

INFORMAL MINUTES

November 2, 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, Jeffry Gottfried, and Richard Sly.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register.

* 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.

* Contracts - see agenda for details.

John G reviewed the process used to determine the winning bidder for electrical work at the Moore Building. He stated that he is waiting for DND Electric to sign a contract before it will be ready for action.

* Committees - Approve the reappointment of James Ruggles to the Parks Board for a four-year term to expire October 30, 2008.

* Consideration of an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Budget Committee. (Non-consent)

Kathy and Leslie agreed that Ken Austin would be a good choice because of his background and feedback as an excellent committee member. Mary stated that because Ken has already served two terms on the Budget Committee, the opportunity should be extended to somebody else.

Web Services Agreement - Kathy reviewed a request from Rocky McVay for the county to sign a Community Wildfire Prevention Plan Rapid Assessment Web Services Agreement, which would help in getting PL 106-393 reauthorized by getting information to the federal government about what is actually being done with Title III money. This information, which would be entered by John K on the website, would emphasize the importance of Title III projects in supporting forest fire efforts. She said the county would still be able to get the free website membership.

Leslie moved to approve Yamhill County's participation in the Community Wildfire Rapid Assessment program. The motion passed, Kathy, Mary, and Leslie voting aye.

* Surveillance Cameras - Approve the expenditure of up to \$7500 from the Self-Insurance Fund for surveillance cameras in the Jail.

Emergency Operations Ordinance - John G stated that following last Tuesday's discussion, he had circulated a draft of the ordinance containing the succession of authority and options for mandatory evacuation authority, after which Sheriff Crabtree had suggested a new alternative for the evacuation language. He stated that he is working with Jack on the new language and would like him to discuss the issue again at the next informal session.

Forest Education / Salmon Presentation - Jeff Gottfried passed around photos of recent program activities, as well as a list of organizations he is currently partnering with, and he shared his enthusiasm and love for his work. He discussed the shrinking areas in the Pacific Northwest where salmon can swim and the value to forests and the economy of having salmon in the rivers and streams. He specifically mentioned the presence of steelhead and coho salmon in Baker Creek and discussed the benefits of making Juliette Dam passable to allow salmon into the three miles of prime spawning ground above Rainbow Lake. He explained that property owners would not be adversely affected because land use regulations regarding salmon-spawning streams already apply to the whole length of the waterway.

He discussed the forestry education program and stated that requests will be going out to teachers in January for proposals regarding week-long summer programs for youth. He discussed the implementation of modest tuition fees to allow expanded, self-supporting programs. John G stated that reasonable fees can be charged as long as nobody is turned away for inability to pay. Kathy thanked Jeff for his dedication and enthusiasm.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary