

**INFORMAL SESSION**  
**December 10, 2007 3:00 p.m.**

Commissioners' Office  
Conference Room

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

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Laura Tschabold, Steve Mikami, Ken Friday

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\* Indicates item forwarded to December 12, 2007 agenda.

Commissioner George called the informal session to order.

\* Personnel. Steve Mikami presented the personal action items as requested by various department managers. See agenda for list.

\* Minutes - 2007 Formal sessions: May 16, July 2, July 11, July 18, July 28.

Mary Stern moved approval of the following 2007 informal session minutes for February 20 work session; April 24 work session (budget presentations); July 9; July 16; July 23; and August 27. The motion carried, Kathy, Mary and Leslie voting aye.

Construction Excise Tax / discussion - John Gray reviewed the proposed agreements with taxing districts and a new proposal developed by the League of Oregon Cities, which will be useful in moving up the effective date of the agreements. Consensus: John Gray will draft a new agreement and submit to affected parties.

\* Contracts - see agenda.

\* Planning - Adopt findings in support of Docket FT-11-07, Charma Vaage.

Storm Disaster Briefing - Kathy reviewed the letter sent by Senators Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden to the President regarding the state of emergency. Laura read the preliminary damage estimates. There was considerable discussion of the storm event, damage reports, and emergency responses from around the county. Consensus: request John Boynton provide a briefing at next week's informal session.

Newberg Urban Reserve meeting - Ken Friday said that over 1000 notices have been sent regarding the hearing, but there is really no way to know how many people may attend or want to testify. He asked that the Board select a date for the hearing on the SE Newberg Transportation Plan and added that if there needs to be a continuance of the urban reserve hearing, it would be helpful to have a back-up date in mind. Following discussion, the Board consensus was to schedule January 17, 2008 at 6:30 in Newberg for the SE Newberg Transportation Plan hearing and as a date certain for continued testimony on the Newberg Urban Reserve issue, if necessary .

Bicycle Path Funds / Request from Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde - Following discussion of past funding commitment to the Tribe from this fund, the consensus was review the amount in the fund, commit at least \$115,000 to the Tribe for the safety project, and let the Tribe know in time for its application for gap funding.

Stark Building / lease option - After discussion, the consensus was to hold this item for future discussion, probably at informal on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Meanwhile, Laura will talk with Chris Johnson regarding his department's need for additional office space.

- \* CCF / request to reduce approved petty cash amount.
- \* Committee Appointments - LADPC and STF committee reappointments. See agenda.
- \* Declaration / discretionary funds - Kathy will declare \$500 expenditure to Educational Recreational Adventures program.
- \* Withdrawal of Larry Christensen property from Dundee Fire Protection District. Adopt board order setting public hearing set for January 23, 2008.

Measure 49 / vesting issues - John Gray requested postponing Board action until December 17<sup>th</sup> because of two meetings being held late this week which may help resolve some of the outstanding issues and concerns regarding vesting rights. Consensus: consider at informal session on December 17<sup>th</sup>; or formal session December 19<sup>th</sup>.

The session recessed to executive session at 4:20 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) for the purpose of receiving information regarding labor negotiations. No action was taken. The informal session reconvened at 4:40 p.m.

Adjourn: 4:45 p.m.

Carol Ann White  
Secretary