

INFORMAL MINUTES

October 10, 2005

2:00 p.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

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

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., Julia Staigers, Steve Mikami, Murray Paolo, and Ken Huffer.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Cassie Sollars; and Alan Fox, ODOT.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order.

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

* The Board discussed a request for the change of status of Steven Smith to split his hours in the Sheriff's Office between Evidence Technician and Police Clerk, with different pay ranges for each position. John G stated that the county and the union had previously approved an agreement regarding Mr. Smith's split duties and corresponding pay. Steve will check the existing contract.

* Contracts - See agenda for details.

* Committees - See agenda for details. The Board acknowledged the resignation of Zoe Pearson from the Commission on Children & Families.

* Resolution - Adopt Resolution 05-12-12-1 proclaiming October 16-22, 2005 as Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Week. Mary noted that a brown bag lunch will be held in the Annex at noon on October 18, 2005, during which Gretchen will make a presentation.

* Budget - Rescind approval of B.O. 04-638, a request for a \$350,000 interfund loan to complete the Juvenile Detention Center remodel project. John G suggested putting the item on the non-consent portion of the agenda so John K can explain the request to the Board.

Criminal Justice Data - Murray presented a chart detailing data flow in the criminal justice departments. He explained that the project is still in progress and a more formal report will come later.

A&T Website - Mary distributed copies of a newspaper article titled "Citizen Self-Service Portals Stretch Taxpayers' Dollars" and stated that Murray has been looking into the possibility of a portal system for the county. Murray stated that as the county moves more towards e-government, it will ultimately need to go to some kind of a portal, which would give citizens a way to do business with the county as an entirety and make all payments the same way. He said that looking at a portal now, even if all of the features are not turned on yet, would give the county the platform it would need in the future. He added that a portal would prevent access to the county's information by web crawlers, which mine databases on the Internet, and would also provide the IP addresses of those accessing the website.

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The group discussed the possibility of allowing citizens to opt out of having their information on the website for a nominal fee. Murray stated that the administrative requirements for this would be the same as for other exclusions, which would simply require a checkbox to be marked by the Assessor's staff and then it would be automatically picked up by IS. He said the exclusion would be dropped if the property changed ownership.

The Board agreed to postpone action on this issue until Dave Lawson is available to give his input. Murray will continue researching portal options and costs.

* Parks Capital Improvements - Approve the Parks Capital Improvement Plan - 2005 Update for expenditure of Parks System Development Charges, amending B.O. 04-288.

Ken Huffer stated that due to staff changes, a shift in priorities, and the delay of some projects, the Parks Capital Improvement Plan needs to be updated. He explained that the figures needed to be updated to reflect the actual costs, including permitting fees. He stated that it has been some time since the last project and many of the parks need to be upgraded. He discussed detailed plans for improving Blackwell Park, the first project on the list.

The meeting recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 2:58 p.m.

ODOT Presentation - Alan Fox, Oregon Department of Transportation, reviewed a handout of PowerPoint slides. He discussed activities scheduled for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass and related projects during the next two years and stated that ODOT would like to do better at providing updates and information during Tier 2 Design. He said that even if they had all the bypass funding now, it would still take at least six years to finish the project under the normal procurement process, although they will be looking for ways to compress the schedule.

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary