

## INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

October 28, 2013

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Pat Anderson, Christian Boenisch, Silas Halloran-Steiner, Bonnie Corns, and Ted Smietana.

Guests: Nathalie Hardy, News-Register; Tony Frazier, Job Growers; and Stan Primozych, candidate for commissioner.

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\* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

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

Job Growers Update - Mary introduced Tony Frazier as the new director of Job Growers and stated that he has brought a new perspective and increased energy and productivity to Job Growers. Tony discussed his previous experience with Habitat for Humanity. He said that he is excited about a new Made in America grant and has been talking with Juvenile Corrections and Community Corrections about potential partnerships.

He emphasized the importance of creating platforms for people to gain skills-based training, change their way of thinking, and realize that they can add value to their communities. Allen stated that there may be opportunities to partner with local churches on work projects, and offered to introduce Tony to some contacts in McMinnville. Kathy said that she hopes Tony can advocate at higher levels to help fix some of the laws that have become so restrictive that children and youth can no longer get valuable work experience during that window of time when they are excited to start earning money.

### Department Updates

**HHS:** Silas Halloran-Steiner and Bonnie Corns reviewed the 2013-15 Community Health Improvement Plan. Bonnie explained that this is part of the effort to become accredited, and the cohesive plan fits with healthcare transformation and the needs of the community. Laura said that it is a very approachable document with clear and concise goals. Silas discussed mental health first aid training courses and reviewed the HHS vision and mission statements and values.

Silas reported that Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) services are now being provided in the Public Health building, which provides opportunities for better integration of services. He stated that there has been a shift to a competitive grant process for certain state community health funds, so he would be submitting many grant requests for Board approval over the next month.

**Community Corrections:** Ted Smietana provided an update on the Justice Reinvestment Program agreements and funding that were discussed the previous month. He reviewed personnel changes and his request for a new manager position, noting that this would restore the position previously held by Silas that was never filled.

\* Retirement Gift - Authorize a \$200 retirement gift to Dr. Joseph Arnold, contract employee with HHS, in recognition of his 37 years of service to Yamhill County.

Minutes - Mary moved approval of the following informal session minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. O. 13-677** - September 23, 2013

**B. O. 13-678** - September 30, 2013

**B. O. 13-679** - October 7, 2013

\* See agenda for formal session minutes to be adopted.

\* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

\* Budget Transfer - Approve a transfer of appropriation authority and funds from Contingency (10-92) to Court Security (10-86) to restore \$28,913 in discretionary allocations for 2013-14.

Laura explained that the commissioners had held off on reinstating this discretionary allocation because of ongoing discussions with the sheriff and the courts, but those discussions took longer than expected, and it wasn't until after the start of the fiscal year that they realized the money had never been added back to the budget. She said that it would be included in the discretionary allocation next year.

Allen said that he would like to consider the court security funding a year at a time. He said that the county has done some due diligence in upgrading the security, and that has had a positive response from the courts, but he isn't willing to go any further than that with funding. He said that some training could be provided to the judges regarding their personal responsibilities for security, however. Laura stated that Judge Collins and Tammy Dover were pleased with the approach that was taken. Mary noted that there could be a significant reduction in courthouse activity once the new transit center is completed.

Transit Center - Allen provided an update on the proposal for a Portland Loo at the new transit center. He said that after further discussions with the city, it was agreed that a better location for the loo would be near the public library or the farmers' market.

Commissioner Updates - Mary discussed a letter of support for a Regional Solution grant application that Tony Frazier is working on. The commissioners discussed a tour of the communications towers scheduled for the following day and agreed to reschedule it to November 5 at 10:00 a.m. so Allen could attend a meeting with Jeff Lorton and Construction Equipment Company.

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Anne Britt  
Secretary