

INFORMAL MINUTES

August 17, 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, Bill Gille, and Susan Mundy.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; and Paul Snider, AOC Legal Counsel.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order.

* Personnel - Approve the change of status of Kimberly Trumbo to on-call relief in Juvenile, retroactive to August 13, 2004.

Hazard Trees - Bill presented a citizen request for trimming or removal of hazard trees located in the right-of-way along his property. Susan stated that the project, which was quoted at \$1500 by an arborist, is too large for their department to deal with. John G stated that if the trees are in a dedicated right-of-way, it would be the liability of the underlying fee owner. He expressed concern about establishing a precedent and suggested deferring the discussion until he hears back from the chief litigator of the county's insurance company. Bill will verify whether the trees are located in a dedicated right-of-way.

* Liquid Asphalt - Consideration of adoption of Ordinance 744, amending Ordinance 646 to allow the exemption of liquid asphalt from the competitive bidding process.

* Contracts - see agenda for details.

Public Hearing - Kathy noted that the public hearing scheduled for August 26, 2004 is canceled because the applicant has withdrawn his appeal for the hardship dwelling renewal and has filed a new application.

Planning Department Closure - Kathy presented a request from Mike Brandt to close the Planning Department to the public from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays from August 25, 2004 through the end of October 2004 because of temporary loss of staffing due to illness and injury. The Board agreed. Leslie suggested that COG staff might be able to help, and they wouldn't need much training because they do planning for small cities.

* Transportation Action Plan - Consideration of approval of the revised Yamhill County Public Transportation Action Plan, as prepared by the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments.

YCAP Fee Waiver - Mary stated that a list of mailing addresses is available from the county, which YCAP has used in the past for its food bank mailing. She said they are requesting that the fee be waived. Leslie expressed concern about setting a precedent for other non-profit agencies. John K later suggested that the commissioners could use their discretionary accounts to grant the request. Mary said

MINUTES INFORMAL SESSION

Page 1

August 17, 2004

10:00 a.m.

KG__MS__LL__

she would find out the fee amount so a decision could be made next week.

Fair Letter - The Board briefly discussed a citizen letter which addressed conflicts between FFA/4-H groups and the Fair Board and presented suggestions for improving the Fair. The commissioners agreed to forward the letter to the Fair Board.

Parks Board Term Limits - John G stated that it would be difficult for the Board to make an exception to the term limits since they are required by the bylaws, but the bylaws could be amended to allow exceptions by the unanimous consent of the Board.

* Ballot Measure 34 - Consideration of approval of a resolution in support of Tillamook County's opposition of Ballot Measure 34, known as the 50-50 Plan. Mary stated that she would rewrite the draft resolution.

Local Contract Review Board (LCRB) - John G requested a LCRB meeting to consider the exemption from competitive bidding of electrical contracts for the remodel of the Moore Building. The meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, 2004 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 108.

Moore Building Remodel - John K announced that the remodel should be finished during the second half of this fiscal year.

AOC Issues - Paul Snider explained how the Community Corrections budget is currently built and the funding committee's proposal to "build the pie the same way that it is sliced", which would include local control people in the total population and base the budget on overall fluctuations. He stated that this method would be much more predictable and would neither reward nor penalize counties for what they do with their local control population. However, if the local control population is growing rather than declining, counties would get less money than they would using the old method.

He stated that the committee's second recommendation would be to include personnel costs in current service level funding because they don't trust state agencies to keep up with costs. The third recommendation would be to recalculate the actual base costs of jail and supervision so a biennial recalculation doesn't have to be done county by county.

There was a discussion about using wage caps to control costs and the negative effects of legislation on bargaining effectiveness. Paul noted that Douglas County has opted out of receiving SB 1145 funds and therefore will no longer provide community corrections services for the state. He stated that Lane and Curry Counties have both given opt-out notice as well. He summarized the time frame for the next restoration piece of community corrections funding by the E-Board.

Other issues of importance were listed, including HHS budgetary concerns, pushing the state to fund transportation modernization, salary supplements for DDAs, using law library funding for court facilities maintenance, and environmental regulations.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Anne Britt

MINUTES

Page 2

INFORMAL SESSION

August 17, 2004

10:00 a.m.

KG__MS__LL__

Secretary