

INFORMAL MINUTES

March 1, 2010

2:00 p.m.

Oval Office

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

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., Laura Tschabold, Tim Loewen, and John Phelan.

Guests: Hannah Hoffman, News-Register.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order.

Minutes - Mary moved approval of the following informal session minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

B. O. 10-115 - November 30, 2009

B. O. 10-116 - February 8, 2010

- * See agenda for formal session minutes to be adopted.
- * Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.
- * Committees - See agenda for details.
- * Refunds - Authorize a \$510 refund from HHS Public Health to Ryan Hawkins.
- * Authorize a \$793 refund from the Planning Department to David Brown, executor of the Lillian Brown Estate.

Department Updates

Juvenile - Tim Loewen reviewed the most recent quarterly report showing statistics for youth referrals. Kathy raised a question about the fairness of the way that restitution and court fees are divided up when there are multiple youth involved in a crime. She cited an example brought to her attention several months ago by the parent of a youth in such a situation. Tim compared the methods that different counties use to divide up the charges and stated that in Yamhill County, it is done jointly and severally by the courts to ensure that the victim gets restitution as soon as possible. He said that it would be a good issue to bring up with Judge Collins. The commissioners expressed interest in seeing the next quarterly report when it is available.

Public Works - John Phelan stated that he is in the process of moving all equipment and related expenses into the 11-29 budget in order to identify the true costs of that equipment and help him determine whether it is more economical to rent or own the equipment. He said that the 11-60 budget would rent the equipment from 11-29, although that change would not be implemented until the 2011-12 budget. He requested an extension on budget preparation due to the number of changes

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that are being made. In response to a concern raised by Mary, Leslie stated that Public Works would figure out a way to incorporate the rental charges without artificially inflating the overall budget.

John P reported that he has implemented a new shift schedule that includes Saturdays. He said that this schedule will last for a maximum of three months, depending on the weather. He stated that the union has expressed some opposition, but the issues will hopefully be worked out this week.

He said that he has sent the proposed Maintenance Improvement Projects List to the commissioners and would welcome any comments they might have. Leslie pointed out that this year's list is more concise than past lists and more clearly shows the projects that will actually be done. John G emphasized the importance of having the Board adopt the list in order to give the county discretionary immunity in case something were to happen on a road not scheduled for improvement. John P reviewed current and upcoming projects, including North Valley Road and the Laughlin Road Bridge. He said that he would be sending some employees to a flagging certification course the following week so that any job using inmate labor can have a certified flagger present. After some discussion about an upcoming half-marathon in the county, John P stated that these types of events are becoming more common and the county needs to determine what Public Works' involvement should be.

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary