

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

August 22, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners’ Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary Starrett, Stan Primozich, and Richard L. “Rick” Olson.

Staff: Ken Huffer, Christian Boenisch, Brad Berry, Jessica Beach, Ian Davidson and Mikalie Frei.

Guests: Sharon Morgan, Nicole Montesano, News Register

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Commissioner Primozich called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

* Contracts – see agenda for details.

* Letter – see agenda for details.

* Surplus – see agenda for details.

Yamhill County Cultural Coalition presentation - Sharon Morgan discussed the history of the Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 study. She said this is Americans for the Arts’ fifth study of the nonprofit arts and culture industry's impact on the economy. It documents the economic contributions of the arts in 341 diverse communities and regions across the country, representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Nationally, the nonprofit arts and culture industry generated \$166.3 billion of economic activity during 2015—\$63.8 billion in spending by arts and cultural organizations and an additional \$102.5 billion in event-related expenditures by their audiences. This activity supported 4.6 million jobs and generated \$27.5 billion in revenue to local, state, and federal governments. Ms. Morgan said Yamhill County’s portion of revenue was 4 million dollars. With the given information she stated Yamhill County needs to change the way we think, speak and interact with the arts industry. She expressed her desire to have the arts seen as an economic driver and participant in Yamhill County.

Jessica Beach, Community Justice Director went over the JRI grant application. She said community justice would be able to add 2.0 FTE of a pretrial services officer, 1.0 FTE case aide, and 1.0 FTE parole/probation officer. She discussed the use of funds for subsidy housing and the increase due to early release changing from 60 to 120 days. She spoke about the funding that would go to the Hatfield fellowship program that is run out of Portland State University. Top graduates working on their masters or PhD that show interest in working in public service in the northwest are recruited. Ms. Beach talked about the additional funding to be used for court automated notification system, CJC research, and Juliette’s and Henderson House.

Brad Berry, District Attorney gave a brief overview on the grant application. He discussed the increase in complexity of cases and the increase of overall caseloads. Mr. Berry said he would like to hire a deputy district attorney to manage prison diversion cases. Someone that could look at non-prison options to slow the growth of prisons and alternatives to accountability.

Commissioner Starrett discussed with Mr. Boenisch her questions regarding title insurance. Mr. Boenisch discussed the costs and processes associated with pursuing title. Mr. Sadlo addressed Commissioner Starrett's question regarding section 12 language regarding condemnation and eminent domain.

Following commissioner updates, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Crystal Cox
Secretary