

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

February 9, 2015

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Commissioners Allen Springer, Mary Starrett and Stan Primozych.

Staff: Chuck Vesper, Christian Boenisch, Ted Smietana, Roy Panschow and John Phelan.

Guests: Peter Hofstetter, Forrest Peck, Mona Edwards, Al Westhof, Gary Wertz, and Nicole Montesano, News-Register.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Commissioner Springer called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Peter Hofstetter, CEO of Willamette Valley Medical Center provided a background of his career and current role in healthcare. He discussed the number of employees and the recruitment of new physicians in hopes to create express care at Willamette Valley Medical Center and healthcare overall. Peter expressed the importance of maintaining a good working relationship with the County and offered to provide updates in the future as requested by the Commissioners.

MERIT Program update- Forrest Peck and Mona Edwards from Micro Enterprise Resources, Initiatives & Training (MERIT) stated they've been working in McMinnville, off and on since 2006 and are here today to thank the Commissioners for their support in forming a regional partnership. Mona said there is an upcoming 11-week business series, beginning March 3, 2015 through May 12, 2015, for entrepreneurs looking to start a business. She said it will be held at Church on the Hill; 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Forrest and Mona explained that participants are provided with counseling, guidance and technical support; stating that it's a lot of hand-holding during the process, but it's very rewarding. Forrest explained that they are a non-profit organization so they go out looking for support in order to keep funding their business. Mary asked about the ratio of people who drop out of the program. Forrest said that a little over 40% stay in the program and continue to develop their business. (See Exhibit A)

Department Updates

Community Justice Department - Ted Smietana discussed the recent visit from the National Center for State Courts and their interest in Yamhill County's sentencing process. He announced that the National Center published an article about the work done by Yamhill County Community Justice Department.

He provided an overview of the department's budget as well as state-wide budget for community corrections. He explained a new program called the Justice Reinvestment Program where the basic design is to keep Oregon from opening new prisons for the next 10 years and reinvest those savings from prisons, back to the community.

Public Works - Roy Panschow discussed the storm during the weekend. He said Wilsonville has been a problem due to high water and fallen trees resulting in street closures.

John Phelan discussed the Maintenance Improvement Project (MIP) List and the 2015 Overlay List. (See Exhibit B)

Recessed at 3:04 p.m. for an executive session and reconvened informal session at 3:37 p.m.

- * Minutes - see agenda for details.
- * Contracts - Consideration of approval of Intergovernmental Agreement #147740 between Yamhill County HHS and Department of Human Services to continue to provide Behavior Support Services, total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,357,360, retroactive to February 1, 2015 through January 31, 2017.
- * Committees - Consideration of reappointing Gordon Cook and Michal Wert to the Road Improvement Advisory Committee to serve three-year terms to expire February 12, 2018.
- * Roads - Consideration of approval of the 2015 Road Department Overlay List.

Following commissioner updates, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Lucy Flores Mendez
Secretary