

BOARD ORDERS AND MINUTES

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL

SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF YAMHILL COUNTY (“the Board”) sat for the transaction of county business in formal session on September 20, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 32 of the Courthouse, Commissioners Leslie Lewis, Kathy George, and Mary P. Stern being present.

Also present were Laura Tschabold, County Administrator; Rick Sanai, County Counsel; Christian Boenisch, Deputy County Counsel; Tonya Saunders, Transit Manager; Nathalie Hardy, News-Register; and Laura Cleland, Association of Oregon Counties (AOC).

A. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** This thirty-minute time period is reserved for public comment on any topic other than a quasi-judicial land use matter or other topic scheduled for public hearing. Unless extended or restricted by the Chair or majority of the Board, public comment will be limited to three minutes per person.

Laura Cleland introduced herself as AOC’s liaison to District 6, which includes Yamhill County. She said that her goal for the year is to attend Board sessions with each of the three counties quarterly. She announced that District 6 would hold its annual meeting on October 5 and would be combined with District 5. Ms. Lewis stated that the commissioners have enjoyed working with Ms. Cleland over the years and appreciate all that she does for AOC.

B. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Ms. Stern moved approval of the consent agenda. The motion passed, Commissioners Lewis, George, and Stern voting aye.

Minutes

1. Approve the following formal session minutes:
 - a. **B. O. 12-515** - July 19, 2012;
 - b. **B. O. 12-516** - July 26, 2012;
 - c. **B. O. 12-517** - August 2, 2012;
 - d. **B. O. 12-518** - August 9, 2012;
 - e. **B. O. 12-519** - August 16, 2012.

Personnel

2. **B. O. 12-520** - Approve the employment of Danielle Buchanan as HS Specialist 2 in HHS Adult Mental Health, regular full-time, Range 20, Step 1, effective September 24, 2012.

C. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

D. **OTHER BUSINESS** (Add-ons and non-consent items):

1. **B. O. 12-521** - Consideration of approval of the minutes from the August 23, 2012,

formal session.

Ms. George moved approval of item D(1). The motion passed, Commissioners Lewis, George, and Stern voting aye.

2. **B. O. 12-522** - Consideration of accepting the sheriff's Return Following Sale for the surplus property sale of September 12, 2012.

Christian Boenisch explained that this is the formal acknowledgment that the sale was held and there were no bidders. He said that the next steps for the Amity House would be discussed in executive session. Ms. Stern moved approval of item D(2). The motion passed, Commissioners Lewis, George, and Stern voting aye.

3. **B. O. 12-523** - Consideration of authorizing an Energy Incentives Program (EIP) Application for Preliminary Certification for public transit services, amount of requested tax credits to be determined by Tonya Saunders, application fee \$200.

Ms. Saunders explained that the EIP program is mostly the same as the former Business Energy Tax Credits (BETC) program. She said that the transit providers are ineligible to apply under the new rules, so the county has to apply if it wants to take advantage of the incentives. Leslie stated that if the application is approved, there would be an additional fee of .55% of the total project costs, which is a substantial amount on a \$2.8 million project. She said that the total tax credit to be requested is approximately \$718,079, and some of that would be pass-through credits. After a brief discussion about a discrepancy in the numbers between two versions of the application, Ms. Lewis moved approval of item D(3). The motion passed, Commissioners Lewis, George, and Stern voting aye.

4. Discussion of Title III funding. [*Consensus to leave Title III allocation unchanged.*]

Ms. Tchabold stated that it would be difficult to change the county's election percentages at this point, but once the money is designated for forest patrol and Search & Rescue, it can be held in the account and expended as needed until it runs out. The consensus of the Board was to leave the Title III allocation unchanged.

5. **B. O. 12-524** - Consideration of designating the BLM Haul Route Improvements project as the county's top priority for Title II funding through the Salem Resource Advisory Committee.

Ms. Lewis moved approval of item D(5), stating that it would be good to pave the approaches away from the bridges so that the graders can turn around. The motion passed, Commissioners Lewis, George, and Stern voting aye.

The commissioners thanked Rick Sanai for his hard work on the Stoller appeal and Mr. Stoller for fighting the battle in order to answer the questions raised about the county's ordinance. Mr. Sanai stated that the Land Use Board of Appeals did a detailed analysis of facts in the application and the ruling was an important ratification of the county's long-standing land

use process. He said that it was helpful that Mr. Stoller's application was structured as well as it was.

5. Executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) to discuss real property transactions.

The meeting recessed to executive session at 10:27 a.m. and reconvened at 10:49 a.m. with no formal decisions made.

6. **B. O. 12-525** - Consideration of authorizing county counsel to pursue a private sale of the Amity House, with Christian Boenisch to contact the Yamhill County Association of Realtors to determine the level of interest in working with the county on the project.

Ms. Stern moved approval of item D(6). The motion passed, Commissioners Lewis, George, and Stern voting aye. Ms. Stern stated that Ms. Tschabold would work with Chuck Vesper to see if the external appearance of the property could be improved.

E. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

F. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. For information on county advisory committee vacancies, please refer to our website, www.co.yamhill.or.us, or call the Board of Commissioners' office: 503-434-7501 (from McMinnville) or 503-554-7801 (toll-free from Newberg).

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary

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