

INFORMAL MINUTES

August 24, 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, Murray Paolo, Russ Heath, Tim Stieber, Becky Blanchard, Tim Loewen, Allison Musillami, Chuck Vesper, and Cliff Toney.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Tim Stieber and Ken Elbert, Soil and Water Conservation District.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

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

* Vehicles - Authorize the purchase of the following vehicles from Chuck Colvin Ford of McMinnville for Public Works and the sale of units 85-24 and 90-23 on eBay to the highest bidder:
a. 2005 Ford F-350 crew cab and chassis, \$25,129;
b. 2005 Ford F-250 extended cab 4x4, \$22,860.

* Authorize the purchase of a 2005 Ford F-250 from Chuck Colvin Ford of McMinnville for the Sheriff's Office, \$21,650, and the sale of unit P-039 on eBay to the highest bidder.

Russ stated that after running a demo peanut roller, he decided a bigger class roller would be more appropriate. He is currently working on getting a bigger demo model.

* Contracts - see agenda for details.

Transmission Antennas - Murray stated that a license agreement was approved in 2003 which allowed Oregon AirNet, also known as McMinnville Access Company, to put transmission antennas on the courthouse tower for a monthly fee of \$50/month per antenna. He explained that this company would now like to install an antenna on the county's Mountain Top Road tower, and he suggested modifying the existing agreement to add the new site at the same rate. He said that he would be revisiting the monthly rate in the next twelve months anyway.

Leslie stated that \$50 is too low, compared to the going rate of around \$1000/month for cell towers, and that the price should be adjusted now if another site is to be added. Murray said he would look into current rates charged by other counties and report back to the Board.

* Refund - Authorize a refund of \$400 to Roy Maxey from the Planning Department.

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Rainbow Lake / Juliette Dam - Tim Stieber and Ken Elbert from Yamhill County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) appeared with Becky Blanchard to make a PowerPoint presentation about natural resource challenges in the Baker Creek watershed (see attachment). Tim explained that SWCD has an opportunity to apply for grant funding from Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and that the Juliette Dam project would be their first priority, followed by Rainbow Lake.

Ken stated that Juliette Dam may break away in the next 20-30 years anyway, which will cause damage to the nearby bridge and roads. Tim said the complete removal of the dam would take about four phases over a period of 3 ½ - 8 years, and the proposed grant would cover Phase 1. He stated that subsequent phases would include a new bridge upstream from the dam, which would be less expensive than retrofitting the existing bridge.

Leslie expressed concerns about committing Public Works to replacing a bridge with no funding in place, and said she wants to talk with the department about the bridge proposal, as well as getting a second opinion about the life expectancy of the dam. Kathy suggested including bridge costs in subsequent grant applications. Tim agreed, and said he would find out if updating the dam for fish passage would be a requirement as soon as the project is started. John K raised the possibility of getting the restrictions on Title III loosened up a little to allow the use of funds for the bridge, since it would promote environmental value.

The Board consensus was to have Bill Gille work closely with Tim Stieber in writing the grant and come back to the Board when they have a draft prepared. Tim stated that the next steps will include background work and public meetings, and the timeline for grant submission will probably be next fall.

* Grant Application - Authorize Family & Youth to apply for a State Incentive Grant for behavioral health services to families with young children, \$312,500.

Allison summarized the purpose and goals of the grant application, which would integrate children's behavioral health services with four local medical centers (see attachment for details). Leslie and Kathy expressed concerns about potential misuses of the service if parents do not clearly understand the voluntary nature of the program. Kathy suggested close monitoring of the program and getting feedback from participants. Leslie emphasized the need for full disclosure to parents about the multi-disciplinary team who would be reviewing and discussing their child's case. Tim Loewen expressed his support of the program as a great prevention opportunity for the community.

* Committee - Accept the resignation of Dawn Williamson from the Commission on Children and Families.

Juvenile Wood Program - Tim Loewen reviewed previous plans to use the Martin & Wright property for the wood program, and stated that he just heard from Doug Montgomery that the property was rezoned to multi-family residential, which will no longer allow for the wood program because of 50-foot setback requirements. John G said he will visit with the City Planning Director about a possible resolution, but chances are slim. He recommended that Tim work to reduce the inventory already on the property.

Appointment - Kathy announced that Mary has been appointed to the State Workforce Investment Board

for a term beginning September 27, 2004.

* Mileage Rate - Approve an increase of the county mileage reimbursement rate to be consistent with the IRS business rate of 37.5 cents per mile, effective September 1, 2004. (Note: During formal session, the effective date was amended to August 25, 2004.)

Web Services - Kathy stated that Rocky McVay was able to get 80 free memberships to a website that the county had agreed to join. She said he also would like the Board to sign a Community Wildfire Prevention Plan Rapid Assessment Web Services Agreement, which would help in getting PL 106-393 reauthorized by getting information to the federal government about what is actually being done with the money. She said the web services agreement would prioritize the county's plans already in place without affecting them. She stated that Rocky had sent an informational CD and book to explain more about the agreement, which she would like to review. The Board agreed to have Bob Maca review the agreement.

Executive Session - An executive session was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on September 9, 2004 to discuss labor negotiations.

Silly Business - Mary read a frivolous resolution by the Board for the purpose of preventing Martin Chroust-Masin of the Planning Department from causing any further injury to himself.

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary