

WORK SESSION MINUTES

June 13, 2017

8:30 a.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Commissioners Stan Primozych, Mary Starrett, Richard L. "Rick" Olson; Chris McLaran, Shelley Halleman, Angel Aguiar and James LaBar.

STAFF: Laura Tschabold and Ken Huffer.

TOPIC: Economic Development

Commissioner Primozych called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioner Primozych recapped the board's intentions and goals for the meeting adding that he feels it is important to keep moving forward but also find ways to reach the more rural parts of the county. Commissioner Primozych said we need a systematic approach to it, similar to what McMinnville and Newberg have developed. The board discussed the grant that is expiring that was used for a three year contract with SEDCOR and Commissioner Primozych updated the board about the recent vitality summit he attended, stating he felt the citizens responded positively and seemed excited. Conversation commenced regarding the areas of the county that are struggling with economic development and how the board can work as a support to the strong economic drivers in the county to help coordinate all the pieces to work together. The commissioners agreed the county needs a center core where ideas and brain storming can funnel together and then be decided upon on how and where they will be best served within the county. Chris McLaran stated he feels there are many people within the county who would be happy to help whether it is in an advisory capacity or otherwise.

The board reviewed section two of the Yamhill County Grow report that was compiled back in 2013. Laura Tschabold proposed the board focus on and discuss the mission, vision, and strategies section. After further discussion the consensus of the board was to utilize this section of the Grow report with all recommended adjustments and changes. The board asked that staff compile a draft reflective of the changes discussed. Commissioner Olson asked that the draft be brought before the board for review and adoption. Commissioner Primozych stated this would be a working document that the board can add to as they address each phase of the county's economic development.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.