

**INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES**

**October 24, 2017**

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room  
434 NE Evans St.

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Christian Boenisch, Mikalie Frei, Brett Henry and Cynthia Thompson.

Guests: Gary Wertz, Yamhill County Fair Manager and others as listed on the sign in sheet.

\* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Commissioner Primozich called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. He introduced Gary Wertz as the new Yamhill County Fair Manager.

Fair update: Mr. Wertz give a brief recap of the most recent county fair and the response to it even though there were some very hot days. He stated that there is much interest in the rental of the facilities and the horse arena. He is also pursuing options for rental income with other buildings on the grounds that are typically only used once a year and looking at other advertising avenues to get the word out regarding what the fairgrounds has to offer. He will also be taking an inventory of the grounds to make sure the entire facility is being fully utilized.

\* Contracts/Grants – see formal session agenda for details.

\* BOC – Approve the recommendation of Commissioner Primozich to the Willamette Falls Locks State Commission established by SB 256 as Yamhill County's representative.

\* Committees – see formal session agenda for details.

\* Authority – Authorize Silas Halloran-Steiner and other designated individuals to place "director holds" on persons deemed dangerous to self or others or mentally ill persons placed on conditional release, outpatient commitment or trial release, rescinding Board Order 17-126.

\* Easement – Accept the dedication of a permanent easement granted to the county by Steven P. Morris and Christine M. Morris; direct staff to record the easement and pay the Morrises \$1,956 (subject to ODOT reimbursement).

\* Personnel – see formal session agenda for details.

Fees - Consideration of approval of the payment for the 2017-18 Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments membership and economic development fees in the amount of \$18,278.

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There was discussion regarding the breakdown of MWVCOG dues and what services those cover. Commissioner Primozich stated that he would like to give the new director, Sean O'Day a year to show that he is service oriented and then evaluate again before the next fiscal year. Commissioner Olson also agreed that the dues should be evaluated before they come due again. Commissioner Starrett stated that there are some services that may not benefit the county or be necessary and would like a dues breakdown with a separate line for GIS services.

There was some discussion regarding the real property that County Counsel has been evaluating and identifying. Mr. Boenisch stated that the county auction would most likely be postponed until spring as they are still working on some of the larger and more valuable properties.

Commissioner Primozich expressed his thanks to Brian Young, Emergency Manager for his quick and efficient response to the water outage in the City of Amity. The county's coordinated effort along with CERT and other agencies was vital in being able to respond quickly and everyone helping each other to pull all the pieces together.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Keri Hinton  
Secretary

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Board of Commissioners on  
11-9-17 by Board Order  
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