

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 session on February 26, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 32 of the courthouse, Commissioners Allen Springer, Mary Starrett and Stan Primozich being present.

Also present were Laura Tschabold, County Administrator; Christian Boenisch, County Counsel; Desiree Lundeen, Paralegal; Captain Jason Mosiman, Sheriff’s Office; Karen Nichols, 2579 NW Pinehurst Dr., McMinnville; and Nicole Montesano, News-Register.

Commissioner Springer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The invocation was offered by David Blair.

A. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** 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.

Karen Nichols expressed her concerns for bicyclists riding along high traffic areas and stated that the Yamhelas Westsider Trail will be a great benefit to the county that will encourage healthy activities and most importantly keep bicyclists from being injured in high traffic areas.

B. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Commissioner Starrett moved approval of the consent agenda. The motion passed, Commissioners Springer, Starrett and Primozich voting aye.

Minutes

1. Approve the following minutes:
  - a. January 15, 2015, formal session;
  - b. January 22, 2015, formal/informal session;
  - c. January 29, 2015, formal session;
  - d. February 5, 2015, formal session; and
  - e. February 12, 2015, formal session.

C. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

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

1. Consideration of authorizing an application for the 2015 cycle of the Local Government Grant Program, requesting acquisition funds for the Yamhelas Westsider Trail.

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Commissioner Primozich moved approval of item D(1). Ms. Tschabold stated that the county applied for the state program last year for the trail and were turned down but intended to reapply when the opportunity came up again. There was further discussion regarding the decision to proceed in the purchase of an additional three miles to the trail. Ms. Starrett read an email she received, on behalf of Jim Van Dyke expressing his concerns about moving forward with the trail due to spraying crops and maintenance. Ms. Starrett added that she agrees with Mr. Van Dyke's concerns regarding maintenance and that the county should decrease its dependence on federal and state money as it's broke and as for maintenance she stated that volunteers are here today and gone tomorrow so we cannot count on volunteers to maintain a trail that once completed becomes the responsibility of the county and county taxpayers. She said she fears that it will only become a line item in a budget that the county will have to find money for and suggested that if the volunteers and supporters of the trail want to pay for it, there should be a secured letter of credit from them and see if they would be willing to set up an endowment to pay for it and get taxpayers off the hook.

Mr. Primozich stated that he agrees with Commissioner Starrett's concerns in that he is not in favor of the Yamhelas Trail becoming a budget item for the county and continues to hold that view but added that these local government dollars are to go someplace whether they come to Yamhill County or not. He stated that he perceives the trail as having tremendous value for the citizens of Yamhill County as well as an opportunity for economic development adding that he is in favor of pursuing the acquisition dollars.

Mr. Springer addressed some comments from Commissioner Starrett explaining that all three current commissioners have replaced people that had been on the board for 12 years each and had already decided to take this project on and that when he first came on it was more of a stewardship of a project that they were in the middle of. He stated that he has confidence in the volunteers willing to maintain the trail. The motion passed, Commissioners Springer and Primozich voting aye; Commissioner Starrett opposed.

2. Consideration of approval of a contract between the Sheriff's Office and RSS Architecture, P.C. for the Yamhill County Jail Sprinkler System Project, total amount of \$24,628, retroactive to February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Captain Mosiman stated that work on the jail sprinkler system remodel/expansion will begin as soon as the agreement is approved and the amount of \$24,628 is only for the design and will later come back to the board once there is a bid in place. Commissioner Springer moved approval of item D(2). The motion passed, Commissioners Springer, Starrett and Primozich 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/content/volunteer-opportunities](http://www.co.yamhill.or.us/content/volunteer-opportunities), or call the Board of Commissioners' office: 503-434-7501 (from McMinnville) or 503-554-7801 (toll-free from Newberg).

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Lucy Flores Mendez  
Secretary

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chair ALLEN SPRINGER

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Commissioner MARY STARRETT

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Commissioner STAN PRIMOZICH