

INFORMAL WORK SESSION MINUTES

March 8, 2010

1:00 p.m.

Oval Office

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, John Phelan, and Bill Gille.

Guests: John Sauer, 3611 Short Oak Drive, Newberg; Meyer Freeman, 1888 SW Madison St, Portland 97203; Matt Duckstader, 1905 Sperring Rd, Sonoma, CA 95476; Dan Shryock and Hannah Hoffman, News-Register.

Subject: Wine Country Half-Marathon

Mary called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

John Phelan presented a request from Matt Duckstader for a half-marathon to be held in Yamhill County on September 5, 2010, during Labor Day weekend. He said that the race is being hosted by a reputable firm and he wants to be of assistance, but the county needs to discuss issues such as traffic control and farm harvesting. Leslie stated that although it would not take place during the peak harvest season for grapes, there are many other crop harvests going on in August and September that could result in farm equipment being moved from field to field. She emphasized the importance of providing plenty of advance notice.

Matt reviewed the details of the course (see attached map) and the schedule, explaining that potential conflicts have been minimized by avoiding towns and major roads, limiting the number of runners to 2000, starting the race at 7:00 a.m. on a Sunday, having the course clearly marked, providing many course monitors, and having officers stationed at intersections to direct traffic. He said that he would work closely with Public Works in the notification process and would include churches in the area. He said that the City of Lafayette has no concerns about the race and he had spoken with Sergeant Tim Svenson and Captain Ken Summers in January about the proposed course. John P suggested that Matt touch base with them again, as the Sheriff's Office is not clear about traffic control needs. Dan Shryock stated that he serves as the News-Register's liaison for this event and the paper will provide a great deal of publicity to help get the word out about the event.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary

