

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

April 25, 2011

1:30 p.m.

Oval Office

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Chuck Vesper, Rick Sanai, Ted Smietana, Silas Halloran-Steiner, Becky Weaver, and Scott Maytubby.

Guests: Hannah Hoffman, News-Register; Dan Bell and Amie Loop-Frison, The Nature Conservancy; and Jeff Eschen, Boldt, Carlisle & Smith, LLC.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order.

The Nature Conservancy - Dan Bell reviewed background information and the mission of The Nature Conservancy (TNC). He provided an update on properties recently acquired in Yamhill County and plans for conservation activities. Mary raised the issue of rock being mined from high-value farmland and stated that there needs to be some discussion about getting gravel out of the river. Dan said that TNC is hoping to develop best practices for gravel operators so there would be opportunities to do enhanced salmon habitat after gravel extraction. He said that TNC is working with a couple of other groups interested in satisfying the needs of both sides, but this issue gets emotions up very quickly.

Department Updates

HHS: Silas discussed HB 3650 and stated that a joint special committee is working directly with the concept of health system transformation now, which he is watching closely. He said that there have been no dramatic changes in the budget. He provided an update on the Public Health Manager hiring process. He said that he is looking at the possibility of sharing some office space with the George Fox University Behavioral Health Clinic in order to work with them in a more integrated way.

Corrections: Ted thanked the commissioners for their support in last week's training, which went very well. He provided updates on the Evidence-Based Decision Making Initiative, FOPPO negotiations, and the biennial plan.

* Audit - Accept the 2009-10 audit report from Boldt, Carlisle & Smith.

Jeff Eschen stated that working with the county has been a very good experience and everyone was very cooperative. He reviewed the audit report and said that the major findings are related to bank reconciliation and the ability to have access to different modules. He stated the issue with internal transfers has already been fixed. He said that he has issued a clean opinion in the audit report, noting that everything is fairly stated in accordance with generally accepted

accounting principles.

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

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

The meeting recessed to executive session at 3:00 p.m. pursuant to ORS 190.660(2)(h) for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. The meeting reconvened at 3:13 p.m. with no formal decisions made and the sense of the Board conveyed to staff.

* Budget - Establish a reserve account for the Comcast property tax appeal, \$404,934.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary