

**INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES**

**January 7, 2013**

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Commissioners Kathy George, Mary P. Stern, and Allen Springer.

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Rick Sanai, Pat Anderson, Tim Loewen, and John Phelan.

Guests: Nathalie Hardy, News-Register.

\* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. due to technical difficulties with the computer.

\* Personnel - Pat Anderson presented personnel requests from various departments. See formal session agenda for details.

Department Updates

**Juvenile Department:** Tim Loewen reported that juvenile referral statistics are staying consistent with past patterns. He said that the Amity House is back up for bid and the bidding period closes on Friday. He discussed the new Behavioral Rehabilitation Services program and gave an update on the Effective Practices in Intensive Community Supervision (EPICS) program through the University of Cincinnati. He discussed a federal funding source called Title IV-E that could be used for foster care services and administrative prevention, noting that Multnomah County is expecting to bring in \$300,000 to \$800,000 per quarter in administrative matching funds. He said that he has asked Multnomah County's provider, Justice Benefits, Inc., to provide a conservative estimate of what it might mean for Yamhill County.

**Public Works:** John Phelan stated that he has received many complaints about the gravel roads over recent months due to the wet weather, but his crew has caught up on grading now and the number of complaints has dropped substantially. Kathy explained that the commissioners' practice for citizen complaints about roads is to forward them to John and share them with the other commissioners, with the liaison commissioner taking the lead.

John discussed the fueling station project, noting that he would probably bring in a small portable fueling station for Public Works vehicles so they won't have to go through the card-lock system. He reported that the Habitat Conservation Plan seems to be going very well, and he is responding to comments submitted on that. He provided updates on the Green Bridge project, the proposed Blue Sign Policy, and the process for the annual Maintenance Improvement Projects List. He stated that all of the county's temporary road signs, such as those used for high water, have been upgraded to high-density signs with flashers, which are considerably safer than the old signs.

\* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Anne Britt  
Secretary