

BOARD ORDERS AND MINUTES

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL

SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF YAMHILL COUNTY (“the Board”) sat for the transaction of county business in formal/informal session on February 20, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 32 of the courthouse, Commissioners Allen Springer and Kathy George being present and Commissioner Mary P. Stern being excused.

Also present were Laura Tschabold, County Administrator; Christian Boenisch, County Counsel; Jayne Mercer, Grants Coordinator; Scott Maytubby, Assessor; Jeff Lorton, Duke Joseph Agency; Nathalie Hardy, News-Register; Katy Sword, Newberg Graphic; Jim Galba, 524 SW Drumwood Ave, McMinnville; and Mike Knutz, OSU Extension Service.

Commissioner Springer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

A. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** This thirty-minute time period is reserved for public comment on any topic other than a quasi-judicial land use matter or other topic scheduled for public hearing. Unless extended or restricted by the Chair or majority of the Board, public comment will be limited to three minutes per person.

Mr. Springer stated that the Bible says that the mercy of God is new every morning, which is good since he uses it up on a daily basis and needs that. He added that it is also new every morning because people should be distributing mercy to other individuals every day.

Jim Galba stated that he had reviewed the proposed Ordinance 888 to be considered by the Board today, and wondered if the Board had a list of what it believes should be fixed in House Bill 3460. Mr. Springer stated that the sheriff had laid out some clear criteria, and the commissioners’ thoughts fell along those lines. Mr. Galba stated that Senate Bill 1531 gives municipalities some light regulation ability for medical marijuana dispensaries, but no banning ability, and he has been taking a close look at that.

B. **AGENDA:**

Minutes

1. Consideration of approval of the following minutes:
 - a. **B. O. 14-87** - August 19, 2013, informal session;
 - b. **B. O. 14-88** - September 5, 2013, formal/informal session;
 - c. **B. O. 14-89** - January 16, 2014, formal/informal session.

Ms. George moved approval of item B(1). The motion passed, Commissioners Springer

and George voting aye.

Personnel

2. **B. O. 14-90** - Consideration of the change of status of Spencer Dean to Assessment Data Analyst in the Assessor's Office, Range 22, Step 1, effective February 24, 2014.

Ms. George moved approval of item B(2). The motion passed, Commissioners Springer and George voting aye.

3. **B. O. 14-91** - Consideration of the change of status of Traci Creason to HS Specialist 2 in HHS Adult Behavioral Health, regular full-time, effective February 24, 2014.

Ms. George moved approval of item B(3). The motion passed, Commissioners Springer and George voting aye.

4. **B. O. 14-92** - Consideration of the employment of Hallie Himmelreich and Celina Lozano as HHS Clerical Relief in HHS Adult Behavioral Health, temporary on-call, Range 7, Step 1, effective March 10, 2014, through June 30, 2014.

Ms. George moved approval of item B(4). The motion passed, Commissioners Springer and George voting aye.

5. **B. O. 14-93** - Consideration of the change of status of Dina Crown to Registered Nurse 2 in HHS Adult Behavioral Health, regular full-time, Range 19, Step 7, effective February 24, 2014.

Ms. George moved approval of item B(5). The motion passed, Commissioners Springer and George voting aye.

Contracts/Grants

6. **B. O. 14-94** - Consideration of submitting a grant application to Meyer Memorial Trust on behalf of Oregon State University Extension Service to help support and launch key projects identified by Nourish Yamhill Valley.

Mike Knutz stated that this three-year grant would provide staff time to support initiatives, deliver educational programs, and assist with farm-to-school projects. Jayne Mercer added that it could include a research study to identify barriers to the farm-to-school program and suppliers of fresh produce to supplement the schools' contracts with larger food-sourcing companies. She said that this would be a five-to-seven-month application process. Mr. Knutz explained that the goal is to be self-sustaining, and this seed money would be used to gain momentum for the projects, but they wouldn't necessarily require as much funding to continue into the future.

Ms. George moved approval of item B(6). The motion passed, Commissioners Springer and George voting aye.

7. Consideration of approval of Amendment #1 to intergovernmental agreements between HHS and the following providers for acute care psychiatric hospital alternatives, retroactive to January 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015:

- a. **B. O. 14-95** - Benton County, \$5173;
- b. **B. O. 14-96** - Linn County, \$7055;
- c. **B. O. 14-97** - Lincoln County, \$2822;
- d. **B. O. 14-98** - Polk County, \$4233;
- e. **B. O. 14-99** - Tillamook County, \$2352.

Ms. George moved approval of item B(7). The motion passed, Commissioners Springer and George voting aye.

Committees

8. **B. O. 14-100** - Consideration of adoption of updated bylaws for the Mental Health and Developmental Disability Advisory Committee (formerly Mental Health Advisory Board).

Ms. George moved approval of item B(8). The motion passed, Commissioners Springer and George voting aye.

C. **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **B. O. 14-101** - Consideration of adoption of Ordinance 888 temporarily prohibiting medical marijuana dispensaries in unincorporated areas of Yamhill County for one year.

Christian Boenisch provided the first and second readings of Ordinance 888 by title only, declaring an emergency. Ms. George moved approval of the ordinance. The motion passed, Commissioners Springer and George voting aye.

D. **OTHER BUSINESS (Add-ons and non-consent items):**

1. **B. O. 14-102** - Consideration of the employment of Crystal Woolridge as Assistant Financial Manager in Administrative Services, regular full-time, Range 24, Step 3, effective February 24, 2014.

Ms. George moved approval of item D(1). The motion passed, Commissioners Springer and George voting aye.

2. **B. O. 14-103** - Consideration of approval of an agreement between Public Works and Sea Reach Ltd., provider, for two tourist- and business-oriented directional sign kiosks, \$17,900.

Mr. Springer stated that the design includes a high-tech component that would allow interaction with smart phones, and the kiosks would be located off the road with pull-out areas to address public safety issues. Ms. George moved approval of item D(2). The motion passed, Commissioners Springer and George voting aye.

3. **B. O. 14-104** - Consideration of signing a letter of support for the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum complex regarding property tax assessments.

Ms. George stated that the museum has been struggling financially, and although there is a bill currently in the legislature that would permanently address all museums, that kind of broad legislation takes years. She said that a more targeted bill that is temporary and limited in scope to this museum is needed immediately to prevent the loss of these incredible educational opportunities and provide time for a more permanent law to be thoughtfully developed. She said that this museum is one of the largest private educational facilities in Oregon, and it benefits schools with its high-tech programs as well as fundraisers in the area. She expressed concern that having the facility go out of business would lead to other vacancies and degradation of the community. She said that a letter from the Board would let the legislators know that the Board supports this facility in the community.

Mr. Springer stated that in this case, having the flexibility to walk away from the immediate benefit of tax revenue would benefit the community in the long run and bring in money in a different way because of the museum. He said that one pattern doesn't always fit all, and the county needs to protect this facility with everything it has. He expressed support of a letter from the Board.

Scott Maytubby provided background information on property tax exemptions and stated that, based on advice from the Department of Justice, his opinion is that the water park is recreational and should pay taxes. He agreed that it is a great facility and a treasure to the county. He said that there are many educational opportunities out there that benefit children, and the majority of tax revenue from for-profit facilities goes to benefit schools.

Ms. George stated that she has had no word from Ms. Stern as to her thoughts on the issue, but the letter would be needed by the following morning at the latest. She said that Senator George recognizes the concerns expressed by Mr. Maytubby, which is why this legislation is a temporary fix that is very limited in scope.

Jeff Lorton stated that he has spent a lot of time at the museum with the 120 students that attend school there and with the educational director, and the museum provides this facility with no compensation. He said that these students will be major industrial leaders of the future and there is no other resource like this available to them. He stated that the water park has a small educational component and was built to engage youth in educational activities and provide revenue to fulfill the company's educational mission, similar to music concerts held at the Oregon Zoo.

E. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

F. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. For information on county advisory committee vacancies, please refer to our website, www.co.yamhill.or.us/content/volunteer-opportunities, or call the Board of Commissioners' office: 503-434-7501 (from McMinnville) or 503-554-7801 (toll-free from Newberg).

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary

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