

INFORMAL MINUTES

August 1, 2005

2:00 p.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary P. Stern, Leslie Lewis, and Kathy George.

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, and Mike Brandt.

Guests: Susan McLain, Metro Councilor; and Merilyn Reeves, Friends of Yamhill County.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order.

* Personnel - Steve presented personnel requests from various departments. See agenda for details.

* Contracts - See agenda for details.

* Letter - Approve a letter directing the Health & Human Services Department to promote and implement a set of values consistent with HHS Vision and Mission Statements, as recommended by the Mental Health Advisory Board.

Rogers Landing Fines - John G said he would sit down with Phil McCollister now that he's back from vacation. He requested that the item be postponed until August 17, 2005 when Mary returns from her vacation.

Radios - John K reported on the Radio Implementation Committee meeting held last Thursday, during which several fire chiefs expressed frustration about the delays in bringing up the new radio system. He said they want the conventional frequency system up and running by September 1, 2005 because the low band batteries are dying, but it will probably cost some extra money.

Leslie stated that once Terry Bonney gives them the information, she and John K will be prepared to discuss with the committee next week the additional costs and who should pay them. John K noted that the West Valley Fire Chief has reported that they have been getting great reception. Kathy stated that it is important for the public to know they'll have coverage.

Transportation Regional Planning - Susan McLain discussed her background and her sixteen years being involved with Metro. She shared Metro's goal to increase communication with surrounding communities regarding mutual support for both short-term and long-term challenges, such as land use and transportation. She explained an upcoming project to host a growth and transportation seminar for all of the surrounding areas, and suggested holding a work session with the Board and a Metro planner to discuss challenges faced by Yamhill County.

Leslie pointed out that when Metro attempted to make "satellite cities" outside of the

metropolitan boundaries about ten years ago, Newberg area residents were opposed to the idea and would probably still feel the same way. Susan assured the Board that the council is only looking to increase communication, not jurisdiction. She said she would wait to hear from Mary as to the Board's wishes.

* Measure 37 - Mike presented nine new Measure 37 claims (see attachment). On each of the claims, Mary moved to hold a public hearing. Each of the motions failed, Mary voting aye and Leslie and Kathy voting no.

Peace March - Kathy stated that a group in the community plans to hold a peace march on October 2, 2005 and would like to end the march at the war memorial in the courthouse courtyard. She said the group had also requested permission to erect a peace pole somewhere on county property. John K agreed with Kathy that the group should find another location for the peace pole. John G stated that the courtyard is public property and has been used in the past for other occasions, so there should be no problem in accommodating the request to end the march there. Leslie suggested talking to Diane Cilenti first to make sure no veterans' groups would take offense to the idea.

The meeting recessed to executive session at 3:14 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. The meeting reconvened at 3:41 p.m. with no formal decisions made and the sense of the Board conveyed to staff.

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary