

INFORMAL MINUTES

October 6, 2008

2:00 p.m.

Oval Office

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

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Ken Friday, and Stephanie Armstrong.

Guests: Gretchen Olson.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order.

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

Hands & Words - Gretchen Olson provided background information on the Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting project and suggested placing a decal in the courthouse entrance window. She said that the county could adopt the Hands & Words project as its signature project for a year or so. She left a copy of her book for each of the commissioners.

Mary said that Hands & Words is a good program. Leslie suggested using the decals on the bus shelters, since there have been some issues with offensive language there. She noted that the shelters should be arriving soon and Brian Dunn will be constructing some additional covering at the transfer station for people waiting for the buses. Kathy stated that Marilyn Kennelly had suggested designating some of the parking spaces in that lot as short-term parking in exchange for the parking spaces on the other side of the courthouse. Leslie expressed her support of the idea and said she would have Tonya Saunders work on it with Laura Tschabold.

Land Use - Ken Friday briefed the Board on Planning Docket SDR-08-08(KF/SA), an appeal of the Planning Director's denial of a request for a 170-foot cell tower and associated equipment, applicant/appellant Emily Buck of Verizon Wireless.

Stephanie Armstrong briefed the Board on Planning Docket FT-06-08(SA), an appeal of the Planning Director's approval of a forest template dwelling, applicant Denny Elmer representing Willis Road, LLC, appellant Joe Arnold.

* Contracts - See agenda for details.

* Dues - Authorize a payment of \$701 to the Association of Oregon Counties for 2008 dues, special assessment for Subcommittee on Federal Forest Issues of Public Lands and Natural Resources Committee.

* Easements - See agenda for details.

* Clarification - Approve an order clarifying the Board's intent regarding the disposition of funds for the HHS Reflections Program.

* Committees - Approve the appointment of Phillip Griffin to the HAYC Board of Commissioners for a five-year term to expire December 31, 2013.

Budget - John K reported that federal payments to counties were approved last week and Yamhill County will receive a total of \$638,000, which includes \$450,000 for roads, \$150,000 for schools, and \$105,000 for Title 3 projects. He noted that the Title 3 money can probably be used for the simulcast phase of the radio project. Leslie pointed out that the \$450,000 may just replace the \$400,000 previously allocated by the e-Board for county roads.

Hunting Cabin - Mary stated that she had met with Steve Rice and Dan Upshaw about the hunting cabin and about the arsenic level in Mr. Upshaw's well. She said she would talk to John G and decide if the Board should hold an executive session to discuss the issues.

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary