

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

September 26, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Ken Huffer, Christian Boenisch, and Mikalie Frei.

Guests: Nicole Montesano, News Register.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Commissioner Primozich called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

- * Contracts - Consideration of approving Amendment #2 to agreement #29585 for the Transportation Enhancement (TE) "Yamhelas Westsider Trail Phase 1" grant project between Yamhill County and the Department of Transportation (B.O. 13-739) effective upon execution.

Commissioner Starrett expressed her concerns regarding item number six of the agreement. She said it highlights her concern that it will be the county's responsibility to maintain the trail. Commissioner Starrett talked about the Spring Water Trail in Portland that has been negatively affected by the increased homeless population living on the trail. She is concerned that if the county's homeless problem continues she fears what that will do to the citizens who live along the trail. Commissioner Primozich said the Spring Water Trail only suffered the issue with homelessness after the mayor of Portland directed the homeless to move their camps from the downtown to the trail. Commissioner Olson said he appreciated Commissioner Starrett's concerns but after researching other trails in Oregon, he said the trails that have homeless issues are the trails that are closest to the city's available services.

- * Contracts - Approve Master Service Agreement #7539 between Yamhill County (Assessor's office) and the State of Oregon for oblique aerial imagery products and services.

Derrick Wharff said the master service agreement is one put together by the state to allow other entities to purchase at volume discounts. He said they are looking for a way to get aerial tomography that can be accessible by other counties and fire rescue etc. Mr. Wharff said if approved, Yamhill County will be the first county to participate. He said it does not cost to be a part of the program, and the state will offer a 20% discount in addition to other state discounts for future purchases.

- * Easement - see agenda for details.

Incite Presentation - Incite's new executive director Kim Parker-Lleneras gave an update to the board regarding the last two months she has spent since joining the company. She said she has taken the time to look at the company internally, giving her focus to restructuring the board and staffing. She said she is hopeful by the end of the calendar year the changes will be solidified. Ms. Parker said the company's focus is with contractors that they serve in Marion, Polk, Yamhill and Linn County and helping people with job searches. She said they are working to be involved more in the industry and with economic development, focusing on how they need to engage with employers and job seekers. Ms. Parker said they want to support employers with training and see how they can make an impact and connect workers to employers.

The Board discussed the proposed final recommendation for the new meeting procedures. Commissioner Primozych discussed the general public comment portion of formal session. He said with the new procedural changes during the public comment portion of the meeting a citizen can request to have an item removed from the consent agenda and with a commissioner's recommendation the item would be moved to the Other Business section of the agenda. Once the board reached the Other Business section of the agenda the citizen may be invited back up to share their comment and hear further discussion. Commissioner Starrett said she appreciated the work by staff to address the concerns she had allowing citizens the opportunity to speak on agenda items prior to the board's vote. The consensus of the board was to implement the new procedures (Exhibit A) in mid-October upon Ms. Tschabold's return from vacation.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Crystal Cox
Secretary