

INFORMAL WORK SESSION MINUTES

November 6, 2018 1:30 p.m.

BOC Conf. Room, 434 NE Evans St.

Present: Commissioners Mary Starrett, Richard L. “Rick” Olson and Stan Primozich

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Ken Huffer, Todd Sadlo, Mikalie Frei, Sheriff Tim Svenson, Ken Friday and John Phelan.

Guests: Nicole Montesano, News Register; Casey Kulla and Mary Bryant.

Commissioner Starrett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

A. WORK SESSION: This time is reserved for topics of discussion scheduled for the Commissioners in advance. If a work session is not needed, the balance of the meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

1. Work Session – None.

B. DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

1. Public Works – John Phelan

Mr. Phelan discussed the status of the new Public Works facility, which combines all of the divisions within the building. Mr. Phelan gave an update on Laughlin Bridge. He noted the bridge received recent repairs and is not structurally failing. He did note a head wall, which holds the embankment up, shows some distress. The weight limit has been temporarily reduced to five tons and he anticipates a bid process in the future to replace the bridge. Mr. Phelan reviewed the status of current road and bridge MIP projects.

2. Planning Department – Ken Friday

Mr. Friday discussed the appointment of Joe Strunk to the Planning Commission. He asked the Board to consider an interview with Mr. Strunk’s before awarding an appointment. It was decided that the Board would schedule an interview on December 4, 2018 before Informal Session.

C. PRELIMINARY CONSENT AGENDA:

Consensus of the Board to move forward preliminary consent agenda items C1 through C3 to the consent agenda for formal session on Thursday.

Minutes

1. a. September 25, 2018, Formal Session;
- b. October 4, 2018, Formal Session and;
- c. October 16, 2018, Informal Session.

Contracts/Grants

2. Approval of an intergovernmental agreement between Yamhill County and Linn-Benton County for the housing of juvenile offenders, effective June 29, 2018 through June 30, 2019 at the cost of \$150 per bed per day.

3. Approval of accepting a bid from A&E Security and Electronics Solutions for better security to the Courthouse's emergency exits in the amount of \$27,675.47 to be cost shared with the Courts, the county's portion in the amount of \$8,837.73.

D. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS OTHER TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION: (Add to consent agenda or leave off):

1. Consideration of a one-time payment to the Association of Oregon Counties for Yamhill County's share of the repayment of the state road fund.

There was discussion regarding payment options to either spread the payments over 10 years with interest or a one-time payment. Eighty three percent of Oregon counties have indicated that the one-time payment option is favored.

Consensus of the Board to move forward item D1 to the consent agenda for formal session on Thursday.

2. Discussion of the High Heaven gate issue.

There was discussion regarding the issuance of keys for the gate on High Heaven Road to private citizens for emergency road use and whether it would be necessary for the Board to consider changing conditions to the permit based on Weyerhaeuser's decision of a key issuance. Ms. Tschabold noted that further conversation needs to take place with Weyerhaeuser regarding the possibility of a public hearing. Under current condition of the permit, Weyerhaeuser can issue keys to public entities but not private citizens. She stated that if Weyerhaeuser chooses to issue keys to private citizens, the decision would require a change of conditions to the permit which would be cause to hold a public hearing. Mr. Huffer will reach out to Weyerhaeuser to discuss these items. A work session is scheduled for December 4, 2018 for the Board to have further discussion and to decide whether any action by the Board will be required. The permit was transferred from Willamette Industries to Weyerhaeuser Corporation at formal session on November 1, 2018 (B.O. 18-398).

Commissioner Starrett addressed Ms. Bryant's attempt to give public testimony during Informal Session. Commissioner Starrett noted that all public testimony is limited to Thursday's formal session and it was the will of the Board to not accept public comment outside of formal session in the event this item moves toward a public hearing without allowing Weyerhaeuser, or other citizens, an opportunity to respond.

3. Consideration of the approval of a contract for the Yamhill County Child Welfare Project.

Commissioner Starrett addressed a consultation contract to provide an action plan for local oversight of the Department of Human Services' process for children entering the foster care system.

Consensus of the Board to move forward item D3 to the non-consent agenda for formal session on Thursday.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

F. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Following commissioner updates the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Carolina Rook
Secretary