

INFORMAL MINUTES

July 16, 2007

2:00 p.m.

Oval Office

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary P. Stern and Leslie Lewis, Commissioner George being excused.

Staff: John Krawczyk, John M. Gray, Jr., Steve Mikami, Laura Tschabold, Jack Crabtree, Ken Summers, Bill Gille, and Ken Friday.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Josh Alpert, Trust for Public Land; and David Beam, City of Newberg.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order.

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

* Committees - See agenda for details.

* Contracts - See agenda for details.

* Minutes - Approve the minutes from the April 11, 2007 formal session.

Resolutions - Leslie discussed a request from O&C Counties for a resolution regarding forest management practices. The Board agreed to review the draft provided and prepare a resolution for adoption at a later time.

* Adopt Resolution 07-7-18-1 in support of Parole and Probation Officers Appreciation Week, July 15-21, 2007.

Conservation Financing - Josh Alpert, Northwest Services Director for the Trust for Public Land, discussed the Conservation Finance Program, which helps government partners and communities create funding for parks and land conservation. He stated that his success rate with conservation funding ballot measures is about 84% and the only charge would be for polling, which is done by an outside firm.

* Road Improvements - Adopt an order offering to surrender jurisdiction to the City of Newberg over portions of Second Street in Newberg. David Beam reviewed the proposal to improve Second Street and acknowledged the Board's commitment of county funds.

John K discussed a request for funding to help with a project to add bicycle/pedestrian access to Tice Park from Baker Creek Road. He noted that since the Newberg Second Street project won't begin until July 2008, that may free up additional funding for the Tice Park

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project. He said he would invite Lee Vasquez to come on behalf of McMinnville Rotary Club and make a formal request to the Board.

* Land Use - Ken Friday briefed the Board on Planning Dockets PAZ-01-07, PAZ-02-07, and PAZ-03-07. Mary and Leslie discussed the possibility of doing a site visit the following day.

Assessor's Office - John K stated that the Assessor's Office will be moving to the basement of the courthouse over the weekend. He said that Brian Dunn's recommendation is to purchase a new front counter rather than moving the existing one because of potential damage to it. He noted that at least some of the replacement cost could be covered by moving expenses budgeted in the A&T Grant and he will work with Dave Lawson and Brian on the issue.

Chiller Update - John K reported that there is still no scheduled date for the electrical work on the courthouse chiller and the District Attorney's Office is continuing to have problems because only one air conditioning unit can be operated on each circuit. He stated that the Grand Jury would temporarily move to the Commission on Children & Families conference room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary