

**INFORMAL MINUTES**

**October 31, 2005**

1:00 p.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

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

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Sherrie Mathison, and Nancy Reed.

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

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\* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order.

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

\* Contracts - See agenda for details.

\* Refund - Authorize a refund of \$51.03 from Public Health to Susan Whyte.

\* River Reflections- Consideration of adoption of Resolution 05-11-2-1 declaring April 16-22, 2006 as River Awareness Week and co-sponsoring a River Reflections project with the Yamhill County Cultural Coalition.

Mary stated that Anita Crouser would like the Board to adopt the resolution now so that schoolchildren can begin working on their projects in January. Kathy stated that she would like to make a minor content change in the resolution before Wednesday. John K pointed out that the new Planning Building would be the most appropriate building for the mosaic project discussed previously.

Mileage Reimbursement for Volunteers- John K stated that although the county's practice has been to not reimburse volunteers for mileage, the issue has come up recently. He noted that the IRS allows for a volunteer reimbursement rate of 14 cents/mile and expressed concern that if volunteers were reimbursed at the employee rate, the difference might become taxable income. He suggested that the Board consider a policy to reimburse mileage at the IRS volunteer rate. The Board agreed to discuss the issue at tomorrow's Management Roundtable meeting.

Radio Communication - John K stated that during a major car wreck in Sheridan last Friday, Chief Eddings had to communicate with the low-band radio out of his vehicle because the temporary 460 MHZ system doesn't cover that area. He stated that this is not a satisfactory solution and suggested calling an emergency meeting of the internal policy group, along with John Morris and Chief Eddings, to discuss options for temporary communication until the microwave towers are completed. The meeting was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on November 1, 2005.

\* Public Hearing - Set a public hearing for December 14, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. to receive public comment regarding ten-year franchise extensions for Newberg Garbage & Recycling Service and Newberg Transfer & Recycling Center.

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Measure 37 - John G discussed the recent ruling in Marion County's *Macpherson v. DAS*, which suspended all Measure 37 timelines indefinitely and voided any waiver previously granted by the state. He stated that since Yamhill County was not a party to the litigation, it is not bound by the express language in the judgement. He stated that if a citizen wishes to submit a Measure 37 claim, the Planning Department should accept and process the claim and the Board should make their decision regarding Yamhill County land use regulations, although no building or other development permits could be issued for properties also requiring a state waiver.

He reported that two writs of review have been filed against the county for Measure 37 claims. He said he has entered into a stay on the first one until the supreme court case is resolved, and will try to do the same on the second.

PERS Contract - John K stated that Klaus Pagel, a longtime employee of Community Corrections, was not allowed by PERS to use his sick leave as part of final benefit upon retirement, although FOPPO members should have the same benefits as police officers because they joined PERS under the police integration agreement with the same rates as police officers. He read a letter from PERS asking for documentation that FOPPO members are classified as police officers. John G will work on the issue. John K pointed out that if FOPPO members are not actually classified as police officers, PERS should refund the extra money paid by the county.

Veterans Medals - Kathy presented a request from Diane Cilenti for the Board to set aside \$3000 in discretionary funding for veterans medals in case the costs are not reimbursed by the tribe. John K suggested that if the Board is in favor of the request, they could set aside the \$2300 and he could probably come up with the remaining \$700 from non-departmental revenues, although he may ask for some back from contingency at the end of the year.

Scheduling - A meeting with Richard Krikava was tentatively scheduled for the morning of November 7, 2005.

YCEA Negotiations - John K reported that the first language negotiation session with YCEA went well. He said that there were many issues to discuss, but few that are substantive. He said they will be meeting every Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Anne Britt  
Secretary