

## INFORMAL MINUTES

January 23, 2006

2:00 p.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

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

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Diane Cilenti, Julia Staigers, Mike Brandt, and Bill Gille.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Cassie Sollars, candidate for Commissioner; Marilyn Reeves, Friends of Yamhill County; Steve Weaver and Walt Gowell, City of Carlton; Terry Lucich, Carlton Fire Chief; Daniel Danicic, City of Newberg; Dick Petrone, John Trudel, Stanley Kern, Oxberg Lakes Estates; and Sonja Haugen, Austin Industries.

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\* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Leslie called the meeting to order.

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

\* Policy - Consideration of approval of a policy to end medical benefits for terminated employees on the last day of the month of termination.

Steve explained that although it has been the county's practice to continue medical benefits for another month if the termination date is the 16<sup>th</sup> or later, the insurance carrier has suggested ending benefits on the last day of the month of termination. John G stated that if the YCEA president has no objection to the change, it shouldn't be an issue. He suggested making the policy effective April 1, 2006. Steve said he would talk to D.W. Reed before Wednesday's formal session.

FET Donation - Steve presented a request from an employee to donate FET to another employee for personal hardship due to the extended illness of a dependent. John K stated that since the dependent has passed away, it may be an extended bereavement situation rather than a family leave situation. The Board postponed a decision on the request until more information is available.

AFLAC - John K stated that although the county has allowed AFLAC products to be offered to employees for a number of years, a new agent has been brought in who is very aggressive, which has raised the following concerns: 1) some of the products offered by this company are not generally recommended by financial planners; 2) acting as their collection agency gives them an unfair competitive advantage since these products are available in the open marketplace; and 3) allowing the company to have access to county employees gives the impression that the county endorses the products. After some discussion, Leslie suggested having the Benefits Committee review the issue.

Carlton Fire District - Walt Gowell and Steve Weaver presented a proposal for a new Carlton Fire District (see attachment) and requested that the Board initiate the process to get the proposal, along with a \$1 million general obligation bond proposal, on the November ballot. The Board agreed to think about the proposal and continue discussions next week.

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\* Measure 37 - Mike presented five new Measure 37 claims (see attachment) and recommended modifying, removing, or not applying land use regulations on each. The Board agreed to postpone M37-103-05 until they can get more information on the ownership issues. Mary moved to hold public hearings on the remaining four claims. The motions failed, Mary voting aye and Leslie and Kathy voting no.

Kathy noted for the record that the property belonging to the M37-111-05 claimant adjoins her own property.

\* Public Hearing - Consideration of the transfer of jurisdiction to the City of Newberg over various roads, as continued from December 7, 2005.

Daniel Danicic, Newberg Public Works Director, expressed some concerns about the language in the proposed Board Order for the transfer of jurisdiction. He stated that the city would like to be able to go ahead and complete the roundabout after the completion of the study without Board consent. After some discussion, the Board agreed to have John G add some loose language regarding the timely adoption of a Board Order after the study is completed.

Mr. Danicic also stated that the scope of paragraph 2(b) is too wide in its requirement for the use of best practices in developing lands not related to the 'S'-curve project. After much discussion, John G suggested removing the requirement and instead including in the recitals a statement acknowledging the city's current use of best practices for development of the aquifer and urging the continuation of such practices in future development. Mr. Gray will rewrite the order to include the suggested changes and send it to the parties involved.

The meeting recessed at 4:22 p.m. and reconvened at 4:28 p.m.

\* Residential District - Approve a request for a residential speed zone on Old Yamhill Highway, a portion of County Road #70. Bill Gille reviewed the responses to the surveys mailed out, noting that only one property owner had expressed opposition to the proposed speed zone.

\* Contracts - See agenda for details.

\* Committees - Appoint Michael Green to the Budget Committee for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2008.

Executive Session - The Board agreed to postpone the executive session regarding real property transactions to Wednesday after formal session.

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Anne Britt  
Secretary