of putting up plaques in recognition of people who have made major donations, such as the Austins.

Surveyor (10-21) / Corner Restoration (Fund 27) - Dan Linscheid reviewed changes to his budgets and distributed copies of a proposal to increase fees in his department. John K recommended making the fee increases effective as soon as possible.

Planning (10-20) / Solid Waste (Fund 17) - Mike Brandt reviewed changes to his budgets. He reported that his office is still busy with post-Measure 37 applications and will likely continue to see a high level of activity. He said that he is seeing a large number of building permit applications and land use applications are at a record pace.

Parks (10-81) - Ken Huffer stated that the biggest change in his budget is the loss of Title III revenue. He responded to the Sheriff's request for a portion of the Rogers Landing launch fees to be allocated to Marine Patrol, stating that he needs all of his revenue just to maintain status quo in his budget. He said that he is actively seeking grants for extra projects because it is a struggle to find resources for basic needs, such as replacing picnic tables at the parks. Leslie raised the possibility of using some Economic Development funds for picnic tables. Ken discussed the possibility of providing plaques for tables or benches donated by citizens.

Public Works - Russ Heath stated that the county has made some improvements in using more fuel-efficient vehicles, although there are some departments using mid-size vehicles for one person that could switch to compact cars to be more fuel-efficient. Mary noted that this would be a good topic to discuss at the next Management Roundtable meeting.

Bill Gille proposed a 25% increase in the fee schedule for his department. Leslie stated that there hasn't been an increase in a long time and the current fees do not cover market costs. She recommended including an automatic annual increase based on the CPI. John G later confirmed by telephone that public hearings would not be necessary for the Surveyor's and Public Works fee increases.

Bill stated that there are three county bridges under twenty feet in length which need repairs, but are not eligible for federal funds. He suggested that North Valley Bridge and Palmer Creek Road Bridge be repaired in the coming year and Laughlin Road Bridge be postponed for a year or two. He stated that in order to repair the two bridges, all paving projects except for Meadowlake Road would have to be removed from the projects list. Susan Mundy explained that the work crews would focus on ditching and other maintenance work instead of overlays this summer.

Leslie proposed that if the O&C funds are re-authorized, Public Works receive 40% of the funding and the other departments be gradually weaned off the revenue. The group discussed the deterioration of county roads due to logging and farming trucks. John K stated that a bond might be necessary because there wouldn't be enough revenue to keep up with road maintenance even if all of the O&C funds were given to the Road Fund. Kathy stated that a bond could also include funds for the county to use as match funds for neighborhoods willing to pave their own local access roads.

John K suggested using some of the money in the Bicycle/Footpath Fund (41-30) to clean up the county's bike paths that are becoming increasingly difficult to navigate because of gravel, branches, and other debris. He specifically mentioned Baker Creek Bridge, the hill portion of Hill Road, and Old Sheridan Road, which probably needs to have the small gravel strip between the bike path and the road paved over.

The meeting recessed at 4:14 p.m.

Anne Britt  
Secretary