

INFORMAL WORK SESSION MINUTES

August 10, 2004 4:00 p.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

PRESENT: Commissioners Kathy George and Leslie Lewis.

EXCUSED: Commissioner Mary P. Stern.

Staff: Bill Gille.

Guests: Don Schut, Kent Taylor, and Doug Montgomery, City of McMinnville.

Kathy called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

Don Schut presented an opportunity for state transportation enhancement funding which would require the Board's endorsement. He described the scope of the proposed project on Old Sheridan Road, which would tie into the Cypress Lane project currently underway. The project, a joint application between the county and the City of McMinnville, would bring the stretch of road up to city standards by building bike lanes, widening sidewalks, and improving lighting and at least two bridges, at an estimated cost of about \$1.8 million. He stated that the application, which would require some matching funds, does not currently commit any county funds. He said the county's role would be project management. He explained that the complete application is due by September 10, 2004, and the more construction-ready the project is, the better chance that the grant will be approved.

There was some discussion about the benefits of hiring a consultant to prepare the application. Bill suggested using OBEC, a contractor already being used for county bridge projects. The consensus was for Bill to take the lead in finding a consultant for the grant application. Don stated that the city has funds available for this if necessary, and Leslie said she would look into county bike/pedestrian funds as an additional source.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary