

INFORMAL MINUTES

August 23, 2010

2:00 p.m.

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Rick Sanai, Pat Anderson, Ted Smietana, and Silas Halloran-Steiner.

Guests: Hannah Hoffman, News-Register.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

* Personnel - Pat presented personnel requests from various departments. See agenda for details.

Department Updates

HHS: Silas stated that Mike McNickle is working on building a dental program. He said that Mike didn't receive the Spirit Mountain grant, which was a setback, but is still working to build a sustainable program through donations, volunteers, and an agreement with the Dental Society. He said that there is a big need in the county for this service and the goal is start the program by early October.

Community Corrections: Ted provided an update on the evidence-based decision-making grant application, noting that the county has been selected as one of seven sites in the nation to participate in the first phase. He said that the county should end up with a much better system as a result of this project and will also become a model for the nation as an evidence-based jurisdiction.

He stated that he would be submitting a request to implement a one-time \$40 community service fee with the flexibility to waive the fee depending on circumstances. He said that he hates to add fees to this population, but it is necessary to help cover staff costs.

He discussed the possibility of further cuts in state funding, but said that it is just speculation at this point.

Administrative Services: Laura reported that the RFP process for the HVAC system in the courthouse is complete and there is an apparent low bidder, but the asbestos work should be done first. She said that the RFP for the courthouse asbestos project opened last week.

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

The group discussed a proposed agreement with National Association of Counties

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(NACo). Leslie stated that both Columbia and Wallowa Counties have similar agreements with NACo and it provides a benefit for citizens. Laura stated that there are parts of the standard agreement that John Gray does not like. She said that she would forward it to Rick so he could work on it with John.

Resolution - The Board agreed to approve the Recovery Month Resolution on both September 1 and September 8 so that all commissioners could sign it.

Meeting Schedule - Kathy stated that the News-Register had reported that the Board's regular informal session would be changing to Tuesdays. She clarified that informal session would remain on Mondays and formal session would be held on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning in October.

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary