

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 January 7, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 32 of the courthouse, Commissioners Mary Starrett, Stan Primozech, and Allen Springer being present.

Also present were Laura Tschabold, County Administrator; Chuck Vesper, Deputy County Administrator; Christian Boenisch, County Counsel; Todd Sadlo, Senior Assistant County Counsel; Desiree Lundeen, County Counsel staff; Dave Adams, KLYC Radio; Nicole Montesano, News-Register, Barry Lilly, 629 NW Jason Ct., McMinnville; Doug Rux, 414 E 1st, Newberg; Bob Andrews, PO Box 970, Newberg; Denise Bacon, PO Box 1015 S Pacific St., Newberg; and Mike Corey, 905 Marie Ave., Newberg.

Commissioner Starrett called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. The invocation was offered by Mark Wickman.

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.

Doug Rux, Community Development Director for the City of Newberg, explained that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) submitted an application to amend the Transportation System Plan (TSP) which is a portion of the comprehension plan to modify an intersection design. He said it’s been brought to his attention that there is the idea of going to the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) to get a determination but doesn’t understand why it needs a compatibility determination if the TSP hasn’t even been acknowledged.

Newberg Mayor, Bob Andrews stated that he applauds the change from sending a letter to the governor to sending a letter to LCDC but shared his concerns about other effected parties not being cc’d in the letter including other jurisdictions, the City of Wilsonville, Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, State Representatives John Davis and Bill Post, State Senator Kim Thatcher, the tribes, nor Newberg School District. He asked the board to take into consideration full vetting of the issue and urged them to not sign this letter.

Denise Bacon with Newberg City Counsel expressed her concerns that if the TSP is modified, it will only disrupt the city by creating more traffic.

Mike Corey with Newberg City Counsel agreed with previous comments adding that the TSP has already been approved by Yamhill County and the City of Newberg and there is no need for change. He said the City of Newberg will also be affected in that there will be safety issues on Newberg City roads if the thru-thru design does not go ahead. He urged the board not to sign the letter and to keep the TSP as adopted.

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

BOC

1. **B.O. 16-01** - Approve the 2016 BOC Liaison Assignments.

Committees

2. **B.O. 16-02** - Correct B.O. 15-508 to reflect the three-year term for Lessie Dale, Bill Alguire, John Heiser, Dale Mount and Mary Newell on the Ambulance Service Area Committee, to expire December 31, 2018; and

Reappoint William Koenig for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2018.

Policy

3. **B.O. 16-03** - Approve the Sick Leave Policy for Non-Benefitted/Non-Bargaining Employees.

C. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

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

1. Consideration of approval of the submittal of a letter for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass. *[A motion was made to not send the January 7, 2016 letter; passed unanimously.]*

Commissioner Starrett addressed some of the comments from the opening public comment period. She said that after discussion with Clackamas County Chair, John Ludlow, there was additional information received before today's meeting and recommended that rather than considering the letter presented and discussed at informal session on Tuesday, to replace it with a revised letter. She stated that Mr. Andrews made a valid point when he questioned why above mentioned parties were not included in the letter and would like to address all concerns before moving forward with the submittal of a letter to LCDC.

Commissioner Primozych stated he also questioned why all parties had not been included and doesn't believe it's in the best interest of any of the jurisdictions to sign a letter today but would still like to continue to work with Clackamas County, the City of Wilsonville, the Ladd Hill Neighborhood Association and the City of Newberg in finding a solution.

Commissioner Springer noted that Newberg has sacrificed greatly in the process and has been the avenue of traffic for too many years and it would not be prudent to dump more problems for the city. He agreed that all the major players that are financially involved should be cc'd and suggested involving the Parkway Committee in the process continually as they have given thousands of volunteer hours to the process.

Commissioner Springer made a motion to not approve item D(1). Mr. Primozich stated he is still in favor of approaching LCDC if need be or whatever jurisdiction necessary to get a change made. That being said, he suggested setting the letter aside for another week to get all players on board with the issues that were brought to their attention by the mayor and work together on a letter that is representative of their attempt. Commissioner Starrett agreed with Commissioner Primozich and stated she is in favor of considering a letter to LCDC once all concerns are addressed. The board consensus was to not submit the presented letter to LCDC. The motion passed, Commissioners Starrett, Primozich and Springer voting against the submittal of this letter.

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, or call the Board of Commissioners' office: 503-434-7501 (from McMinnville) or 503-554-7801 (toll-free from Newberg).

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Lucy Flores Mendez
Secretary

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Commissioner STAN PRIMOZICH

Commissioner ALLEN SPRINGER