

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

December 5, 2011

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary P. Stern and Leslie Lewis, with Commissioner Kathy George being excused.

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Chuck Vesper, Rick Sanai, Christian Boenisch, Scott Paasch, Dana Carelle, John Phelan, and Tim Svenson.

Guests: Ossie Bladine, News-Register; Dave Morgan, NewsYamhillCounty.com; Denise Bacon, candidate for commissioner; Mike Knutz, OSU Extension Service; Jacob Knutz and Zachary Drew, OSU Extension Service 4-H program.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

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

Minutes - Leslie moved approval of the following informal session minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

B. O. 11-745 - September 26, 2011, informal session;

B. O. 11-746 - October 3, 2011, work session;

B. O. 11-747 - October 3, 2011, informal session.

* Approve the following formal session minutes:
a. September 29, 2011;
b. October 6, 2011.

* Personnel - Mary presented personnel requests from various departments. See agenda for details.

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

* Surplus Property/Vehicles - Declare Unit 59-170, a 1959 Caterpillar D-7 Dozer, as surplus county property to be sold.

* Authorize the purchase of a new 2012 Dodge Charger from Withnell Dodge of Salem for the Juvenile Department, \$22,050; declare Unit P-122 as surplus county property to be sold on eBay.

* Authorize the purchase of a new 2012 Dodge Charger from Withnell Dodge of Salem for the Sheriff's Office, \$22,050; declare Unit P-249 as surplus county property to be sold on eBay.

* Consideration of declaring an inventory of bicycles from the Sheriff's Office as surplus county property to be donated.

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Tim Svenson stated that the Sheriff's Office has 41 bicycles that it would like to donate to a Vietnam veterans' organization that rehabilitates bicycles for the needy. He explained that it costs more to try to sell the bikes than they're worth. He said that he would find out the name of the organization and check with Rick to make sure it is a legitimate non-profit organization.

Funding Request - The Board briefly discussed a request from Yamhill Watershed Council for \$2500 and agreed to discuss it more at the Budget Committee meeting on December 9. Leslie stated that there is some O&C money for one-time expenses, but that has to be considered very carefully.

Department Updates

Juvenile Department: Dana Carelle reported that the department is currently working on a revision of its policies. She provided an update on EPICS training and reviewed a draft list of names for court-appointed counsel.

Scott Paasch provided an update on Juvenile Detention, noting that discussions are underway with Polk County about the possibility of establishing a video court, which would save money on transportation. He also discussed parent-juvenile mediation, the Amity House project, relief staff training, detention visiting hours, and the federal lawsuit.

Public Works: John Phelan reported that everything on the Maintenance Improvement Projects list has been completed, and 64 miles of road were completely reconstructed. He said that the Green Bridge RFP should be out in May and the above-ground fueling system should be functional by the end of July. He discussed the establishment of a route through the Ladd Hill area in case traffic needs to be diverted off Wilsonville Road. He stated that Randy Webb's duties will be redistributed when he retires and the position will not be filled.

OSU Extension Service - Mike Knutz, Jacob Knutz, and Zachary Drew presented the commissioners with framed photos from the 4-H photo contest that was held over the summer as part of the centennial celebration. They discussed the after-school 4-H program and a recent robotics competition.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary