

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

February 24, 2014

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Commissioners Allen Springer and Kathy George, Commissioner Mary P. Stern being excused for a meeting.

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Chuck Vesper, Christian Boenisch, John Phelan, Silas Halloran-Steiner, Sue Lamb, and Ken Nygren.

Guests: Serena Cruz and Seamus McCarthy, Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center; and Chris Shultz, AmeriCorps staff member.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Allen called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

* Personnel - Allen presented personnel requests from various departments. See formal session agenda for details.

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

* Committees - Approve the reappointment of Michelle Mathis and Gerritt Van Der Veen to the Employee Safety Advisory Committee for three-year terms to expire March 18, 2017.

Department Updates

HHS: Silas Halloran-Steiner discussed an emerging pertussis outbreak in Yamhill County and said that he is working on a press release that will encourage people to come in and get immunized. He stated that he is still working on the potential opportunity with DHS Child Welfare to create additional transitional housing supports. He said that he is working on recruitments for the mental health community reinvestment awards.

Serena Cruz and Seamus McCarthy discussed the expansion of Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center into Newberg, which would increase the number of clients served by about 3200. Seamus said that with the new Cover Oregon plan, a lot more people want and need access to medical and dental care, so he is working hard to make sure that happens. He discussed the medical home health model and said that the team concept allows for better quality of patient care. Silas expressed hope that the Willamina school-based health center could expand to provide community access, although finding qualified providers is a challenge. He said that it is an enormous task to keep up with the number of people enrolling in the coordinated care organization, and the transition of the system would be a multi-year process.

Public Works: John Phelan provided updates on the Abbey/Kuehne/Hendricks intersection project, the design-build process for the wash rack project, bidding of the striping contract, the Worden Hill Road paving project, the Roadside Vegetation Management

Subcommittee, the Habitat Conservation Plan, and the sign kiosk prototypes. He summarized the recent winter storm and slide areas, reporting that a total of about \$73,491 was spent on labor, equipment, and materials. Sue Lamb said that the state is collecting data on infrastructure damage from the storm to determine if there was enough cumulative damage to submit a claim for federal assistance. Allen noted that the commissioners had received many positive comments from the public on how well Public Works had handled the storm.

Emergency Management: Sue Lamb introduced Ken Nygren and Chris Shultz, explaining that Emergency Management and Public Health have similar missions, so a collaborative approach works well. She and Ken provided an update on Emergency Management activities (see Exhibit A), with the last item being deferred. Ken stated that the full-scale exercise, which is tentatively scheduled for May 14, would simulate a drought followed by a series of large wildland fires, with the overriding objective being to exercise the new emergency operations plans, specifically the emergency declaration process.

Tiger Grant - Laura stated that the Yamhelas Westsider Trail group would like to ask the Board to consider applying for Tiger Grant funds for the trail project. She said that she had asked Suzanne Dufner if submitting two projects would lessen the county's chances, and she has not gotten any clear direction in response, but did get the sense that it would probably not be good to have the trail application compete with the bypass application. Allen and Kathy agreed that it would not be good for the county to compete against itself.

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Anne Britt
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BOC Briefing February 24, 2014

- (Sue) Introduce new Asst. Emergency Manager, Ken Nygren
Introduce OSSC AmeriCorps (PH & EM), Chris Shultz

- (Sue) Snow Event: Feb. 6-9
 - Wide distribution of weather briefings is desired by partners
 - Establish teleconference status briefing in future?
 - CERT & ARES were on standby in anticipation of a possible need for call takers/relay messages due to power outages

- (Sue) Flood & High Winds watch: Feb. 10-13
 - ARES was activated to be 'eyes' and 'ears' to outlying areas of county for both flood and other road hazards.
 - Rogers Park closed

- (Sue) Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
 - First of three stakeholder meetings Wed 2/26 9-12N
 - 9 cities and YC
 - McMinnville has withdrawn

- (Ken) Full Scale Exercise

- (Sue) Stern Building Archway concept
Future Space Planning – inadequate office, meeting, & storage space