

**MINUTES
INFORMAL SESSION**

March 9, 2004 10:00 a.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

PRESENT: Commissioners Kathy George, Mary P. Stern, and Leslie Lewis.

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, and Bill Gille.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order at 10:04.

* Personnel - Steve presented a request for personnel action received from the Clerk's Office. See agenda for details.

Property Acquisition - John G reported that there will be no documentation for the Board to consider this week regarding the availability of funds for the purchase of property discussed in executive session March 2nd, 2004.

Contract Review Board / Baker Creek Bridge Repair - Bill Gille presented a proposal by Contech Services, Inc. for the repair of Bridge #11540A on Baker Creek Road. John G declared an emergency and called for a special meeting of the Contract Review Board to be held Thursday, March 11th, 2004 at 9:45 a.m. to consider an exemption from public bidding.

Committee Appointment

* Mental Health Advisory Board - Approve appointment of Liz Fleming for a 2-year term ending May 2006.

Surplus Property Sale - There was a discussion regarding a dispute over the sale of a 10-foot wide tax lot, assumed by neighboring property owners to be part of their property. John G stated that thorough research shows that the land in question probably does indeed belong to the county. He recommended selling the land to the neighbors in order to accommodate their garage, but stated that a decision should not be made until after the April 1st public hearing. He will respond to the contestants on behalf of the Board, requesting their presence at the hearing.

* Contract - See agenda for details.

Discretionary Resources - John K discussed a need for the commissioners to identify how discretionary resources are being used. He said he will distribute a form asking departments for a list of programs they are receiving discretionary funds for and relevant statistics. This information will be made available to the Board before budget discussions in April. The Board

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agreed that the information will be helpful in prioritizing expenditures.

Martin Wright Property - John G provided an update on the transfer of the property to the school district.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary