

INFORMAL MINUTES

March 14, 2005 2:00 p.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary P. Stern and Kathy George, Commissioner Leslie Lewis being excused for business in Washington, D.C.

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Tim Loewen, Dyke Mace, Richard Sly, and Barb Paladeni.

Guests: Anita Crouser, Yamhill County Cultural Coalition.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order.

* Grant - Tim presented a federal grant request. See agenda for details.

* Personnel - Steve presented personnel requests from various departments. See agenda for details.

Surplus Property - John K presented a request from Kent VanCleave to purchase a surplus desktop that would otherwise be discarded because of storage space limitations. John G said he would check with Pat Hearn of the Government Standards and Practices Commission first to make sure it wouldn't cause any problems.

* Contracts - See agenda for details.

* Fees - Approve the increase of Public Works permit fees for access to county roads or rights-of-way to \$135, effective April 1, 2005, with automatic annual CPI increases effective July 1, 2006.

* Vehicle - Approve the purchase of a 14-passenger bus for HHS from Schetky Northwest, \$45,801.

* Revenue Bonds - Authorize a letter of intent and publication of a notice of intent to issue revenue bonds for George Fox University facilities projects, not to exceed \$28,400,000.

* Correction - Approve an amendment to Ordinance 756 in support of Planning Docket Z-02-04, applicant Susan Hutchings, to correct a scrivener's error in Section A.1.

* Resolution - Proclaim April 18-22, 2005 as Respite Care Awareness Week.

Household Hazardous Waste - Dyke reviewed progress being made on an intergovernmental agreement between Yamhill, Polk, and Marion Counties for coordinated household hazardous waste pickup events. He discussed the issue of a \$52 fee for each Yamhill County resident who visits the Marion County disposal site independently. He mentioned that although residents can currently dispose of hazardous waste at the Portland metro facility for no charge, that may change if DEQ

decides to stop reimbursing Portland for out-of-county visitors. After some discussion, the Board agreed to exclude the fee portion of the agreement for now and renegotiate later if DEQ stops reimbursing Portland.

River Awareness Week - Anita Crouser discussed the goal of Yamhill County Cultural Coalition to promote cultural events which tie the county together. She requested that the Board declare a week in September as River Awareness Week, during which county agencies, schools, cities, and individuals could coordinate river activities. She also invited the Board to consider co-sponsoring an art tile mural project for high school students, which could be displayed on the front wall of the courthouse or another county building. John K suggested the new Planning Building as an option to consider. The Board expressed interest in the project. Anita said she would check with other agencies and get back to the Board with the best dates for River Awareness Week.

* Parks Coordinator Position - Richard reviewed the Personnel Action to appoint Kenneth Huffer as the new Parks Coordinator and said he had spoken with Sonja Olheiser about removing the position from the YCEA bargaining unit. John G stated that an agreement with the union would be necessary. Richard also expressed his desire to reclassify the position from Range 20 to 22 in next year's budget. John K said he would be comfortable with that, since it is comparable to the CCF Director. He instructed Richard to bring the request to the Board during April budget presentations after reviewing it with Steve. He stated that since the position will be split between two funds, the agenda item should also create position authority in Fund 21-63.

FOPPO Bargaining Team - John G pointed out that the current FOPPO agreement will expire on June 30, 2005. Mary moved to designate John Gray as chief negotiator of the 2005 bargaining team, with the remainder of the team being comprised of Richard Sly, Barb Paladeni, and Steve Mikami. The motion passed, Mary and Kathy voting aye.

Veterans Bill - John K reported on testimony given Thursday regarding the Veterans Bill for funding to enhance Veterans Services.

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary