

INFORMAL MINUTES

December 14, 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, Dave Lawson, Ruthella Hughes, Chris Johnson, Tim Loewen, Brad Berry, and Murray Paolo.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Chief Jay Lilly, Deputy Chief Scott Majors, and Chief Bill Holstein.

* 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.

Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Ordinance - Chris reviewed the process taken by the ASA Committee to develop a plan for designating local ambulance service providers. John G stated that Ordinance 751, amending the existing ASA Ordinance, would be ready for adoption on December 21, 2004, along with four Board Orders relating to specific provider designations. He explained that the new ordinance allows providers to be assigned through either a conditional designation by the Board or franchise applications.

* Committees - see agenda for details.

* Grants - Authorize Tim Loewen to apply for a Federal Formula Block Grant from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for the Functional Family Therapy program, \$50,000.

* Authorize Developmental Disabilities to apply for a capacity-building grant from Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (SPD) for family support, \$10,000.

Tax Data on the Internet - Dave Lawson stated that providing citizens the ability to access public tax information through the Internet would allow his department to save resources and continue to deliver cost-effective government. Murray stated that most of the work has already been done to get the first step of this ongoing project started. Dave noted that there are some privacy concerns to consider and he requested the Board's input on the matter.

The group discussed the possibility of excluding personal information for law enforcement and elected officials. Brad emphasized the potential safety risks of making personal information available either over the Internet or over-the-counter. Dave stated that exclusions might not be allowed for requests made in person at the Assessor's Office, but that the contact information could be modified to show only work addresses or post office boxes. The group also

discussed the possibility of a log-in system, using either a credit card number or password obtained through the Assessor's Office, which would allow the county to track people who might be misusing the system. Leslie stated that she is not interested in the log-in feature, but she agreed with the need to block every way to access personal information if exclusions are made for certain employees or officials.

Dave said he would come back to the Board in January with more information from other counties regarding exclusions.

* Minutes - See agenda for formal minutes to be approved.

Kathy moved approval of the following informal minutes:

- March 22, 2004 work session
- March 30, 2004, 10:00 a.m.
- March 30, 2004, 2:00 p.m. work session
- June 15, 2004
- September 8, 2004
- September 14, 2004
- September 21, 2004
- September 23, 2004
- October 5, 2004

The motion passed, Kathy, Mary, and Leslie voting aye.

* Adoption of Findings - The Board agreed to Todd Sadlo's request to continue the adoption of findings for Planning Docket PAZ-02-04 to December 21, 2004.

* Fee Waiver - Approve a request from Dennis Peterson for waiver of zone change and forest template application fees, as recommended by the Planning Director, \$1580.

Lazerquick Invoice - The Board agreed to send the invoice for copies of the Teamsters contract books to the Sheriff's Office to distribute between the four departments which have collective bargaining employees.

Conduit Revenue Bond Financing - John G presented a request from George Fox University (GFU) for county participation in conduit financing for a project. He stated that the process would be similar to what was done for Friendsview and the county general fund would not be at risk. The Board agreed to schedule a presentation from a GFU representative on either January 18th or January 25th.

Budget Meetings - John K reviewed a form to be sent to department heads, requesting information regarding programs and discretionary revenue. The Board decided to schedule individual meetings with department heads on December 20-21, 2004 to discuss the information. They agreed to defer Planning and HHS to January.

Feasibility Study - John K discussed the need to schedule a work session with Mike Brandt, Murray Paolo, John K, John G, Steve Mikami, and Chris Johnson regarding the final design of

the Planning Building in order to get a cost estimate. The Board tentatively decided on late January or early February, depending on Mike's schedule.

PERS Changes - John K reviewed a potential change in the way PERS charges entities with unfunded actuarial liabilities. He explained that if the change takes place, the county would be billed monthly for a flat dollar amount for the year. He proposed taking the payments out of the PERS reserve account and replenishing the account the following year with payments billed to departments.

He stated that PERS is also predicting a significant rate increase for next year. He said the state-wide average increase could be about four percentage points, but the actual impact on each county won't be known until January.

He also discussed the pool of funds currently left in the self-insurance fund from medical savings which exceeded actual costs several years ago. He stated that a rebate had been issued to YCEA employees, but the managers' money had been left in the fund. He asked the Board to consider what to do with this money, as well as some additional dental refunds, and mentioned the possibility of contributing some towards Medical Savings Accounts (MSAs) deductibles if the county chooses to offer the high-deductible plan. Leslie suggested letting non-bargaining employees vote on the issue. John K said he would talk with the actuary about the feasibility of offering MSAs.

NACo Membership - Leslie reported that the National Association of Counties (NACo) has added the reauthorization of PL 106-393 to its priority list of issues to work on at the national level. She said that membership dues would be about \$1200 for the calendar year. The Board agreed to join in order to support the reauthorization effort. Kathy added that NACo would like the Board to ask each school district to join the coalition.

Governor's Budget - Leslie stated that AOC is beginning to analyze the governor's budget and would like feedback from counties regarding its impact on different departments. John K suggested a special work session to talk to department heads. Kathy discussed the premise of The Price of Government, a book which she said will be focused on by state legislature. The group discussed the need for county-wide change development strategies.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary