

**MINUTES**

**BUDGET COMMITTEE WORK SESSION**

**May 17, 2017**

10:30 a.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Budget Committee members Stan Primozich, Mary Starrett, Richard L. "Rick" Olson, Chris McLaran, Shelley Halleman, and Angel Aguiar.

STAFF: Laura Tschabold and Ken Huffer.

TOPIC: Economic Development

Mr. Primozich called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

The committee members discussed the membership dues that are paid out of the economic development fund and how those play a part in the county's economic development program. There was some discussion regarding the possibility of establishing a committee to disperse economic development funds in lieu of continuing all of the association memberships and options for moving forward with the county's economic development program.

Mr. McLaran shared with the committee Marion County's EDAC (Economic Development Advisory Committee) board that was created in 2003 that acts in an advisory capacity to the commissioners of Marion County. Mr. Primozich stated that Yamhill County needs an entity with global reach abilities that will help facilitate tying together all of the communities within the county.

Mr. Olson discussed the Grow plan that was compiled back in 2013 and why the plan had not been implemented. Ms. Tschabold stated there were elements the former board liked but they did not agree with the structure of how the money was to be dispersed, they were uncomfortable with the proposed level of decision making without their oversight and involvement. Mr. McLaran discussed the need for a mission statement, he said tactics can always be revised, changed or updated once a plan is adopted. Mr. Aguiar encouraged the board to look at resources readily available within the county. He stated he would like to see the board be the ones to continue to control the disbursement of the economic dollars. The consensus of the committee was to review section two of the Grow report and revise the economic development plan to be adopted by the Board of Commissioners in the future.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Crystal Cox  
Secretary

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