

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

March 3, 2014

1:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary P. Stern, Allen Springer, and Kathy George.

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Christian Boenisch, Ted Smietana, and Jeff Lorton.

Guests: None.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

* Economic Development - Approve a process and application form for each of the two funding streams in the Economic Development Grant Program:

- a. Strategic Investment Fund;
- b. Annual Economic Development Small Grant Program.

The group discussed the process and draft application forms for economic development grants and made suggestions for changes to the forms. Allen stated that not designating a specific amount for the small grant program will keep it flexible. Mary suggested that the Board first determine how much is needed for the county's economic development program and then the rest could go to the grants. Kathy said that she would like to set some aside each year and build a reserve that would be available if something big comes up, such as a large manufacturing company.

Kathy expressed concern about the risks associated with funding startup businesses. Mary said that those applications could be screened on a case-by-case basis through the grant process. She stated that the new process will require applicants to prove their merit and validity to the Board. Kathy stated that rather than awarding grants to companies that are dependent on government handouts, she would like these funds to really make a difference in getting companies to locate in the county or keeping them from moving away.

Allen stated that he would like to start with a simple application process and make adjustments later as needed. Laura said that she would make the suggested changes to the application forms for final approval on Thursday and would get the information out to the economic development recipients in the current budget.

Jeff Lorton discussed an economic development meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on March 12 in the Annex. He said that he would like to cover the grant application process, the GROW ad campaign, community pages for the website, and the potential involvement of communities in buying into the magazine project. Mary stated that the county had agreed to pay for developing the framework and community pages for the website, but it would be up to the communities if they want to buy print copies.

Jeff reported that the owners of BOSH Global Services would be coming on March 31 for the Oregon Precision Farming Expo to be held April 2-3 at the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum, and they would be visiting the test range on April 1. He said that BOSH is interested in locating in the county, and this is a good example of the county's role in facilitating relationships. Allen stated that it has been a collaborative effort. He said that the county is still lagging behind in other key economic development responsibilities, so it is important not to get too swept up in the excitement of the unmanned aerial systems at the expense of other things. Jeff agreed.

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

Community Corrections Update - Ted Smietana reviewed personnel changes and discussed the Evidence-Based Decision Making Initiative conference, the Oregon County Leadership Institute, a presentation to the Bureau of Justice Assistance on the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, and repairs to the Oxford House. He said that if additional work is needed to bring the Oxford House into compliance and it is more than the county can afford, he would need to notify the lessees.

Ted reported that attempts to extend SB 1145 have failed, so sentences for certain offenders will go back from 60 to 180 days; however, the state wants to restore funding at the rate of \$9 per day instead of the local rate of over \$80 per day. He said that the state is falling back on its agreement to fully pay for the responsibility that was given to the counties. He explained that if Yamhill County decides to opt out, the state would take over running Community Corrections. Mary noted that the reduction of sentencing didn't end up having the negative consequences that people were afraid of.

Kathy was excused to attend another meeting.

Minutes - Allen moved approval of the following minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

B. O. 14-138 - January 24, 2014, informal session

B. O. 14-139 - January 24, 2014, work session

* See agenda for formal session minutes to be adopted.

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

* Committees - Approve the appointment of Peter Shultz to the Special Transportation Advisory Committee for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2016.

* Approve the appointment of Jason Mosiman, Jail Commander, to the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council for a term to expire July 31, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary