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From: Ken Friday <fridayk@co.yamhill.or.us>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Matt Vogt
Cc: Ken [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Please fact check

I thought you might enjoy all of this. . . I put it in sequential order so you can just enjoy reading from top to bottom. I hope all is well with you and your wonderful wife. If I remember correctly, you have a little one scheduled to arrive in June. I hope all is well on that front. Are you guys registered anywhere for baby stuff?

(Also, I am copying this to my home so you have my home e-mail if you ever need it.)

Ken – former Co-worker - Friday

From: Ken Friday
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To: Stephanie Armstrong <armstrongs@co.yamhill.or.us>; Lance Woods <woods1@co.yamhill.or.us>; Desiree Lundeen <lundeend@co.yamhill.or.us>; Alicia Schelb <lislea@co.yamhill.or.us>
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I guess there's no headline, if there's no conflict. Even so, I am very disappointed at this because it looks like we are being jerks to the farmers. I am also disappointed because I dropped everything to write a quick response to Nichole to make an accurate article, yet either her, or her editors, don't care.

From: Ken Friday
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Mary Starrett <starrettm@co.yamhill.or.us>
Cc: Ken Huffer <hufferk@co.yamhill.or.us>
Subject: FW: Please fact check

I just wanted to let you know that I had the following exchange with Nichole yesterday related to the trail hearing continuance. She asked both Ken Huffer and I to fact check a sentence for her. The sentence stated the county had denied the request to continue the trail hearing. I told her that her sentence was not accurate and actually gave her a statement she could use to explain that a continuance had been discussed, but the decision would be made on the 30th. She thanked me. I was very surprised, and disappointed, to see she kept the inaccurate sentence in her article. (see highlighted below).

From: Nicole Montesano <NMontesano@newsregister.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 11:33 AM
To: Ken Friday <fridayk@co.yamhill.or.us>; Ken Huffer <hufferk@co.yamhill.or.us>
Subject: Please fact check

Good morning Ken and Ken,

Could one of you just quickly verify for me that this sentence is correct?

The county has denied a request by the Yamhill County Farm Bureau and some farmers to delay a remote April 30 hearing on the Yamhelas Westsider Trail.

From: Ken Friday <fridayk@co.yamhill.or.us>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 11:47:22 AM
To: Nicole Montesano; Ken Huffer
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I would say that is not correct. I think the situation is more that the Board has discussed the issue but has not yet taken action. I would describe it more like:

The Board has discussed a request by the Yamhill County Farm Bureau and some farmers to delay a remote April 30 hearing on the Yamhelas Westsider Trail. While the Board has not taken formal action, they have indicated they will discuss this issue again on the scheduled hearing date and may continue the hearing or leave the record open for additional testimony.

From: Nicole Montesano <NMontesano@newsregister.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 11:45 AM
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Thank you!

NEWS REGISTER ARTICLE:

Trail hearing delay requested

The county has rejected a request by the Yamhill County Farm Bureau and some farmers to delay a remote April 30 hearing on the Yamhelas Westsider Trail.

The hearing is to consider a remand by the state Land Use Board of Appeals requiring the county to address practical details of how it would prevent the trail from impacting adjacent farms.

The proposed trail would run from north of Gun Club Road between McMinnville and Carlton to Gaston along a former stretch of Union Pacific Railroad the county bought in 2017. It is intended as a path for walking, bicycling and horseback riding.

To comply with state orders for people to stay home, the county has asked all testimony for the April 30 hearing be submitted in writing in advance. The hearing will be livestreamed over YouTube, and commissioners will discuss the written testimony they received.

The farm bureau, and some farmers, argued the issue should be tabled until the county can hold in-person hearings or allow remote oral testimony.

“Other public bodies regularly take live testimony via available online video tools,” the Farm Bureau said in a news release.

“The busiest time of the year for many area farmers, and at the height of a global pandemic, is not the time to be rushing a process like this,” Yamhill County Farm Bureau President Jerry Mann said in the release. “Cobbling together a last-minute YouTube show with no chance for live testimony is not the way to run a credible public comment process.”

County Planning Director Ken Friday told commissioners Thursday that the county previously had accepted only written testimony for remand hearings which had experienced multiple previous hearings, such as that for a proposed expansion of Riverbend Landfill.

“In this case, the trail has had five hearings, with, if I remember correctly, the last two before the board being hearings of four and six hours in length,” Friday told commissioners.

Given that history and the fact that both sides would face the same restrictions, Friday said he was comfortable with maintaining the April 30 hearing.

“I want this to be fair. I want the sides to feel like they’ve been heard,” Friday said.

As the county is the applicant, it can also decide on its own to postpone the hearing, he said.

Commissioners said they want to hold the hearing and then decide whether they need more time to consider the comments, or seek additional testimony.

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The good news is that I have apparently gained a super power from this article. I always wondered what it would be like to be invisible and one of the commenters thinks I am transparent. Check it out:

Stella

As a taxpayer I'm disgusted by Ken Friday. He is so transparent. He needs to go.

Shame on you Casey Kulla and Rick Olsen. If a pandemic doesn't have you busy enough doing important things then at least consider that people want to be apart of this "hot" discussion, folks that pay your salaries. Shame on you.

**Vote wisely in May for Commissioner. 2 are against the trail... and 1 for it. IMO Rushing this through during a pandemic without public participation will come back to haunt you.

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