

BOARD ORDERS AND MINUTES

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL

SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF YAMHILL COUNTY (“the Board”) sat for the transaction of county business in formal/informal session on May 31, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 32 of the Courthouse, Commissioners Leslie Lewis and Mary P. Stern being present and Commissioner Kathy George being excused for another meeting.

Also present were Laura Tschabold, County Administrator; and Rick Sanai, County Counsel.

Commissioner Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

A. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** This thirty-minute time period is reserved for public comment on any topic other than a quasi-judicial land use matter or other topic scheduled for public hearing. Unless extended or restricted by the Chair or majority of the Board, public comment will be limited to three minutes per person. None offered.

B. **AGENDA:**

Personnel

1. **B. O. 12-248** - Consideration of approval of extended leave without pay for Cathy Matamala-Ost, HHS Public Health, effective June 6, 2012, through July 25, 2012.
2. **B. O. 12-249** - Consideration of the temporary change of status of Carolyn Graham to Office Specialist 2 in HHS Adult Mental Health, full-time, Range 7, Step 1, retroactive to March 24, 2012, through June 30, 2012.
3. **B. O. 12-250** - Consideration of the change of status of Eusebio Herrera-Perez to regular part-time employment in HHS Chemical Dependency, .75 FTE, effective June 9, 2012.

Ms. Stern moved approval of items B(1) through B(3). The motion passed, Commissioners Lewis and Stern voting aye.

Contracts/Grants

4. **B. O. 12-251** - Consideration of approval of a grant agreement between the Juvenile Department, grantee, and Oregon Youth Conservation Corps for the 2012 Summer Conservation Corps Grant Program, \$11,111, effective through December 31, 2012.

Ms. Stern moved approval of item B(4). The motion passed, Commissioners Lewis and Stern voting aye.

5. **B. O. 12-252** - Consideration of approval of an agreement between the Jail and Justice Benefits, Inc., provider, for assistance in obtaining additional federal reimbursement funding related to alien assistance claims, county to pay 22% of any additional revenue above \$17,688.

Ms. Stern moved approval of item B(5). The motion passed, Commissioners Lewis and Stern voting aye.

6. **Continued** - Consideration of a request from Judge Collins to increase the hourly rate for court-related domestic relations mediators from \$70 to \$95, retroactive to April 1, 2012.

Laura Tschabold stated that Judge Collins has done an analysis of other counties and a historical review of Yamhill County's rates, and there hasn't been an increase in a long time. Ms. Lewis noted that the proposed rate is higher than three of the four other counties surveyed. Ms. Stern said that she believes Judge Collins is anticipating that some of the other counties will be considering further increases this year. Ms. Lewis said that she would be willing to raise the rate to \$85 for now and wait to see what the other counties do. She said that if some of these funds could be used for the law library and/or court security, she would want to maintain the flexibility to do that, especially since the courts are currently not paying their fair share of court security costs. Ms. Tschabold agreed to get more information from Judge Collins and discuss the possibility of re-allocating some of the funds.

C. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

D. **OTHER BUSINESS** (Add-ons and non-consent items):

1. **B. O. 12-253** - Consideration of authorizing the Chair or Vice-Chair to sign a notice of intent for a Transportation Enhancement Grant to purchase right-of-way for the rail line from McMinnville to Gaston, \$2.4 million.

Ms. Lewis stated that this grant would require a 10.27% match, which would be \$246,480 for the entirety of the rail line right-of-way. She said that believes this would be a candidate for video lottery dollars because the ultimate goal is not only a trail for recreation, but to re-establish the rail line and have a better freight route to Portland as well as the ability for commuter rail. She said that Washington County would provide staff assistance to help write the grant, but she would suggest also talking to the commissioners about contributing to the match requirement, since a part of the rail line is in Washington County and would give them a valuable connection to the Hagg Lake trail. She said that Ken Wright has offered to contribute as well.

Ms. Stern agreed that Yamhill County should pay the largest portion, but not the entire match. She said that the American Viticultural Area (AVA) would receive a huge benefit, and there might be other partners that could be identified, including some of the cities. Ms. Lewis moved approval of item D(1). The motion passed, Commissioners Lewis and Stern voting aye.

2. Discussion of legislation related to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. *[No action taken.]*

Ms. Stern stated that the Board had previously given its support to legislation proposed by the Siletz Tribes, as it had done earlier for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, but it has now come to her attention that the scope of the Siletz legislation is broader than originally believed, and includes other lands. She said that the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde are concerned that controversy over the Siletz legislation will negatively affect their own pending legislation. Ms. Lewis agreed to contact Chris Mercier the following week to get his input.

E. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

F. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The following positions are open to the public. Contact the Commissioners' Office for applications.

- a. Fair Board, one position;
- b. Forestland Classification Committee, three positions;
- c. Local Investment Advisory Committee, one position;
- d. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, one position;
- e. Road Improvement Advisory Committee, one position;
- f. Special Transportation Advisory Commission (STF), four positions;
- g. Yamhill County Transit Area (YCTA) Advisory Committee, one position.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary

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Commissioner KATHY GEORGE

Commissioner MARY P. STERN