

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

June 14, 2016

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

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

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Ken Huffer, Christian Boenisch, Silas Halloran-Steiner and Christina Malae.

Guests: Nicole Montesano, News-Register; Jared Miller, advocate; Cameron Smith, water rights advocate; Racquel Rancier, OWRD; Ivan Gall, OWRD; and Mike McCond, OWRD.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Commissioner Starrett called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Silas was present to discuss HHS agenda items and department budget changes (see Exhibit A). Laura discussed other department budget changes including a request from the Planning Department for personnel FTE changes; the Sheriff's Office to modify the jail telephone contract as well as a change request to increase the revenue and expense line for Sheriff's sales of foreclosure homes; and from the Public Works Department for a loan modification for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass Phase #1.

* Contracts - see agenda for details.

* Committees - see agenda for details.

* Budget - see agenda for details.

Oregon Water Resources District presentation - The Commissioners asked questions about technology, database and information flow being used by watermasters. Commissioner Springer stated he was surprised to hear that there wasn't a database already in place adding that all the information gathered should somehow connect when there is a change in property ownership. Mike said that Yamhill County didn't have the appropriate technology for many years and now watermasters use a mapping tool for inspections. Racquel expressed the importance of having field inspectors adding that some of the challenges they currently face include an increased number of water rights, water supplies, ground water and reduction in staff. After further discussion, the Commissioners expressed their appreciation for their consistency in keeping them up to date.

Following commissioner updates, the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Lucy Flores Mendez
Secretary