

INFORMAL MINUTES

June 13, 2005 2:00 p.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

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

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Carol White, Dave Lawson, Jack Crabtree, Murray Paolo, Paul May, Laura Tschabold, and Jan Coleman.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Doug Bartlett, YCAP; Darca Glasgow; and Lee Schrepel.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

* Personnel - The Board discussed personnel requests from various departments. See agenda for details.

Policies & Procedures - Steve and Carol discussed the following sections of the policy manual:
Comp Time for Non-Bargaining Employees - The Board agreed to have John G form a task force to discuss the comp time policy and recommend some new language.

Discipline of Non-Bargaining Employees - Steve suggested that if elected officials wish to conduct their own discipline procedures, they be allowed to do so after consulting with County Counsel. John G suggested discussing the issue at the next gathering of elected officials.

Drug-Free Workplace - John G stated that he has no conflict with Jack's desire for a random drug test policy in the Sheriff's Office for non-bargaining employees. Leslie suggested looking into voluntary drug testing for elected officials, which Marion County currently does.

700-mHz Data System - Jack stated that the Mobile Data Terminals have been installed in patrol vehicles and the High Heaven site will be the first phase in the 700-mHz system, which will provide about 70% coverage until the Mountain Top site is up and running as well. He urged the Board to expedite the process because the aircards will cost about \$50/month for each unit. John K stated that he has transferred \$50,000 from the excess general fund beginning balance to cover this project. Murray discussed some possibilities for selling the 450-mHz equipment already purchased by the county.

Fee Waiver - John G presented a request from ACLU to waive public records request fees and stated that the Board has the authority to do so if it is in the public interest, although the decision may depend on how much work would be involved. Mary noted that the request is only for information on public policies and would be in the public interest. John G will raise the issue at Wednesday's formal session if necessary.

* Contracts - See agenda for details.

* Disaster Designation - Darca Glasgow, USDA Farm Service Agency, discussed serious losses to Yamhill County's cherries and prunes due to the spring weather. She explained the Disaster Designation process and the Emergency Loan program and asked the Board to submit a request to the Secretary of Agriculture for emergency disaster designation. [Note: The request was approved as an add-on item at the next formal session.]

Grants - Laura stated that there are several organizations wishing to apply for Community Development Block Grants under the county's jurisdiction, but there are limited openings available. Doug Bartlett pointed out that the regional housing center grant does not count towards the limit. A work session was scheduled for June 21, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the prioritization of grant requests.

The Board discussed a request for \$115,000 in pedestrian/bicycle funds for improvements along Grand Ronde Road. Leslie stated that it is a lot of money to spend on only 1500 feet. The Board agreed to discuss the request with Bill Gille.

* Minutes - Approve formal session minutes from December 9, 2004, February 23, 2005, March 23, 2005, and April 13, 2005.

Leslie moved approval of 2005 informal session minutes from January 4, February 14, April 7, April 11, and April 14. The motion passed, Commissioners Stern, Lewis, and George voting aye.

* Committees - Reappoint Chief Dan Brown, City of Amity, and Tony Bell, citizen, to the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council for three-year terms to expire July 1, 2008.

* Approve the following changes to the Mental Health Advisory Board:
a. Reappoint Jo Ann Cooke, Barbara Paladeni, Scott Reeves, Deborah Cathers-Seymour, Paul Timmer, and Ryan Vogt for three-year terms to expire May 30, 2008;
b. Appoint Robert Porath for a two-year term to expire May 30, 2007.

Surplus Property - John G presented a request from Rita Hobbs for one of four pieces of surplus county property not sold at the last auction. He said that after the request is processed by the Assessor, he will send out the required notice, but no Board action is necessary at this time.

AOC Meeting - Leslie gave a report on issues discussed at this morning's AOC legislative meeting. Jan Coleman discussed a bill currently in the Ways and Means Committee which would require state agency liens to be recorded on a state lien register. She stated that the bill would be a financial burden for her office as well as the Assessor's Office and would hurt the whole title industry. She said she would make copies of the information packet for the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary