

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

April 28, 2014

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Chuck Vesper, Christian Boenisch, Silas Halloran-Steiner, John Phelan, and Murray Paolo.

Guests: Don Iler, News-Register.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Allen called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

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

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

Murray Paolo explained that the agreement with ODOT for use of the High Heaven tower site is similar to the agreement for the Doane Creek site. He noted that he needs to schedule the rest of the tower tour with the commissioners now that the weather is nice.

Laura stated that Lana Drew still has a few revisions to make in the financial procedures that the Fair Board has adopted, but Christian will start drafting an agreement for the commissioners to review within the next month. She said that the Fair Board's policies and procedures manual also still needs work, but that will take some time, so she would prefer to just refer to that in the agreement rather than waiting.

Department Updates

HHS: Silas Halloran-Steiner discussed his need to find office space for six employees by July, which could probably fit in the Abacus building basement, and an additional nine offices later this year. He said that he has included \$500,000 in the 2014-15 budget for expansion of the Abacus building. He said that the Evans Street building doesn't have any good options for adding office space. John Phelan noted that there is room in the Public Works building for about six additional employees. Silas said that he would consider that option.

Silas provided an update on the new transition treatment homes. He said that the state is trying to roll Medicaid dollars into the coordinated care organization global budget, which would provide better alignment for care models and more data sharing within the system. He said that the state may try to add an administrative fee to cover the costs of administration, and hopefully the counties would get a share of that.

Public Works: John provided updates on various road and bridge projects and reviewed bid results for the 2014 Maintenance Improvement Project List. He said that George Fox University's engineering intern program worked out well last year, so he is planning to do it again this summer. He said that he will probably offer the department's used road graders for sale to a private entity rather than exercising the guaranteed buy-back option. He said that ODOT will be doing some nighttime work on the bypass, and Tim Potter has asked if the county has any objections to that. Christian stated that there is no established decibel limit in the county's noise ordinance, and any variance requests would be handled by the Sheriff's Office. He said that he would discuss the matter with Tim.

* Surplus - Declare an inventory of computer equipment as surplus county property to be sold on the county's website.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary