

INFORMAL MINUTES

October 26, 2004 9:30 a.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

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

Staff: John Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Jack Crabtree, Tim Loewen, Cliff Toney, Dyke Mace, Mike Brandt, Richard Sly, and Barb Paladeni.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Emergency Operations Plan - John G presented a draft ordinance which establishes a framework of operation and authority for the county's Emergency Operations Plan. The group discussed the succession of authority and agreed to the following order if the Chair of the Board of Commissioners is unavailable: 1) Vice-Chair; 2) 3rd commissioner; 3) Sheriff; 4) Director of Administrative Services; 5) County Counsel; 6) District Attorney; 7) HHS Director; 8) Public Works Director; 9) IS Director; 10) Surveyor; and 11) Planning Director. John K suggested giving any of the above the ability to pass authority to the next person if they are heavily involved in the incident. John G stated that he could also revise the language to grant telephonic authority to the Board if they are not present physically.

John G also discussed the issue of granting mandatory evacuation authority to the Board and the Sheriff. Several members of the group expressed reservations about allowing government to force people to leave their homes. Jack stated that evacuation should not be mandatory unless others would be put in harm's way by a citizen's decision not to evacuate. He said that state statutes already give him authority to evacuate areas in certain circumstances, such as hostage or terrorist situations. John K suggested that the ordinance include language stating that the county would have no legal obligation to rescue citizens who choose to remain if such rescue would risk the safety of county employees.

John G stated that he will circulate another draft of the ordinance containing the succession of authority and three options for mandatory evacuation authority.

* Teamsters Benefits - Approve extension of benefits in Teamsters settlement to Sheriff's Office non-bargaining employees.

John G reviewed the Board's decision to attach certification requirements to longevity pay for non-bargaining employees. He explained additional language added in response to Jack's suggestion for a performance indicator. John K expressed appreciation for Jack's willingness to add longevity pay requirements, since it will impact future agreements with other bargaining units.

Community Service Program - Tim presented a request for the Board to cover the \$400 cost of installing two Quick Sheds as temporary shelter for youth working on the Martin-Wright property. The commissioners agreed to pay \$133.33 each from their discretionary accounts and Tim offered to pay the balance.

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

* Contracts/Grants - see agenda for details.

* Health Savings Plan - Approve the adoption of the VantageCare Retirement Health Savings Plan for county employees.

* Refunds - Approve a blanket refund order authorizing the Tax Collector to issue lawful refunds to taxpayers.

Fee Waiver - Kathy presented a request from United Methodist Church for a waiver of Planning fees. The Board agreed to deny the request because the Planning Department is dependent on fee revenue.

* Economic Development Funds - Consideration of a request for economic development funds for the Lambert Bend project. (Non-Consent)

John K reviewed a spreadsheet of current economic development funds, which are about \$32,000 higher than projected. Kathy provided background regarding a funding request for the Lambert Bend project and the Board agreed to contribute \$1500 from economic development. John G recommended waiting until the formal letter of request is received before taking action.

Kathy recessed to executive session at 10:34 a.m. pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) for the purpose of discussing real property transactions.

The meeting reconvened at 10:56 with no decisions made and the sense of the Board conveyed to Dyke Mace.

Morgan Lane Transitional House - Richard provided an update on property transactions for the Morgan Lane House, which will close on October 29, 2004. John K stated that funding will come from three sources: a grant received by Richard, a full faith and credit obligation, and Community Corrections.

* Capital Improvement Plan - Consideration of adoption of the revised Capital Improvement Plan for expenditure of Parks System Development Charges at the Fairgrounds. (Non-Consent)

Economic Development Funds (continued) - Mary stated that YCAP is expanding their bus route

to include the hospital/PMC area. She listed providers in the area who have already committed funding for a six-month period and said that Mayor Ed Gormley is asking the county to contribute \$425/month for six months. The Board agreed to use economic development funds to grant the request, and to save the remaining funds until after the economic development group meets again in January.

Mary explained that Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) has committed \$1500/month to the program, although they have recently had some internal disagreement regarding the contribution. She suggested sending a letter of appreciation to the governor for the state's support of YCAP.

YCAP Lawsuit - John G provided a status report on a lawsuit filed against YCAP regarding an accident which happened a year and a half ago. He said the lawyer for YCAP's former insurance company has decided, against Doug Bartlett's wishes, to tender defense of the lawsuit to the county, asserting that YCAP is an agent of the county. He explained that this will be a big test case for the state of Oregon regarding the extent of agency because the county's contract with YCAP has a solid indemnification clause.

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary