

INFORMAL MINUTES

June 29, 2004 10:00 a.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

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

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Bob Maca, Dave Lawson, and Martin Chroust-Masin.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Mark Fancy, COG; Tanya Thompkins, CCF; and Jen Allen, Rainbow Family Services.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

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

* Land Use Hearing - Martin briefed the Board on Planning Docket C-08-04, an appeal of a conditional use amendment from five rental rooms to nine, applicant Neal V. Utz, Jr., appellant G. Allan Seward.

* Overlay Bids - Leslie stated that almost half of the summer's 38 miles of road work will be overlays, so it was decided to bid out the overlay work as a package. She reported that Baker Rock Resources was the lowest of the two bids received.

* Dust Abatement - Approve the payment of \$273 for citizen request #04-03 to reimburse dust abatement costs.

Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan - Mark Fancy and Bob Maca presented the revised plan (see attachment). Mark highlighted the changes, including a reduced number of public meetings, budget changes, and timeline changes. He provided two handouts of sample mission statements, goals, and action items from other counties, and stated that some money would be available for county staff time if needed. Leslie stated that Planning staff would need some, since they don't get any general fund support. Mark said he will make final changes to the plan and email it to Bob to bring back to the Board.

Retirement Presentation - Kathy presented Larry Jones from the Surveyor's Office with a retirement gift of camping equipment in recognition of more than 17 years of service to the county.

* Contracts - see agenda for details.

Advocacy Committee - Allison introduced Jen Allen from Rainbow Family Services and Tanya Thompkins, a new member of the Commission on Children and Families (CCF). Tanya stated that the Advocacy Committee is still in the formative stages of developing goals and direction, but would like to increase awareness and community involvement and provide education. She said planned activities include creating a common message and getting that message out to the community. Allison reviewed ideas from recent meetings, such as developing an information packet to hand out to citizens, developing target audiences and key focus groups, and holding a community forum to present information.

Tanya emphasized the importance of making citizens aware of successes as well as problems. Mary added that the committee can be involved in much more than just talking with legislature.

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* CCF Comprehensive Plan - Allison requested the Board's approval of the CCF Comprehensive Plan Update for 2004, as required by the state. She stated that there is little change to priorities and strategies listed in the plan.

Rock of Ages Seminars - Mary stated that Rock of Ages will be holding several community seminars in July, and has invited the Commissioners to attend one. Leslie requested that the Board wait until after the Fair is over.

County NSF Charges - Dave Lawson requested to increase his department's NSF charge from \$10 to \$30, which would be split between the Tax Collector and the Treasurer. He stated that banks charge \$25 and other counties range from \$25 to \$35. John K suggested a county-wide policy would be appropriate to discuss at the next Management Round Table. Dave said he would be willing to table his request.

* Committee Appointments - See agenda for details.

Leslie stated that there are three openings on the Road Improvement Advisory Committee and five applicants, and the committee members are currently being polled. The Board agreed to go with the committee's recommendation and forego interviews with the applicants.

COG Transportation Plan - Mary stated that in reviewing the draft of the plan from COG, she discovered that although the concepts are fine, there are many errors which need to be fixed before the county adopts the plan.

* Refund - Approve a request from M. Young Enterprises for refund of a Planning permit fee, \$1015.

Riverbend Landfill License Agreement - John G stated that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) hasn't had a chance to review the proposed changes in Riverbend's fee schedule yet, and he suggested that the Board wait to take action on the changes until after receiving SWAC's recommendation.

Kathy moved to temporarily suspend actions required by the Riverbend Landfill license agreement effective July 1, 2004. The motion passed, Kathy and Leslie voting aye and Mary abstaining.

Emergency Formal Session - John K stated that an emergency formal session will be necessary before the end of the fiscal year to amend an error in B.O. 04-354, which transferred appropriation authority for Community Corrections.

Tax Lot Sale - John G reviewed the inquiry from Mr. Stone regarding a county tax lot adjoining his property. He stated that Mr. Stone wants to proceed with the private sale, but the paperwork is not yet ready for Board action.

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary