

**INFORMAL WORK SESSION
MINUTES**

November 9, 2005 2:30 p.m.

Sheriff's Office Conference Room

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

Staff: John Krawczyk, John M. Gray, Jr., Sheriff Jack Crabtree, and Lt. Paul May.

Guests: Judge John Collins, Yamhill County Presiding Judge, and Judge Neal C. Lemery, Tillamook County Justice Court.

Topic: Justice Court

Mary called the work session to order.

Judge Lemery discussed the justice court system in Tillamook County, noting that the recommended software to assist in tabulation is called "Magic Software" by Richard Chaves of Chaves Consulting. The cost for three terminals is \$4500 plus \$1500/year, which includes annual training and maintenance.

He stated that fines are distributed as per statutes. He said that Tillamook County brings in about \$92.60 per case, based on about 5000 citations per year, which generates about \$483,000 total revenue for the county, and the justice court is a general fund department. He said that Tillamook County Sheriff's Office has about 20 patrol deputies and Oregon State Police cite to justice court as well. He added that the Marion County Sheriff's Office traffic team is funded by their justice court.

It was noted that in an effort to reduce and control traffic in Yamhill County, one dedicated traffic deputy would issue approximately 20 citation per working day, resulting in about 5280 citations per year. The following action items were recommended:

- Determine number of citations
- Determine overhead
- Determine participation
- Determine staff
- Talk to Union, Deschutes, Jackson, Linn, Lane, Springfield
- Get crash data and enforcement data

The meeting was adjourned.

Anne Britt

Secretary

(Minutes prepared from notes provided by Lt. May)

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