

INFORMAL MINUTES

March 20, 2006

2:00 p.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

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

Staff: John Mr. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Richard Sly, and Laura Tschabold.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Cassie Sollars, candidate for Commissioner; Aron Perez-Selsky, Linfield intern; Steven Weaver and Walt Gowell, City of Carlton; Terry Lucich, Carlton Fire Department; David VanDeWalle and Michelle Early, Carlton City Council.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Leslie called the meeting to order.

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

ATM Machine - The group discussed an inquiry from MTMI ATM regarding the possibility of having an ATM machine in the courthouse lobby at no cost to the county. John K stated that when Portland Teachers Credit Union had an ATM in the courthouse five or six years ago, they only got about 1% of the expected number of transactions and subsequently removed the machine. He agreed to talk to Phil McCollister to find out if the courts have any desire for an ATM.

* Vehicles - Authorize the purchase of a new 2006 Dodge Caravan SE from Timberline Dodge of Portland for Community Corrections, \$16,665.

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

* Surplus Property - Approve the sale of surplus Tax Lot R5506-00690 to Gregory A. Park, as authorized by ORS 275.200, for \$50 plus costs.

* Easements - Accept a dedication of public right of way from Timothy and Maryalice Pfeiffer for the Moores Valley Bridge #11645 project.

* Accept a 30-year easement from Oregon Department of State Lands for the bridge over Lambert Slough.

* Measure 37 - Approve an agreement between the Planning Department and Mildred Weatherly to suspend timelines for M37-134-05 until further notice by claimant. [March 29, 2006 public hearing canceled.]

Yamhill Basin Council - Leslie presented a request from the Yamhill Basin Council to renew the lease for office space at no cost. John K recommended that the Board allow them to renew the lease on a month-to-month basis because of the possibility that Information Services will be using that building for some of its staff. He mentioned the YCAP Building and the Stark Building as two other options for Yamhill Basin Council.

* Grants - Authorize HHS to apply for a state Drug Court enhancement grant, \$300,000, and a federal Byrne law enforcement grant, \$150,000 in 2006-07 and \$150,000 in 2007-08; authorize a transfer of \$49,000 over two years for matching funds and one-time expenses.

Chris stated that these grants have been shown to increase treatment rates substantially. He discussed the one-time expenses that would be needed and requested that some of the Jail bed rental reserves be allocated for this purpose. The Board agreed to provide the funding without specifying the source at this point.

Carlton Fire District - The Board discussed with Walt Gowell and Steven Weaver the proposal for a 451 district to provide bond funding for the new fire hall. Kathy expressed her concern that if one of the ballot measures were to fail, all three would fail. She explained that the purpose of the 451 district would be to provide funding for the new building immediately while leaving options open to the city to resolve the other issues.

Walt stated that if a 451 district is set up to be temporary, there is a ten-year limit for dissolution. He also expressed concern that turning over responsibility for maintenance and operation of the building doesn't fulfill the requirements of a 451 district. He stated that contrary to the Board's belief, the city council and the rural fire district believe that the best time to establish long-term support is during a time of crisis. Steven Weaver stated that in addition to a new fire truck, the district will need more operating funding as it grows.

Following more discussion, the Board agreed to schedule a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 27, 2006 at the Carlton Fire Hall to receive public input about both options before making a decision about initiating the 451 district or the proposed ballot measures. Walt and Steven agreed to gather signatures before the meeting to show the level of community support for the new fire hall and reformation of the fire district. He will work with the city to draft the wording for an informal petition and circulate it to John G and the Board for input.

Mihm Complaint - John G read portions of a letter from Mr. Mihm regarding a recent glaring incident with Ken Friday at the Planning Department. He stated that since the allegations are fairly significant and there are questions as to their accuracy, he would suggest having Steve Mikami interview the other employees who were present. The Board agreed with the suggestion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary