

INFORMAL MINUTES

September 17, 2007

2:00 p.m.

Oval Office

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

Staff: Steve Mikami, Laura Tschabold, Tim Loewen, Dan Linscheid, and Ken Friday.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order.

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

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

* Vehicles - Authorize the purchase of a used 2007 Ford Taurus from Chuck Colvin Ford of McMinnville for the Sheriff's Office, \$12,995, and declare unit P-204 as surplus property to be sold on e-Bay to the highest bidder.

Biosolids - The Board discussed a request from Dale and Janice Turner to present information regarding the use of biosolids near Hopewell. The consensus was to schedule ten minutes at informal session either October 15, 2007 or October 22, 2007 and to invite Sherrie Mathison to attend. Mary noted that local government does not have control over the use of biosolids if it is done in compliance with DEQ requirements.

Yearbook Ad - The Board agreed to sponsor a quarter-page advertisement in the Yamhill Carlton High School yearbook, with \$25 to paid by each commissioner out of personal funds.

* Refunds - Authorize the following refunds from the Planning Department:
a. David Evers, \$799;
b. Bernard Diefenderfer, \$588.

* Deed - Authorize the transfer of property that was inadvertently omitted from prior legal descriptions to Cliff Brotherton for the sum of \$241 to cover fees.

Discretionary Funds - The commissioners declared a \$250 expense for Yamhill County Drug Court Alumni to be divided equally among their discretionary accounts.

* Fees - Consideration of adoption of a revised fee schedule for the Juvenile Department, effective September 20, 2007 for new clients only.

Tim discussed the details of the new fee schedule, explaining that the fees were set up to cover a portion of staff costs, the balance of which is funded by tax dollars and grants. He stated that the purpose of the changes is to reduce his staff's workload and make charging methods consistent.

* Road Vacation - Dan Linscheid briefed the Board on Public Works Docket RV-3-2007, vacation

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of a public road in the Hidden Hills #2 subdivision, petitioners SuAnn Reddick and John Gregor, no hearing necessary under ORS 368.351. He recommended that the filing of the road vacation be subject to the filing of a partition for Tax Lot 5700.

Land Use - Ken Friday briefed the Board on Planning Docket P-26-07/C-21-07, a request for conditional use and partition under standards in effect in 1972 to allow the creation of two 2.5-acre parcels from an existing 47.4-acre lot, applicant Marla Robison, appellant Samuel Gordon. He stated that the application is pretty straightforward except for a procedural issue with the public notice, which he explained. He confirmed that the Board would be taking a site visit the following day.

AOC - Mary provided a report on the Association of Oregon Counties Legislative Committee Meeting.

Pipeline - Mary stated that she had met with Sam Sweeney, Piper Sweeney, Dave Cruickshank, Tim Stieber, and David Bates on Friday to hear their concerns about the natural gas pipeline proposals, such as the potential impact on farming and the river and whether there would be a process for submitting claims. She presented a request for the Board to write a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) about these concerns. Mary agreed to draft a letter for the Board's review. Leslie suggested that the Board encourage FERC to choose a location that would not affect established agriculture. Kathy requested that the Board look into citizen concerns about eminent domain laws.

Juvenile Detention - Kathy stated that she had been talking with Tim Loewen about the negative publicity resulting from the recent case involving two Patton students and the possibility of reviewing the department's policies on the treatment of youth and their families. Mary stated that policies have to be applied universally, but the county should always be reviewing its policies and looking for ways to improve them in order to most efficiently and effectively run the facility without jeopardizing safety. She suggested discussing policy concerns with Tim. Kathy noted that an information sheet to explain the policies to parents would be helpful.

Rail Study - Leslie stated that although there were many requests for the rail study bid packet, no bids were received. She said that unless Matt Simek has other ideas, it makes sense to contact the four people who attended the pre-bid meeting and see what they could provide for \$35,000. Mary mentioned the possibility of using additional dollars from the Economic Development Fund. After further discussion, the Board agreed to request incremental proposals for \$35,000, \$40,000, \$45,000, and \$50,000. Kathy stated that she would also like to know what the freight component would add to the bids.

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary