

INFORMAL SESSION
July 24, 2006 2:00 p.m.

Conference Room
Fenton House

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

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., County Counsel
John Krawczyk, Administrative Services Director
Steve Mikami, Personnel Officer
Laura Tschabold, Senior Management Analyst
Bill Gille, Director of Public Works
Dan Linscheid, Surveyor

Guests: David Bates, News-Register

* indicates item forwarded to formal session July 26, 2006.

Leslie called the meeting to order.

- * Personnel - Steve Mikami presented the personnel action requests.
 - * Hire Donna Dull as OS II, Community Corrections.
 - * Marilyn Kennelly, contract employee for CCF. Laura said that Marilyn is willing to contract for one year and that CCF has the available budget. Laura said that Marilyn has done a very good job filling in as acting director over the past few months and is particularly skilled at planning which is needed by the Commission at this time. She recommended approving the contract as proposed.

Letters of Support - There was consensus to provide the following letters of support.

McMinnville Downtown Association - a letter of support for affordable housing for lower income residents.

Grand Ronde Honor Guard - Kathy will prepare letter for signature.

- * Contracts
 - * Acute Care Psychiatric Alternatives, Adult Mental Health.
 - * Northwest Human Services, after-hours crisis, Adult Mental Health.
 - * Willamina School-Based Health Care Clinic, Public Health. John Gray said the proposal is to approve the contract on exactly the same terms as last year; any changes eventually agreed to by interested parties will be adopted at some point in the future.
 - * David Smith & Associates, aerial mapping services for Public Works.
 - * Amendment #21 to 2005-2007 IGA. Grant renewal. (Non-consent item. Mary will contact Keith Urban regarding the grant funds contracted to YCAP).

New recording equipment for Oval Office - Consensus: postpone for further discussion with Murray Paolo, Information Systems Director.

Committees

- * Accept resignation of Tonya Saunders from STF Committee. Leslie will bring forward the name of a possible appointment to fill the vacancy.

County Vehicles / Logos

There was discussion of the request from Abacus that county logos not appear on Abacus vehicles. Consensus: approve the request to have logos removed from vehicles under Abacus control.

Kathy moved to affirm that logos will automatically be placed on new county vehicles unless the department head and liaison commissioner decide otherwise. The motion carried, Leslie, Kathy, and Mary voting aye. John Gray will communicate to department heads that it is their responsibility to notify public works at the time a vehicle is purchased if they decide not to have logos.

Earlwood Road - Bill Gille reviewed comments received from neighbors regarding the request to establish a speed zone. Following discussion, it was agreed that Bill will find a location for an evening meeting in the Newberg area for Earlwood Road community residents. All residents and those on the cross-road will be notified, once a date and location has been selected.

- * Alderman Road - the public hearing resumes on July 26, 2006 at the point of deliberation. Bill said there is definitely a sight distance issue which is difficult to solve. He said a speed limit might help with sight distance at the problem area of the dip in the road. He will review the physical layout of the road and present the information at the public hearing.

- * Sunnycrest Road / RV-6-2006 - a 100% of property owners petition.

- * Accept low bid from Comfort Control for jail roof HVAC replacement project; approve contract subject to John Gray's approval.

- * Fair - approve change fund for use during 2006 Fair.

Covered Wagon / use at the Fair - There was discussion of the request by the Historical Society to have insurance coverage for its covered wagon while the wagon is on loan for display at the Fair. John K and Leslie will work with the county's insurance company to see if such coverage is practical and affordable.

The Board recessed at 2:45 p.m. for an executive session to discuss real property transactions. At 3:00 p.m., the Board returned to Informal Session.

Meth Levy - Mary reported on the second meeting with citizens regarding the meth problems in the county and whether there is community support for a meth levy. She said 40 people attended the first meeting; 32 attended the second; and the next meeting is scheduled for August 7. She said September 7th is the deadline for placing a levy on the November ballot.

There was discussion of an interest-based process with department heads. Mary said she would support the idea of an interest-based process after the citizen group presents its proposal.

Leslie said she believes it might be worthwhile to hire a facilitator to assist with an interest-based process and time can be spent during August to construct plans.

Kathy said a number of people appear to be interested in prioritizing the law enforcement element of a levy.

There was lengthy discussion which included ways to determine the level of citizen support, the dollar amount for a levy, and whether a public survey would be a helpful tool. Leslie said it will be important to know how much of an increase in property taxes the public would support. Kathy said a survey would be an education tool for both the public and for the public officials. Laura will contact public relations firms to see how quickly and for what cost a survey could be developed.

Adjourn: 3:30 p.m.

Carol Ann White
Secretary