

**INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES**

**July 7, 2014**

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Commissioners Allen Springer and Mary Starrett, Commissioner Kathy George being excused.

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Todd Sadlo, Russ Heath, and Ted Smietana.

Guests: Don Iler, News-Register; and Lucy Flores Mendez.

\* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Allen called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

\* Equipment - Authorize the purchase of two new John Deere 772 GP all-wheel-drive graders from Pape Machinery, \$243,010 each.

Russ Heath stated that he had looked at three buy-back options from Pape Machinery and believes that 36 months is the best option. He said that this gives the county the option to keep the graders or sell them to a third party after 36 months if it chooses to do that instead of exercising the buy-back option.

\* Authorize the purchase of three riding lawn mowers for the Parks Division from John's Mower Hospital in McMinnville, \$5400 each.

Department Updates

**Community Justice:** Ted Smietana stated that the Rogers Landing boarding floats will have to be replaced during specified open water work periods, so that will probably happen in January 2015.

He provided an update on the Oxford House remodel project and reported that the house would hopefully be back in operation by July 17, 2014. He added that the Oxford House lease agreement needs to be updated.

He said that he anticipates a substantial increase in the state's corrections budget for the next biennium. He stated that the county has exceeded its goal to reduce prison use by 6% over the last year. He added that Oregon has the lowest recidivism rates in the nation.

Ted stated that he is withdrawing his letter of interest for a pre-trial services grant because, based on the data from recent years, the county wouldn't be able to show enough of a reduction in costs as a result of these grant-funded pre-trial services positions to meet the grant criteria. He said that the county does have good policies in place now as a result of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, and he would continue to request technical assistance.

He said that he is still learning the new terminology and roles of the juvenile services that

are now under his direction. He reported that the juvenile detention population has been low to average. He discussed a new contract with Health & Human Services for services to youth with mental health issues, including counseling and prescription of psychotropic drugs for existing therapeutic programs.

\* Personnel - Allen reviewed personnel requests from various departments. See formal session agenda for details.

\* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

Following commissioner updates, the meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Anne Britt  
Secretary