

INFORMAL MINUTES

September 11, 2006

3:00 p.m.

Oval Office

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

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Laura Tschabold, Susan Mundy, Dan Linscheid, and Brad Berry.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; SuAnn Reddick, 14700 Hidden Hills Road, McMinnville; Joyce Lingle, 14500 Hidden Hills Road, McMinnville; DiAnne Frelka, 14929 Hidden Hills Road, McMinnville; Jack & Paula Vining, Hidden Hills Road, McMinnville; and Marvin Balwit, 14900 Hidden Hills Road, McMinnville.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Leslie called the meeting to order. She called for a moment of silence in remembrance of those who have given their lives in service of this country and those who continue to serve as first and second responders.

* Personnel - See agenda for details.

* Discretionary Spending - Declaration of discretionary spending by the Board:
a. Commissioner Stern: \$60, address list for YCAP, provided by Information Services;
b. Commissioners Lewis, George, Stern: \$22.68 each, reimbursement to John Bridges for the cost of an electrical permit for Newberg Tunes on Tuesday.

Hidden Hills Bridge - Susan reported that Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has proposed a high bid of \$24,136 for the bridge repairs, although they might be able to bring that down to about \$15,000, including labor to replace the cap. She said they would be available to do the work as early as next Monday, although she may need help from the Board getting through the regulatory agencies quickly if ODOT can't do that themselves.

SuAnn Reddick provided a copy of the invoice for paving work done on the county's side of the road at the homeowners' expense of \$2625, which will be credited to the Homeowners' Association against the total cost of bridge repairs. John G stated that the association would need to post the balance with the county Treasurer or in private escrow before the work can be done, after which any remaining funds would be returned to the association. Ms. Reddick said that Ross Crane may be able to provide a substantially lower bid.

Ms. Reddick stated that the homeowners would incur the \$2600 cost in attorney fees to form a legal road association in order to prevent this kind of situation from happening again. Dr. Vining stated that a letter from the Board might help convey to the other homeowners the importance of forming an association. John G agreed to prepare a memo to the Board to be distributed as they see fit.

Meth Levy - John G stated that the Board is considering paying with personal funds for an argument in support of the meth levy. He explained that because public employees cannot use work time to oppose or support ballot measures, only elected officials and contract employees would be able to participate in the discussion. Employees were asked to leave the room at 3:45 p.m. while the Board discussed the wording for the argument. Following the discussion, the meeting resumed at 4:20 p.m.

* Road Vacations - Schedule a public hearing on November 29, 2006 for Public Works Docket RV-7-2006, a request for vacation of a portion of F.C. Grahams Cove Orchard, applicants Larry and Linda Halstead.

* Approve Public Works Docket RV-8-2006, a request for vacation of a portion of Russell Creek Road, applicant Sweeney & Goodrich Road Vineyard, LLC, no hearing necessary under ORS 368.351.

* Contracts - See agenda for details.

Donna Wright Property - John G stated that Donna Wright has offered to sell her property next to the Whiteson Landfill to the county for \$15,000. He provided some background information and said that if Mike Brandt determines the property to be worth the price, he will recommend that the Board accept her offer.

The Board had further discussion on the meth levy argument at 4:34 p.m. and the meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary