

**INFORMAL MINUTES**

**August 15, 2005**

2:00 p.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Leslie Lewis and Kathy George, Commissioner Mary P. Stern being excused.

**Staff:** John M. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Diane Cilenti, Chuck Vesper, Ken Friday, Jack Crabtree, Ken Summers, Bob Maca, and Brad Berry.

**Guests:** Lee Vasquez, former Sheriff; and Devon Maylie, News-Register.

\* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Leslie called the meeting to order.

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

\* Diane stated that the proposed formula for Veterans Services funding will give the county \$32,452/year. John K presented a request to renew the temporary employment of Debbie Gill until September 30, 2005 and then hire her as a permanent employee. He noted that discussion would be needed regarding the position, since there would not be quite enough funding for a full-time position.

Rainbow Lodge - Chuck presented a request to use Rainbow Lodge for a training retreat. John K stated that this would be an excellent use of the county facility. The Board agreed to the request.

\* Contracts - See agenda for details.

\* Land Use - Consideration of adoption of findings in support of Planning Docket Z-01-05, a request for zone change from EF-80 to AF-20, applicant Gordon Dromgoole, as approved by the Planning Commission on June 2, 2005.

Ken stated that the Board will not need a hearing on this docket because no appeals were filed to the Planning Commission's decision. He explained that as a result of HB#3661 passed in 1997, the county can grant preliminary approval of the request, but the Land Conservation and Development Commission will have to grant final approval.

Traffic Change - Leslie presented a request to change a stop sign to a yield sign at the intersection of Baker Creek and Orchard View Roads. She stated that although the majority of the residents are in favor of the change, the engineer's report shows that it doesn't meet the standards for change because of sight obstructions and high traffic counts.

Leslie moved to deny the request. The motion passed, Leslie and Kathy voting aye.

YCINT Policies - Brad and Jack discussed the recent articles in the News-Register regarding tactics used by an informant hired by YCINT. Brad assured the Board that many of the issues raised in the articles were unknown to anyone in the YCINT community, but as soon as they were brought to light, the YCINT Policy Board made it a priority to meet as soon as possible. He added that he had ordered his staff to pull all of the related files for review to determine the appropriateness of continuing the cases.

Leslie stated that although YCINT is controlled by the policy board rather than the commissioners, a small part of their program goes through the county budget. She said that the informant's methods described in the article are outrageous and the Board might want to make a statement that it is not the policy of the county to use funds for entrapment.

Brad and Jack both assured the Board that they would never use funds for entrapment, which is illegal and unethical. Brad asked the Board that before making a statement, they allow him to ferret out exactly what had happened. He explained that many details were left out of the article and many parts of the investigations cannot be discussed at this time. Lee Vasquez stated that when he was on the YCINT Policy Board, they controlled policies but never approved tactics. Jack confirmed the truth of Lee's statement and promised to do everything in his power to see that nothing like this ever happens again. He gave the Board a copy of the statement he had made to the press.

Labor Negotiations - John K stated that YCEA will be voting on ratification of the economic settlement at 5:00 p.m. this Wednesday. He suggested that even if they reject the contract, the Board proceed with extending the benefits to non-bargaining employees. He emphasized the need to move quickly to allow the Accounting Department enough time to process the insurance forms for the next payroll. The Board agreed to hold a special formal session at 10:00 a.m. on August 18, 2005 to consider ratification of the contract, if approved by YCEA, and extension of the benefits to non-bargaining employees.

\* Tax Foreclosure List - Designate the McMinnville News-Register as the newspaper for publication of the 2005 Yamhill County Tax Foreclosure List.

\* Boathouse - John G stated that he has not yet received a formal proposal from the applicant regarding the use of Rogers Landing for demolition of a boathouse, although the item was continued to August 17, 2005.

Covered Wagon - John G stated that the Board cannot approve the Historical Society's request for ownership of the covered wagon because it actually belongs to the Education Service District (ESD). The Board agreed to support the Historical Society in making its request to ESD.

Rogers Landing Fines - John G stated that he had received some good information from Phil McCollister regarding fines for boat launch fee violations. The Board agreed to discuss the issue at the special formal session on Thursday and to invite Phil and a representative from the Sheriff's Office.

Silly Business - John K announced that a BBQ potluck has been scheduled for August 25, 2005

at noon to officially announce the winners of the Chicken/Troll/Frog travel contest. He invited the Board to attend the event.

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Anne Britt  
Secretary