

INFORMAL MINUTES

January 5, 2009

2:00 p.m.

Oval Office

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, John M. Gray, Jr., Rick Sanai, Pat. Anderson, and Ken Summers.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; and Cyndi Astley, United Way.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Leslie called the meeting to order.

* Personnel - Pat presented personnel requests from various departments. See agenda for details. The Board agreed by consensus to administratively ratify the decision of the voters to employ Scott Maytubby as County Assessor and Becky Stern-Doll as County Clerk. John G reminded the Board that salary adjustments for the four managers working under employment agreements need to be done as soon as possible and are typically retroactive to December 14.

* Minutes - Approve formal session minutes from November 12, 2008.

B. O. 09-01 - Ms. Stern moved approval of informal session minutes from November 10, 2008. The motion passed, Mary, Leslie, and Kathy voting aye.

* Contracts - See agenda for details.

Mileage Reimbursement - Mary stated that the new IRS standard rate of 55 cents/mile for business miles is high, considering how dramatically gas prices have dropped recently. The Board agreed to stay with the current county rate of 50.5 cents/mile.

United Way - Cyndi Astley thanked the county for the successful United Way campaign, reporting that 54 employees, or approximately 12.5% of the employee base, contributed a total of \$6600, which is a significant increase from last year. She stated that the official campaign results and awards will be presented at an evening event on March 12 in Salem.

Surplus Property - Ken Summers provided background information on an animal cruelty case which led to three horses being seized from their owner and awarded to the county. He stated that Jamie Cheslock, the current caretaker of the horses, has been very helpful and has incurred over \$3400 in cash expenses as well as hours of her time. He requested that the Board declare the two surviving horses, Missy and Springer, as surplus property so they can be awarded to Ms. Cheslock. Rick Sanai stated that Ms. Cheslock has become attached to the horses, one of which has very little value due to permanent health problems.

John G read the five factors that need to be met in order to approve the request, as set

forth in section 3.04 of the county's Surplus Property Ordinance 499. Mary moved to declare Missy and Springer as surplus county property and to authorize the transfer to Jamie Cheslock. The motion passed, Leslie, Kathy, and Mary voting aye.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary