

INFORMAL MINUTES

June 27, 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, Ken Friday, Mike Brandt, Ken Huffer, Jodi Whiting, Ron Huber, Bill Gille, and Laura Tschabold.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Merilyn Reeves, Friends of Yamhill County; and Ilsa Perse.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order.

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

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

Bald Peak Maintenance - The Board discussed a proposed agreement to have Community Corrections workers provide ground maintenance at Bald Peak State Park. Concerns were raised about doing outside work when it's so hard to meet the county's internal needs, as well as the wear and tear on county equipment. Mary stated that Ken Huffer and Travis Prichard are looking at ways of better using the people assigned to community service. Leslie suggested holding a work session next month after Mary and Kathy have a chance to talk to Ken and Travis.

* Vehicles - Authorize the purchase of a new 2005 Ford ½ ton 4x4 pickup from Chuck Colvin Ford in place of the 2005 Chevrolet pickup from Murray Chevrolet authorized by B.O. 05-268, \$20,499.

Site Visit - A site visit was scheduled with Ken Friday for Planning Docket CTS-06-05, applicant Luella Docken, 3:00 p.m. on July 6, 2005.

* Insurance - Consideration of approval of the 2005-06 renewal of the county's annual insurance policy with City/County Insurance Services for property and liability coverage.

* Deeds - Accept a dedication of public right of way from John H. Melnick and Leeann Melnick for a permanent easement for the Willamina Creek Bridge project.

* Accept a quitclaim deed from Leroy E. Beals and Pauline F. Beals for the Willamina Creek Bridge project.

* Fees - Consideration of Ordinance 770 establishing boat launch fees at Rogers Landing Park, \$3/launch or \$30/year, effective August 1, 2005.

John G stated that the launch fees need to be approved as an ordinance so the county can enforce violations under the citation ordinance. He explained that violations would be cited into circuit court or justice court, if the county gets one, and the revenue from fines would be split equally between the courts and the county. He suggested that offenders be charged with the following violations: Class D (up to \$90) for first offense; Class C (up to \$180) for second offense; and Class B (up to \$360) for subsequent offenses. Leslie stated that the penalties seem much too high and should be handled more like a parking ticket. Kathy stated that it is more like a speeding ticket and the fines need to be high enough to cover the costs involved.

Later in the meeting, Ken Huffer stated that almost every other Oregon county that he looked at treats launch fees as a Class C violation with a maximum fine of \$180. Mary and Kathy agreed to the following fines: \$75 for first offense; \$150 for second offense; and \$200 for subsequent offenses. John G stated that the ordinance needs to be approved unanimously in order to go into effect August 1, 2005, but he can include a statement in the ordinance that Leslie believes the fines are too high.

* Measure 37 - Mike presented six new Measure 37 claims (see attachment). On items 1-2, 4-5, and 7-8, Mary moved to hold a public hearing. The motions failed, Mary voting aye and Leslie and Kathy voting no. The items will be on the non-consent agenda.

* Set a public hearing for August 24, 2005 to consider M37-45-05, a Measure 37 claim authorizing Donald and Glenda Martsolf to make application to subdivide 31.6 acres into one-acre lots and establish dwellings thereon.

Leslie expressed some concern about the number and density of lots and stated that this is similar to other claims for which the Board has decided to hold public hearings. She added that this would be an opportunity to fix up that section of Old Sheridan Road.

Mary moved to hold a public hearing for M37-45-05. The motion passed, Mary, Leslie, and Kathy voting aye. The hearing was scheduled for August 24, 2005.

Mike stated that M37-48-05 has an issue regarding ownership, but Rick Sanai believes that the information submitted is sufficient to prove ownership. John G said he would like to table this item for one week so he can review the information.

The meeting recessed to executive session at 2:55 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) for the purpose of consulting with counsel regarding current or potential litigation. The meeting reconvened at 3:03 p.m. with no decisions made and the sense of the Board conveyed to John G and Mike Brandt.

Geumsan County Delegation - Laura discussed the itinerary for the upcoming visit from the Korean delegation. Mary stated that there has been a great deal of community support for the event, to which elected officials and legislators will be invited. She said that the biggest fundraising effort is for transportation.

* Dog Control Fees - Jodi Whiting explained the new fee schedule and answered questions from the Board. Ron Huber requested that the ordinance refer to “court” rather than “circuit court” so that violations can be cited into a justice court if one is established in the county.

COSSD Meeting - A special meeting of the Cove Orchard Special Service District Board of Directors was scheduled for 8:45 a.m. on June 29, 2005 to consider an indemnity agreement with the Board of Commissioners as requested by COSSD’s insurance provider.

* Speed Zone Requests - Approve the establishment of a residential district on Hagey Road from Dayton Avenue to the dead end with a residential speed zone of 25 mph.

Bill stated that two surveys were returned from residents on Hagey Road and both were in favor of the speed zone. He stated that two surveys were returned from residents on Niederberger Road for another request, one in favor and one opposed. The Board agreed to approve the Hagey Road request and deny the Niederberger Road request.

System Development Charges - Leslie stated that Bill has been researching what other counties are doing regarding system development charges. She said that the main issue is how to upgrade county roads near newly developed subdivisions. A work session was scheduled for July 20, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

HHS Values - The Board discussed a request from the Mental Health Advisory Board to support a specific list of core values. They agreed to talk with Chris Johnson first.

* Policy - Approve a Board Order modifying the county policy relating to disciplinary procedures for non-bargaining employees other than department heads.

* Eminent Domain - Consideration of adoption of Resolution 05-6-29-2 and a letter from the Board requesting the state legislature to pass a priority bill similar to Utah’s Senate Bill 184.

Kathy stated that last week’s Supreme Court decision regarding eminent domain is becoming quite an issue in the country as well as the state. She expressed a desire to send a resolution to the legislature, encouraging them to pass a priority bill or at least get something out to the voters. She said she would make copies of a draft resolution for Mary and Leslie to review. Leslie stated that it would be tough to get a priority bill through before the end of the legislative session, but it’s worth encouraging them to try.

* Budget Transfers - See agenda for details.

* Budget Adoption - Consideration of adoption of Resolution 05-6-29-1, adopting the Yamhill County Budget for fiscal year 2005-06 in the amount of \$85,103,024 and setting the schedule of appropriations and tax rate.

Department Head Task Force - John G reported that he had received several responses to his request for department heads to sit on a task force to review the county policy regarding comp time for non-bargaining employees. The Board agreed to Chris Johnson’s request to designate

one of his Division Managers to represent him. John G will present a final list of task force members next week.

Labor Negotiations - John K and John G provided updates on YCEA and FOPPO labor negotiations. John G requested an executive session after formal session on Wednesday to talk about the proposals on the table.

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary