

INFORMAL MINUTES

June 23, 2008 2:00 p.m.

Oval Office

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Steve Mikami, Dr. Bob Moore

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; and Kris Bledsoe, candidate for commissioner.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order.

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

The Board briefly discussed a possible hiring freeze for all general fund departments. Mary suggested further discussion, possibly at the next Management Roundtable meeting.

Steve stated that he would like John G to review a change form that he had written to address the Public Works employees who take advantage of the early retirement incentive.

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

* Policy - Approve a revised policy on travel advances, requiring the approval of the department head rather than the Board of Commissioners.

* Committees - See agenda for details. The Board acknowledged the resignations of Dr. Scott Ashdown, Ron Camp, and Robert Porath from the Mental Health Advisory Board.

Mary noted for the record that the correct term expiration for Marc Shelton’s position on the Commission on Children & Families, which was approved at the previous week’s formal session, is June 18, 2012.

* Budget - Consideration of adopting Resolution 08-6-25-1, adopting the Yamhill County 2008-09 budget in the amount of \$81,277,250, setting appropriations, and levying taxes in the amount of \$2.5775 per thousand dollars assessed value.

Rural Issues - Kathy noted that the Oregon Rural Congress will be held August 21-22, 2008 at Cascade Locks. She said that this is a gathering for rural Oregonians to discuss rural issues.

Homelessness - Kathy stated that the Homelessness Summit went very well and the governor is making this issue a priority.

Whooping Cough - Dr. Moore discussed Tdap, a relatively new vaccine for tetanus, diphtheria,

and acellular pertussis (whooping cough) that replaces the regular tetanus booster. He stated that the focus this year is on getting hospitals to use it as the standard for mothers and other caregivers of newborns and encouraging other caregivers and health care providers to get the vaccine. He said that it would be helpful in promoting the vaccine for the Board and other staff members to receive the vaccine at an upcoming Board meeting. The Board agreed to do it at the July 9 formal session and to discuss it at Management Roundtable next week.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary