

INFORMAL MINUTES

March 2, 2009

1:30 p.m.

Oval Office

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, John M. Gray, Jr., Pat Anderson, Sherrie Mathison, and John Krawczyk (participating via telephone).

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Lorry DeKay; and Gunny Brandon.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Leslie called the meeting to order.

* Personnel - Pat presented personnel requests from various departments. See agenda for details. In response to a request for clarification from Pat, the commissioners agreed that new hires should not be approved by the Board until after they pass the background check.

* Resolution - Approve Resolution 09-3-4-1 regarding the spending of federal economic renewal grants to Yamhill County.

* Contracts - See agenda for details.

Title 3 - John K stated that a \$7500 request from the Yamhill Fire Protection District for a Community Wildfire Protection Plan should be paid for out of the Title 3 Fund.

Committees - The Board acknowledged the resignation of John Nelson from the Yamhill County Board of Health.

* Budget - Approve a two-year interfund loan from Solid Waste Fund 17 to Community Corrections Fund 21 for the Jail Improvement Project, \$520,000, effective March 10, 2009.

Newberg Landfill - Sherrie Mathison distributed maps of the landfill showing the locations of the current monitoring wells and maps of the proposed Newberg Riverfront Trail, prepared by Barton Brierly of the City of Newberg. She reported that some bubbling is coming up from stormwater runoff on the county's side of the berm and is being tested to see if it's leachate, but the pencil test indicated that it is a natural occurrence.

John G said that, according to an e-mail from David Beam, the City of Newberg is backing off from doing anything about the proposed trail without the county's approval. He suggested that the Board review the letter he'd written to the Christensens' lawyer, which explains all of the legal aspects. Mary suggested that the Board take a site visit at some point.

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Video Lottery - John K stated that video lottery revenue for 2008-09 will end up being about \$50,000 instead of \$80,000 and he is unsure what the amount will be for 2009-10. He said that there should be no problem getting through the current year as long as the Board does not commit to any more expenses because the beginning balance was higher than he'd originally predicted.

Memorial - Gunny Brandon presented a concept for a Mothers' Walk of Honor memorial that he had developed while serving on the Evergreen Board of Trustees. He explained that he wants a way to honor mothers and wives who stay home and raise their families while their men are in the military. He said that he has \$60,000 set aside for the project so far, but hasn't found a location yet and would like it to be in the McMinnville area. Mary suggested that he talk to the City of McMinnville. She added that the Board could find out if any grant funds are left for veterans' memorials.

The meeting reconvened at 3:05 p.m. with no formal decisions made and immediately adjourned.

Anne Britt
Secretary