

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

April 7, 2014

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Christian Boenisch, Todd Sadlo, and Chuck Vesper.

Guests: Don Iler, News-Register; Chad Freeman, SEDCOR.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

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

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

* Road Vacation - Approve Public Works Docket RV-2-2014, a request by Foley Family Wines, Inc., for vacation of the "Vineyards at Dundee Springs" subdivision, as signed by 100% of affected property owners, no public hearing required per ORS 368.351.

Todd stated that this subdivision was never developed and is currently a vineyard. He explained that the property was recently purchased by Foley Family Farms, who doesn't want to develop the subdivision and doesn't want to continue paying for an infrastructure bond. He said that it would be no loss of revenue to the county, and Bill Gille believes that it would be in the public's interest to vacate the subdivision.

* Refund- Consideration of authorizing a \$4739 refund from the Planning Department to Sonja Talavera.

* SEDCOR Grant Request - Chad Freeman provided details about the grant project and funding request from Strategic Economic Development Corporation. He said that a minimum of 50 interviews would be conducted with manufacturing companies as part of a research project to build an understanding of the strengths, weaknesses, and gaps in the supply chain. He said that the goal is to provide ongoing support to build collaborative relationships and help smaller companies grow. He stated that a .5 FTE position would provide support for Yamhill County businesses, and the total team would consist of 2 FTE for retention/expansion and 3 FTE for recruitment. He said that the grant has set parameters, but would allow SEDCOR latitude in working with the county.

He stated that SEDCOR's work is not limited to companies that are SEDCOR members, and he would share quarterly reports with the county as well as providing customized information that would be helpful. He said that the grant terms could be formalized into an agreement between Yamhill County and SEDCOR.

Kathy was excused at 2:50 p.m. Laura stated that she would close the current version of the budget as is, and the Board can make its decision when it is ready.

Mary stated that Yamhill County has a lot of manufacturing companies, and she believes the county will get its money's worth from this investment. Allen emphasized the importance of goals and timelines and suggesting starting with a one-year funding commitment. Chad stated that a three-year commitment would increase the likelihood of getting quality applicants for the position. He said that there may be opportunities for SEDCOR to continue the position after the three-year grant if it is working out for both sides, and that's something that can be looked at after the first 18 months or so.

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary