

INFORMAL MINUTES

July 14, 2008

2:00 p.m.

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

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., Laura Tschabold, John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Allan Mandell, Brian Dunn, John Boynton, Ken Friday, Murray Paolo, and Susan Mundy.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Michael Robinson, 1120 NW Couch St, 10th Floor, Portland, 97209; Jeff Smith and John Wyland, 4386 SW Macadam Ave #305, Portland, 97068; Steve Meagher, 22332 NE Sunnycrest Rd, Newberg; Kris Messinger, 2700 SE Stratus Ave, McMinnville; and James Roddey, 800 NE Oregon St, Ste 965, Portland, 97232.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order.

* Personnel - Kathy introduced Allan Mandell, the new Developmental Disabilities Division Manager. Steve presented personnel requests from various departments. See agenda for details. The Board agreed to hold off on requests for Teri Watson, Nicole Wood, and Karen McFaddin.

* Policy - Adopt a policy imposing a 90-day hold on all new or replacement hires, excluding departments or divisions funded primarily from fees and/or grants.

Campus Security Questionnaire - The group discussed a draft questionnaire for employees prepared by Brian Dunn at the request of the Safety Committee. John K and Laura pointed out that some of the questions are more appropriate for department heads. They agreed to meet with Brian and Steve Mikami to rework the draft.

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details. Susan Mundy discussed the grant request for Meadowlake Road and agreed to ask about the process for getting other roads on the list of federal forest roads.

Committees - The Board acknowledged the resignation of Anne Wylie from the Commission on Children & Families.

Earthquake Preparedness - James Roddey, Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), discussed IMS-24, a report just released by DOGAMI regarding geologic hazards, earthquakes, and landslides for six mid-Willamette Valley counties. He distributed copies of the appendix for Yamhill County and stated that having a Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan in place makes it easier to apply for FEMA funds. He noted that pre-disaster mitigation grants are available from FEMA and may be able to be used for site-specific building assessments.

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He discussed the damage and loss estimates for a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, which would be in the magnitude of 9.0, and said that this report gives a good starting point to begin looking at how to incorporate earthquake preparedness into planning and zoning. He stated that the AOC Conference would be a good place to get county officials together to discuss these issues and offered to bring experts back if the Board wants to do any town hall meetings.

* Crestview Crossing - Consideration of scheduling a public hearing to receive input on a proposal for an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Newberg regarding Crestview Crossing.

Mike Robinson distributed copies of the proposal and explained that the site-specific agreement would allow the city to do urban planning and zoning on about six acres in the event that the annexation fails on the November ballot. He stated that state law allows the county to delegate this authority.

The commissioners expressed concern about doing anything that would appear to circumvent the voter approval process. They discussed the possibility of holding a public hearing on the issue. Leslie stated that she would like to talk to Mike Robinson more and also to city officials before making a decision about a public hearing.

Oregon Transit - The commissioners discussed a membership application for Oregon Transit, an advocacy group for transit providers. They agreed to have Tonya Saunders look at it.

Volunteer Mileage Reimbursement - John K stated that his research shows that there is no uniformity among departments in the current practice for reimbursing volunteers. Kathy stated that if volunteers in some departments are satisfied with no reimbursement, those departments shouldn't be forced to start coming up with that money in their budgets. Mary stated that she remembers Julia Staigers bringing the issue up at Management Roundtable, but perhaps it didn't get written up into a county policy. She suggested checking the minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary