

INFORMAL MINUTES

July 30, 2007

2:00 p.m.

Oval Office

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

Staff: John Krawczyk, John M. Gray, Jr., Steve Mikami, Martin Chroust-Masin, Bill Gille, Ken Friday, Stephanie Armstrong.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Douglas Goe, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP; Dennis Russell, Friendsview Retirement Community Executive Director; Katherine Huit and Shirley Venhaus, Historical Society; and Alan Fox, ODOT.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order.

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

* Ratify the adjustment of Commissioner Lewis' salary to equal that of Commissioners George and Stern for fiscal year 2007-08, as discussed in Budget Committee meetings.

Friendsview Manor - Doug Coe presented a proposal for bond financing through the Yamhill County Hospital Authority, similar to the financing structure used by George Fox University. Dennis Russell distributed handouts of the 2007 Summary of Operations and stated that the improved financial position will allow Friendsview to bring its interest rate down. He provided an overview of the Friendsview expansion project.

The Board agreed to schedule a Hospital Authority Board of Directors meeting to take action on the proposal on August 21, 2007 at either 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. in Newberg, location to be determined. The issue will be heard by the Board of Commissioners at the August 29, 2007 formal session.

On behalf of Gilliam County, Doug also requested Board approval of a bond financing project for Waste Management, Inc. to fund improvements to Riverbend Landfill in the amount of approximately \$3.3 million. The Board agreed to hold the required hearing at the August 29, 2007 formal session.

* Land Use - Martin Chroust-Masin briefed the Board on Planning Docket FT-06-07, a request to modify the previous condition of approval of FT-11-97 to allow the existing dwelling to remain 85 feet from the property line, applicant Catherine Wright representing Stephen Shea, appellants Ron and Leigh Woodard.

Historical Society - Shirley Venhaus and Katherine Huit presented plans to build a new Yamhill

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County Museum on twelve acres donated to the Historical Society. Shirley stated that they have strong community support for the project and \$2 million in seed money already, with \$7 million more to raise. Katherine reviewed the details of the designs for the new facility and noted that a garage sale will be held August 23-27, 2007. She stated that the grand opening date for Phase 1 will be February 14, 2009, in conjunction with the Oregon Sesquicentennial, and asked for the Board's support in the Historical Society's educational outreach.

Kathy presented a framed photo of Abigail Scott Duniway to the Historical Society.

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details. Alan Fox reviewed the Highway 219 realignment project and noted that construction would begin in May 2008 and end in October 2008. He stated that the agreement could be amended if the county and city decide to assign a different name to the section designated as Wilsonville Road. Ken Friday will work with Barton Brierly of the city to come up with a letter seeking input from residents in that area.

* Land Use - Ken Friday briefed the Board on Planning Dockets P-44-07/C-35-07, a request for partition and conditional use approval to divide eighteen acres into three residential parcels, applicant Mary Holtan, and NCU-01-07, a request to recognize an existing storage business as a non-conforming use, applicant David Evers, appellant Dan Bansen.

Stephanie Armstrong briefed the Board on Planning Docket PAZ-07-07/SDR-10-07, a request for plan amendment/zone change from EF-80 and VLDR-2.5 to Light Industrial, applicant Oregon Truss, scheduled for public hearing on September 5, 2007.

* Minutes - Approve formal session minutes from March 7, 2007.

Leslie moved approval of the following informal session minutes. The motion passed, Kathy, Mary, and Leslie voting aye.

B. O. 07-695 - April 23, 2007

B. O. 07-696 - May 21, 2007

* Special Assessment - Authorize the payment of \$741 to the Association of Oregon Counties for a special assessment for the Public Lands and Natural Resources Forest Management Subcommittee.

* Vehicles - Authorize the purchase of the following vehicles for the Sheriff's Office and declare patrol units P-234 and P-200 as surplus county property to be sold on e-Bay to the highest bidder:

- a. 2008 Ford Crown Victoria from Chuck Colvin Ford of McMinnville, \$21,269;
- b. 2008 Chevrolet Colorado extended cab pickup from Bruce Chevrolet, \$12,944.

Title II Projects - The commissioners discussed a request from the Bureau of Land Management for a priority ranking of Title II projects. They agree to rank the South Yamhill Coast Creek In-stream and Riparian Habitat Restoration Project as the number one funding priority.

Employee Recognition - The Board discussed an offer from the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes professional baseball organization to recognize seven Yamhill County employees at the August 27, 2007 game and have a county representative throw out the first pitch. The consensus was to ask each department head to nominate one employee for recognition and draw seven names to attend the game. The Board discussed the possibility of paying for employee tickets with discretionary funds and spouse tickets with personal funds. They agreed to look into the ticket costs before making a final decision.

Work Sessions - The Board discussed the need to set up two work sessions in September, one to discuss parks and road bond issues and one to discuss succession plans for county management employees. Mary discussed a pilot program that would develop a strategic plan to address the needs of the wine industry and associated businesses in the county and as a result, spur business for other industries. After further discussion of the proposal, the Board agreed to schedule a work session in the future on this matter.

* Health Insurance - The Board recessed to executive session at 4:32 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) to discuss labor negotiations and related health insurance issues. The meeting reconvened at 4:52 p.m. with no final decisions made and instructions given to John G to prepare an order for adoption Wednesday regarding 2007-08 medical and dental plans for YCEA employees, FOPPO employees, and affiliated non-bargaining employees.

Discretionary Spending - Leslie stated that she would use \$175 from her discretionary account to buy ten season passes to the Fair for the Championship Team. The commissioners agreed to split the cost equally among them.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary