

INFORMAL MINUTES

October 12, 2004 10:00 a.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

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

Staff: John Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Laura Tschabold, Ruthella Hughes, Dave Lawson, Jack Crabtree, Paul May, Ron Huber, Tim Loewen, Chuck Vesper, and Ken Summers.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Kathie Oriet, Ray Fields, Jay Lilly, Janis Cameron, Dan Schineller, Terry Lucich, Loreli Wright, Rita Baller, and Frances Eddy.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order.

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

Dave explained that an .25 FTE increase in position authority would create a fifth full-time Appraiser 3 position to replace the current .75 FTE contract appraiser. He stated that his current budget could absorb the increased costs.

* Contracts/Grants - see agenda for details.

In discussing the Federal Transportation Earmark grant, Leslie raised the possibility of piggybacking onto bus shelter contracts done by other counties. John G stated that would be possible as long as they have gone through the competitive bidding process. Leslie emphasized the importance of getting things going and spending the grant money so the county doesn't lose future grant opportunities.

* Refund - Authorize a refund of \$600 to Ronald Bjur from the Planning Department.

* Road Jurisdiction - Initiate proceedings to surrender jurisdiction over a portion of Fernwood Road to the City of Newberg.

YCOM Funding - Ray Fields stated that YCOM is faced with potentially serious funding problems in the future. He handed out copies of a letter from Chief Brown to Mayor Ed Gormley and paused to allow the group to read it. He emphasized the need to find a stable source of funding and to make emergency services the county's highest priority.

Kathie Oriet, YCOM Policy Board Chair, discussed the limited ability of Dayton and Lafayette to pay their YCOM dues. She stated that it is becoming increasingly difficult for many entities to pay their dues, and the YCOM ending fund balances which have made up the difference in the past will eventually be used up. She raised the question of whether those entities contracting police services from the county should be including their dues portion in the contracts. She stated that a ballot measure for

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funding was considered two years ago, but the \$15,000 cost was prohibitive. She said that help from the Board would be needed if it were to be considered again. Kathy and Leslie expressed a willingness to look at waiving the costs.

Ray stated that the entire Policy Board has agreed that forming a 401 district would be the fairest solution, and Kathie Oriet said it would be nice if the Board could take responsibility for the paperwork and getting the district formation issue before the voters. Leslie stated that two-thirds of county dollars go to public safety and criminal justice, and part of the responsibility needs to go to the cities, some of which are choosing to pay for other things before public safety. She said that citizens expect public safety to be provided through their property taxes, and forming a new district would impose a permanent new tax, which would be asking them to pay twice.

In a discussion on 911 funds, John K explained that this revenue can only be used for the 911 calls, not for dispatching fire trucks, radio equipment, or other related costs, which are covered by dues. Janis Cameron stated that the 911 funding only covers about 20% of personnel costs and John K noted that about 50% of personnel costs are for 911 calls and 50% are for dispatch. Kathy suggested trying to get the 911 rate raised during the next legislative session.

John K mentioned that there are several other funding options in addition to the formation of a 401 district. He suggested rolling back the dues structure to an affordable level and put into place some kind of funding mechanism to handle cost increases. Mary suggested that John K present his options to the full Policy Board, which could then make a recommendation to the Commissioners. John G will also research some legal questions before the Board's next informal session.

Designated Parking Spots - Tim stated that six of the Sheriff's Office parking spaces will be taken up temporarily during the Juvenile Detention remodel project and they need to have emergency vehicles close to their office area for quick response. He said that both of Juvenile's spaces will be given to the Sheriff's Office and he had approached Jay Pearson about using some of the Community Center's spots, but Jay said he would only consider it if the staff and commissioners' spaces were utilized first. The Board and John G agreed to give up their parking spots temporarily during the remodel. John K will direct Brian to designate four spaces for them in the lot next to the Jail.

* Vehicle Replacement Fund - Authorize the payment of \$12,567 from the Vehicle Replacement Fund to YCINT for the value of a totaled 1997 Ford Expedition. Ken stated that Russ Heath has approved the request.

Executive Council Request - John K briefly discussed a request from Paul May for an executive council regarding Phase 3 of the voice/data system build out, stating that the meeting will be set up with a different attendance list.

Committees - The Board agreed to move forward with interviewing applicants for the opening on the Budget Committee.

* Appoint the following individuals to the member pools for the 2005 Board of Property Tax Appeals for a term ending June 30, 2005:

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- a. Paul Simmons to the County Governing Body pool;
- b. Matt Dunckel and Nancy Carter to the Non-office Holder pool.

* Resolution - Approve a resolution in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Week.

Legal Expenses - The Board agreed that the payment for Cal Tichenor's legal expenses, approved September 30, 2004, should come from both the Contingency and the Self-Insurance funds.

After discussing some scheduling issues, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary