

INFORMAL MINUTES

December 1, 2008

2:00 p.m.

Oval Office

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, John Krawczyk, John M. Gray, Jr., Steve Mikami, Pat. Anderson, and Chris Johnson.

Guests: None.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order.

* Personnel - Steve presented personnel requests from various departments. See agenda for details. Chris explained that the two new positions are a result of new grant funding. He added that there will be a 13% rate increase from Oregon Health Plan in January, which will require even more staff.

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

* Policy - Approve a county policy on the use of county telephones.

LNG Pipeline - Mary stated that the LNG Advisory Committee would like the Board to pass a resolution opposing the terminal and pipelines. She suggested meeting with the committee or holding a public hearing before making a decision. Kathy stated that she would like to meet with the committee first and then hold a public meeting when Henry Moore can be there to answer questions. Leslie added that she would like to hear from Northwest Natural as well.

Mary stated that she has no interest in supporting the terminals and starting a reliance on foreign imports. Leslie stated that alternative energy sources are important, but agreed to oppose the terminals. Kathy expressed concern about the pipelines cutting across farmland in an irresponsible manner. Mary agreed, noting that at some point there may be pipelines coming through the county for domestic sources, but those should be looked at differently.

The Board agreed to invite the committee chair and any other interested committee members to come to informal session on December 15 and to schedule a public hearing in January on the proposed resolution.

2009 Chair Assignments - The Board agreed that Leslie would serve as Chair and Kathy as Vice-Chair in 2009.

Scheduling - The Board scheduled a meeting of the YCTA Board of Directors for 9:15 a.m. on December 3, 2008, to follow up on issues discussed previously.

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A meeting of the Facilities Committee was scheduled for December 18, 2008, at 7:30 a.m. to discuss the court facilities study.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary