

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

December 3, 2012

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Rick Sanai, Pat Anderson, John Phelan, and Stephanie Armstrong.

Guests: Nathalie Hardy, News-Register; Jackie Lang, Paul Burns, and William Carr, Waste Management.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Leslie called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

* Personnel - Pat presented personnel items from various departments. See formal session agenda for details.

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

* Budget Transfer - Authorize a transfer of \$18,623 in funds and expenditure authority from the O&C Reserve Fund (50-52) to the Community Corrections Fund (21-44) for the Pre-Trial Services Officer position.

* Surplus - Declare an inventory of mobile data equipment as surplus county property to be offered for sale on e-Bay.

* Refund - Approve a \$525 refund from HHS to Managed Health Network for overpayment.

Department Updates

Public Works: John Phelan provided an update on the fuel storage system RFP and the Sheridan Green Bridge. He discussed the need to improve road closure signage for flooding events, and stated that although he hasn't budgeted for it, he will be making an effort to obtain lighted signs that meet standards, as the county is at some liability right now for not having them. He said that crews are working extended hours and Saturdays to try to keep up on gravel road maintenance, which can't be done when the weather is either too dry or too wet. He noted that he is putting double, if not triple, the money into the gravel road system that he was four years ago. Leslie stated that crews tried using Earthbind for a couple of years, but the product wasn't successful in this wet climate. John discussed a road condition rating system called Integrated Road Information System (IRIS), similar to the Pavement Control Index system he currently uses. He said that he would try IRIS in a year or two and see if generates enough information that he wouldn't need to acquire an electronic rating system.

Land Use - Stephanie Armstrong briefed the Board on Planning Docket C-12-12(SA), a request for a home occupation conditional use approval for a pregnancy and birth retreat center, applicant Jennifer Gallardo, appellants John & Sandra Crossland. Leslie and Kathy agreed to schedule a site visit. Mary noted that she wouldn't be present for the hearing.

Riverbend Landfill - Jackie Lang, Paul Burns, and William Carr presented the year-end report from Waste Management. They discussed operational improvements, community outreach, and goals for the following year. Ms. Lang discussed the pilot falconer program and stated that it would likely become part of a broader bird management program to keep the landfill from being attractive to birds. Mr. Burns stated that most days there are no issues with onsite smells now, as a result of operation improvements, and the goal is to get to no odor. He said that everything Waste Management does is public, and information goes a long way in helping to resolve issues.

Leslie stated that it helps for the community to be involved in the planning process and to understand Waste Management's intent for the landfill and surrounding property. She said that hopefully Yamhill County will be a place where green technology can be used once the technology is available.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary