

**INFORMAL MINUTES**

**November 30, 2009**

1:00 p.m.

Oval Office

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, John M. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Marilyn Kennelly, and Ken Friday.

Guests: Hannah Hoffman, News-Register.

\* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Leslie called the meeting to order.

\* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

YCEA Grievance - John Gray presented a YCEA grievance for Maggie Amsden and stated that the Board could either deny the grievance or adjust it by lessening the sanctions. Ms. Stern moved to deny the grievance. The motion passed unanimously.

\* Surplus Property - Consideration of declaring a list of county equipment as surplus county property to be disposed of in a manner to be determined by the Administrative Services Director.

The Board agreed to convene a group of people with knowledge about craigslist.com to make a recommendation about using the site for selling surplus county property. Laura agreed to work with Jessica Johnson regarding the procedures for selling this batch of equipment.

Land Use - Ken Friday briefed the Board on Planning Docket Z-01-09(KF), a request to rezone 131.5 acres from EF-80 to EF-40 to allow the partitioning sought by Docket P-01-09, applicant Laurent Montelieu. He provided an update on the status of Mr. Montelieu's application to the state.

\* Policy - Adopt an updated policy regarding the use of county landline and mobile telephones, as continued from November 23, 2009.

Kathy suggested that the dollar amounts in the policy be reviewed periodically. Laura agreed, stating that fee schedules should be kept separately to allow for easier review and updates. She added that she is looking at how to review county policies periodically and make them more accessible to employees.

\* Committees - Approve the reappointment of Colin Armstrong to the Yamhill County Foundation for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2012.

\* Tax Appeal - Establish a reserve tax account with the county treasurer based on SP Newsprint's appeal of its 2009-10 property value. Leslie stated that she agrees with this recommendation by Scott Maytubby. John G said that he has prepared a draft order for Scott to

review.

Prescription Drug Program - Laura reviewed the Prescription Drug Discount Card program offered by the National Association of Counties (NACo) to all Yamhill County residents (see Exhibit A). She said that several people from the Association of Oregon Counties have talked about this program and it might be a good thing to make available to county residents. Mary said that she had discussed a similar program with Chris Johnson and Judy Stewart, an insurance broker, a few years ago and Chris had pointed out that the county didn't really need to offer it because it was already available through the state. She suggested having Chris look at the NACo program. Laura stated that Molly Butler is looking into how it might affect the county's existing medical plans. She said that it likely would not have any negative effect and could actually have a positive effect on the county's experience. The Board agreed to have Laura look into the program further.

Schedule - The commissioners agreed to postpone the staff appreciation lunch due to scheduling conflicts. They agreed to start informal session on December 14 at 3:00 due to AOC meetings.

\* County Administrator Ordinance - Consideration of adoption of Ordinance 848 creating the office of County Administrator; declaring an emergency; effective January 1, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Anne Britt  
Secretary

## NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card Program

The NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card program was designed for uninsured and underinsured county residents. Through a partnership with **Caremark**, discount card can save an average of 23% off the full retail cost of prescription medication. Here are the key factors:

- **It is easy to participate.** There are no enrollment fees, no forms to fill out, no age or income requirements, and no medical condition restrictions. The entire family is covered with just one card and virtually all commonly prescribed medicine is covered;
- **There are no costs.** There is no cost to the county, county taxpayers, or consumers to participate. Caremark negotiates the discounts directly with participating pharmacies. Neither NACo nor the participating counties receive any revenue from the program;
- **Everyone is eligible.** The discount cards are provided free to residents living in participating NACo member counties across the country. A national network of more than 59,000 retail pharmacies honor the card;
- **Consumers always receive the lowest retail price.** On occasion, pharmacies will price a particular medication lower than the discount rate available with the NACo card. If that occurs, consumers will receive the lower price. Either way, consumers will always receive the best price available.

### Other key points:

- No cost to residents or county - CVS Caremark discount network gets small amount of transaction fee each time the card gives the best price.
- Pharmacies participate because the card helps to give the pharmacy increased business through increased foot traffic, sales of sundry items, and customers purchasing full prescriptions instead of splitting pills. Keeps sales local and strengthens customer relationship with local pharmacy.
- Helps uninsured and underinsured residents –
  - Those that don't qualify for free prescription programs or public assistance programs
  - That only have a catastrophic health insurance program that doesn't include prescription coverage
  - Employer doesn't offer prescription coverage;
  - Insurance programs with caps on prescription programs or exclusions.
- Helps seniors -
  - Enrollees in Medicare Part D (exclusions)
  - Those that haven't enrolled in Medicare Part D
- May help to reduce prescription costs in the jail
- Participating (enrolled) Pharmacies:
  - Albertsons
  - Bi-Mart
  - Center Pharmacy
  - Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
  - Fred Meyer

Exhibit A 1/2  
(over)

- Mac Prescription Shop
- Mikes Medical Pharmacy
- Rite Aid
- Safeway
- Sheridan Pharmacy
- VG McMinnville Pharmacy
- Walgreens
- Wal-Mart Pharmacy
- Willamina Drugs