

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 special formal session on May 1, 2013, at 11:30 a.m. in the Commissioners’ Office Conference Room, Commissioners Kathy George, Mary P. Stern, and Allen Springer being present.

Also present were Laura Tschabold, County Administrator; Chuck Vesper, Deputy County Administrator; Christian Boenisch, Deputy County Counsel; Scott Maytubby, Assessor; and Nathalie Hardy, News-Register.

Commissioner George called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

A. **AGENDA:**

Contracts/Grants

1. **B. O. 13-246** - Consideration of authorizing the Assessor’s Office to apply for the 2013-14 Assessment & Taxation Grant from Oregon Department of Revenue, \$2,383,388.

Scott Maytubby explained that this grant is the main source of income for his budget, and includes some funds for other offices that support A&T functions, including the Clerk’s Office, Information Systems, Geographic Information Systems, and County Counsel. He reviewed the details of the application. Mr. Springer moved approval of item A(1). The motion passed, Commissioners George, Stern, and Springer voting aye.

B. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Letter

1. Discussion of a letter to the USDA National Appeals Division regarding a conservation easement modification request from JW Millegan. *[Draft letter to be reviewed and discussed again at the May 2, 2013, formal session.]*

Mr. Springer stated that he had recently visited the property in Polk County that Mr. Millegan hopes to use for an equestrian center, and explained that Mr. Millegan is having trouble at the federal level because of the existing conservation easement on the property. Ms. Stern stated that she is willing to submit a letter expressing the Board’s support of Mr. Millegan’s ability to appeal and asking for full and fair consideration, but the Board should let the appeal process play out before getting any more involved. She said that she doesn’t know what the next step in the process would be if he loses the appeal, but she doesn’t think the Board should weigh in on a Polk County land use application unless asked. Mr. Springer stated that he would be

frustrated if the USDA National Appeals Division is not willing to revisit the easement and use some common sense.

Executive Session

2. Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) to discuss real property transactions.
[Staff to prepare lease agreement for consideration at the May 2, 2013, formal session.]

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 11:50 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:14 p.m. with no formal decisions made and direction given to staff to prepare a lease agreement for temporary use of the Family & Youth parking area for the McMinnville Public Market on Saturdays.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair KATHY GEORGE

Commissioner MARY P. STERN

Commissioner ALLEN SPRINGER