

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

January 31, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary Starrett, Stan Primozich, and Richard L. Olson.

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Christian Boenisch, Mikalie Frei, Brad Berry, Debra Bridges, Derrick Wharff, Brian Young, and Tim Svenson.

Guests: Nicole Montesano, News-Register.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Commissioner Starrett called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

* **Committees** -

1. Request from the Parkway Committee to change members' terms for efficiency and consistency to all terms expiring each year on January 15.
 - a. Dave Haugeberg, Chair current term expires on 1/15/19, change expiring term to 01/15/18.
 - b. Ivon Miller, current term expires on 01/14/19, change expiring term to 01/15/18.
 - c. Jim Snell, current term expires on 01/15/19, change expiring term to 01/15/18.
 - d. Curtis Walker, current term expires on 01/14/19, change expiring term to 01/15/20.
2. Reappointment of Mike Ragsdale to a 3-year term to expire on 01/15/20.
3. Appointment of Mayor Scott Hill for a 3-year term to expire on 01/15/20.
4. Appointment of Kellie Menke for a 3-year term to expire on 01/15/20.

District Attorney update - Brad Berry shared the challenges his department faced last year due to low staffing. Mr. Berry discussed his confidence moving forward into 2017 due to his staff's resiliency and ability to work together to accomplish goals. Mrs. Bridges expressed her appreciation to the other departments within the county and their willingness to help, instruct, and assist her during the department's low staffing period.

Assessors Office update - Derrick Wharff reported to the Board his desire to adjust the hours the Assessor's Office is open to the public. Mr. Wharff would like to move the hours from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. to 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. to allow staff time to close and balance their registers. Commissioners discussed the desire to maintain the best interests of the citizens while optimizing the best hours of operation for staff.

Emergency Management introduction - Brian Young introduced himself to the Board and shared with them his enthusiasm moving forward with education, procedures, and a emergency notification system for notifying citizens in the event of an emergency and/or a natural disaster.

Following commissioner updates, the meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Crystal Cox
Secretary