

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 9, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 32 of the Courthouse, Commissioners Kathy George, Mary P. Stern, and Allen Springer being present. *[Note: This week’s Board session was rescheduled from its regular time to accommodate the presentation on the World War II memorial.]*

Also present were Laura Tschabold, County Administrator; Chuck Vesper, Deputy County Administrator; Rick Sanai, County Counsel; Pat Anderson, Human Resources; Barbara Stanley, Commissioners’ Office; Silas Halloran-Steiner, HHS Director; Nathalie Hardy, News-Register; Lou Jaffe, 805 Skyline Crest Rd, Portland 97229; Consuelo Christianson, American Legion Veterans Club; Gunny Brandon; Susan Meredith, 14100 SW McCabe Chapel Rd, McMinnville; Ilsa Perse, 5765 Mineral Springs Rd, Carlton; JW Millegan, PO Box 280, Sheridan.

Commissioner George called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

A. **PUBLIC COMMENT** *[Following item B(1)]*: 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.

Ilsa Perse stated that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has submitted a letter to the county regarding a floodway issue with Riverbend Landfill, and she hopes the commissioners will take the time to review what transpired that allowed the landfill to be built in what FEMA now acknowledges as floodway, and the process by which a rather serious misunderstanding could have evolved for nearly three decades. She said that citizens involved in this issue over the decades have not felt much cooperation, and the issues that were raised were never followed through on.

Ms. Stern stated that it became apparent following Hurricane Katrina that the left hand of FEMA doesn’t always know what the right hand is doing. She said that the county was disappointed to learn about the history of the flood maps, and that the issues were raised, but corrections were not included on subsequent maps. She expressed frustration about such bureaucracy inaction. She stated that she believes that the Letter of Map Revision regarding that area is in effect, and staff is looking into it.

JW Millegan discussed his plans to develop a world-class equestrian facility called

Wallace Bridge on his property near Sheridan, within walking distance from Yamhill County. He said that the facility would change Oregon and Yamhill County both economically and environmentally, but he needs to move the existing conservation easement on his property in order to make it happen. He asked the Board for a strong letter of support asking the National Resources Conservation Service to review the easement, because bureaucracy doesn't seem to care about the established appeal process. He said that he is hoping that the National Appeals Division remands the case, and he needs support in demonstrating economic and environmental need.

Mr. Springer stated that he likes Mr. Millegan's vision, and it wouldn't hurt for the commissioners to let it be known that there is a need for jobs in that area. Ms. George agreed and said that she is sympathetic to Mr. Millegan's frustrations. Ms. Stern stated that she is hesitant to tell an agency going through an administrative and quasi-judicial process what to do. The commissioners agreed to work on a letter.

B. AGENDA:

Veterans

1. Presentation by Lou Jaffe regarding a proposed World War II memorial.

Lou Jaffe, president of the World War II Memorial Foundation, discussed a proposal to build a memorial on the capitol grounds in Salem to honor World War II veterans and the entire World War II generation. He said that Oregon is one of six states that don't have a World War II memorial, and this memorial would have a unique and innovative educational component that would use current multimedia technology to share stories and experiences with the public. He emphasized the importance of inspiring and teaching future generations about courage, honor, shared sacrifice, love of country, and being a nation united in purpose.

He stated that the project budget is \$1.2 million, and \$700,000 of that has been raised so far, including in-kind commitments. He said that he wants to give every Oregonian a chance to contribute to the project, and he asked the commissioners to share the information with constituents they feel it might resonate with. He stated that he hopes to get the memorial built this year, and to do that, the decision to proceed would need to be made by mid-June.

Mr. Springer stated that these kinds of things are necessary to help people anchor themselves to their memories and realities, and to remind everyone of the blood that's been spent to pay the price for the freedoms they have. He said that it is important to learn from the past and to pass stories on to the next generation.

Consuelo Christianson shared a story about her uncle who served in the war, and stated that the veterans are treated like heroes in the foreign lands they fought in, but there needs to be a memorial here to honor them as well. She agreed with the urgency in getting the memorial built before all of the World War II veterans have passed away.

Ms. Stern stated that she had asked Mr. Jaffe to come and make this presentation, hoping that the Board would be willing to make a donation on behalf of the county, and individually as

well. [See item D(5) for further discussion and Board action.]

Minutes

2. Consideration of approval of the following minutes:
 - a. **B. O. 13-258** - April 15, 2013, work session;
 - b. **B. O. 13-259** - April 18, 2013, formal session;
 - c. **B. O. 13-260** - April 25, 2013, formal session;
 - d. **B. O. 13-261** - May 1, 2013, formal session;
 - e. **B. O. 13-262** - May 2, 2013, work session.

Mr. Springer moved approval of item B(2). The motion passed, Commissioners George, Stern, and Springer voting aye.

Personnel

3. **B. O. 13-263** - Consideration of the change of status of Torena Cole to regular full-time employment in HHS Adult Behavioral Health and Family & Youth, effective May 9, 2013.

Ms. George moved approval of item B(3). The motion passed, Commissioners George, Stern, and Springer voting aye.

4. **B. O. 13-264** - Consideration of the change of status of Shane Rice to Sergeant in the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division, Range 16, Step 2, effective May 24, 2013.

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

5. **B. O. 13-265** - Consideration of the change of status of Jeffrey Carter to Deputy District Attorney 1 in the District Attorney's Office, Range 22, Step 3, effective May 24, 2013.

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

6. **B. O. 13-266** - Consideration of the employment of Shelly Houston and Kelly Loykasek as on-call relief in the Juvenile Department, \$8.95/hour, effective May 9, 2013.

Ms. Stern moved approval of item B(6). The motion passed, Commissioners George, Stern, and Springer voting aye.

Contracts

7. **B. O. 13-267** - Consideration of approval of a modification of agreement between Yamhill County and Ball Janik, LLP, provider, to include lobbying services in the Salem area related to the Newberg-Dundee Bypass project, retroactive to May 2, 2013.

Mr. Springer moved approval of item B(7). The motion passed, Commissioners George, Stern, and Springer voting aye.

8. **B. O. 13-268** - Consideration of approval of Amendment #16 to the 2011-13 Financial Assistance Agreement #134337 between HHS and Oregon Health Authority.

Ms. George moved approval of item B(8). The motion passed, Commissioners George, Stern, and Springer voting aye.

9. **B. O. 13-269** - Consideration of authorizing a notice of intent to award a contract to Farnham Electric Construction for the Courthouse and Annex Building Fire Alarm System Expansion and Upgrade project.

Chuck Vesper discussed the new RFP process for projects under \$100,000 and said that it cuts down on the time it takes to get projects done. Mr. Springer moved approval of item B(9). The motion passed, Commissioners George, Stern, and Springer voting aye.

C. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

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

1. **B. O. 13-270** - Consideration of declaring an inventory of office furniture and other items as surplus county property to be sold on Craigslist or disposed of.

Mr. Springer moved approval of item D(1). The motion passed, Commissioners George, Stern, and Springer voting aye.

2. Executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) to discuss real property transactions.

The meeting recessed to executive session at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m. with no final decisions made and the sense of the Board conveyed to staff. See next two items for related Board action.

3. **B. O. 13-271** - Consideration of accepting an offer from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for 1.51 acres of the former Newberg Landfill property, \$108,100.

Mr. Springer moved approval of item D(3). The motion passed, Commissioners George, Stern, and Springer voting aye. Rick Sanai clarified that the transaction would not actually take place until ODOT accepts the offer and the documents are recorded.

4. **B. O. 13-272** - Consideration of designating Laura Tschabold as the purchasing agent to place a bid on the 1937 former McMinnville Hospital building.

Mr. Springer moved approval of item D(4). The motion passed, Commissioners George, Stern, and Springer voting aye.

5. **B. O. 13-273** - Consideration of donating \$5000 to the Oregon World War II Memorial Foundation for a proposed memorial on the capitol grounds in Salem.

Ms. Stern suggested using some of the sale proceeds from the landfill property [see item

D(3) above] for this project. She pointed out that veterans from Newberg had previously approached the county about putting a memorial in essentially the same location as the property now being sold, but the commissioners didn't think it was an appropriate location. She said that she would like the county to donate \$5000, the level at which the donor's name would be displayed on a plaque at the memorial.

Mr. Springer agreed that the county needs to take a stand and make a contribution at that level. Ms. George stated that the county has received a generous offer from ODOT, and she would like to see the county donate \$25,000 so the memorial can be built this year. Mr. Springer suggested that the commissioners start with a \$5000 donation now and discuss an additional contribution later if needed.

Ms. Stern moved approval of item D(5), with the commissioners to work with Ms. Tschabold to determine the appropriate budget line for the expense. The motion passed, Commissioners George, Stern, and Springer voting aye.

E. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

F. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. For information on county advisory committee vacancies, please refer to our website, www.co.yamhill.or.us, or call the Board of Commissioners' office: 503-434-7501 (from McMinnville) or 503-554-7801 (toll-free from Newberg).

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary

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