

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

May 23, 2011 1:30 p.m.

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Chuck Vesper, Pat Anderson, John Phelan, Bill Gille, Sherrie Mathison, Ted Smietana, and Ken Friday.

Guests: Hannah Hoffman, News-Register; Dave Larmouth, Western Oregon Waste; Sharon Bjorn and Mike Jeffries, Waste Management; Phil Martinson, Alan Baker, and Bob Youngman, Coastal Parkway Project.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Coastal Parkway - Phil Martinson presented the Coastal Parkway project as an alternative to ODOT's current three-phase plan to get traffic from the north side of Newberg to Highway 18 at a cost of about \$900 million. He said that the Coastal Parkway would provide direct access from Highway 18 to I-5 with four lanes initially, at a total project cost of about \$450 million, and the construction would be funded by tolls rather than with public tax dollars. He said that the road would be paid off in thirty years and then turned over to the state. Bob Youngman added that if the project is put into the state's Strategic Investment Program, it could provide a revenue stream of about \$1.6 million per year for the county after fifteen years.

They discussed issues such as traffic analysis, environmental impact statements, and land use planning. Mary stated that two-thirds of the proposed road goes through Marion County, and Marion County commissioners have reiterated several times that they would not support the project. She invited the group to come back after they've worked it out with them.

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

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

* Solid Waste - Consideration of the following rate increases for Western Oregon Waste, effective July 1, 2011: 6.87% for the suburban zone and 2.93% for the rural zone.

Sherrie Mathison reviewed the rate increase request, noting that staff and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) have recommended approval.

* Consideration of the following rate increases for Waste Management:
a. Newberg Transfer & MRF, 3% CPI adjustment, effective July 1, 2011;
b. Newberg Hauling, 3% CPI adjustment, effective July 1, 2011;
c. Newberg Hauling, \$4.67 additional increase upon implementation of rural residential

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recycling collection, estimated start date October 1, 2011.

Mary recused herself from this item because of her husband's employment at Waste Management. Sherrie reviewed the rate increase requests and stated that SWAC had recommended approval. Sharon Bjorn stated that much of the rate increase is being driven by fuel cost increases. She said that customers have the option to change to monthly pickup or a smaller cart in order to reduce their rates. She said that educational letters would be sent to customers to explain the recycling program, which is new for rural residential customers, but has been in existence for business customers.

Community Corrections Update - Ted Smietana reported that the new budget forecast numbers from the state are a 2.17% workload share of \$177 million, which would be \$180,000 less than what he had budgeted. He reviewed six bills currently in the legislature that would add money back, but said that he isn't sure how viable they are.

Land Use - Ken Friday briefed the Board on Planning Docket NCU-01-10(SA), a non-conforming use application to allow replacement of a dwelling destroyed by fire in 2006, applicant James Fisher, appellant Ronald Strasser, Jr.

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary