

INFORMAL MINUTES

April 10, 2006

2:00 p.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

PRESENT: Commissioners Kathy George and Mary P. Stern, with Commissioner Leslie Lewis joining the meeting in progress.

Staff: John Mr. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Jack Crabtree, Ron Huber, Chris Johnson, Brad Berry, Richard Sly, Ken Huffer, Rick Sanai, Russ Vandewettering, Dan Linscheid, and Sherrie Mathison.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Cassie Sollars, candidate for Commissioner; and Aron Perez-Selsky, Linfield intern.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order.

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

* Authorize the Sheriff to hire a deputy in anticipation of an upcoming vacancy.

Jack explained that he recently received a resignation from Deputy Bruce Distler and he needs to be prepared in the event that any cities request additional deputy services. He said that the funds are available in his budget to make the hire now.

Budget - John K stated that after further analysis of the proposed budget, he found another \$88,000 to be available, \$24,000 of which the Board had previously indicated they would set aside for mapping software for the Sheriff's Office. The Board agreed to the following recommendations made by John K for the remaining \$64,000:

- 1) Relieve Chris Johnson of the \$15,500 transfer from HHS back to the General Fund;
- 2) \$2500 additional for HHS grant match funds; and
- 3) \$47,667 for restoration of .5 FTE of Peggy Seits' supervisor position, to become part of Chris' discretionary resources in subsequent years.

Chris stated that if he doesn't receive the grants, he would like authority to redirect the match funds within his department. He said he would come back to the Board in May when he has more information about the status of the grants.

The Board agreed to transfer funds from the Contingency Fund for the new Sheriff's Office evidence room (see April 17, 2006 agenda).

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details. Brad expressed his support of the salary increase for the medical examiners, emphasizing the importance of maintaining the stable, responsive service provided by these two doctors. He said he would be encouraging Dr. Case

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and Dr. Koenig to complete the new Medico Legal course required for deputy medical examiners and the Board may want to consider compensating them in some way because it would require them to take forty hours away from their office.

The Board agreed to have Mary invite Polk County Commissioner Mike Propes and the Soil & Water Conservation District to come to an informal session and discuss the proposed intergovernmental agreement for channel maintenance on the Willamette River.

John G discussed the proposed statement of intent regarding the bypass and suggested that the Board wait until there is a final version approved by all parties. He said it could be done as an add-on item at Wednesday's formal session if it is ready by then.

Richard discussed a proposed agreement with Exacu-Tract for a trial use of GPS ankle/wrist units, noting that the cost per day is less than the electronic home detention units currently being used on a limited basis. Mary stated that this would help reassure the public that the county is keeping close tabs on its high-risk predatory sex offenders. John G suggested waiting until he hears back from the provider regarding some proposed agreement changes.

* Parks - Authorize the Parks Division to apply for a local government grant from Oregon Parks and Recreation for renovation work at Deer Creek and Lafayette Locks Parks, \$36,020.

* Approve the updated Parks Reservation Policy to streamline language and update reservation costs.

* Ordinances - Rick stated that the current towing policy refers to a county ordinance which doesn't exist. He explained that the proposed ordinance would adopt the Oregon Administrative Rules for authorization of tows with minor language changes and that a second ordinance would set up a non-preference tow system so as not to show undue favoritism to any towing company.

The Board discussed a proposed ordinance which would require developers to make improvements to county roads, similar to an existing Multnomah County ordinance. Rick will circulate a draft to the Board for input.

* Road Vacation - Schedule a public hearing on June 7, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. for Public Works Docket RV-2-2006, a request for vacation of Woodland Heights Road, applicant Woodland Heights Homeowners Association.

Dan discussed the request, expressing concerns regarding the residents' intent to use the road vacation as a tool to control speed. He stated that at least two property owners do not support the petition. John G said that based on a previous, similar case which was appealed to LUBA, he would recommend structuring this as a combination road vacation/land use request to avoid procedural challenges. The Board discussed the possibility of a residence district along this road instead of the road vacation. They agreed to schedule a public hearing and John G will talk to Walt Gowell about the residence district proposal.

* Vehicles - Authorize the purchase of three new 2006 Ford Crown Victoria patrol cars from Chuck Colvin Ford for the Sheriff's Office, \$20,416 each, with three of the highest mileage patrol vehicles to be sold on e-Bay to the highest bidder.

* Authorize the purchase of a used 2005 Ford Taurus SE from Newberg Ford for the Sheriff's Office, \$11,685, declaring vehicle P-002 as surplus property to be sold on e-Bay to the highest bidder.

* Committees - See agenda for details. It was noted for the record that on March 29, 2006, Kathy George and Mark Trumbo, both elected members of the Health Board, discussed by phone the reappointment of Dr. Holveck and Dr. Nelson because of term expirations. They agreed to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the reappointment of both members.

* Easements - Accept three permanent easements for bridge construction projects. See agenda for details.

Scheduling - The Board agreed to schedule the YECD Budget Committee meeting for 2:00 p.m. on May 22, 2006 and the ESD Budget Committee Meeting for 2:30 p.m. on May 22, 2006.

Surplus Property - John G presented a request from Ms. Park to purchase a small piece of surplus county property near Wapato. He suggested that rather than going through the process to sell this parcel now, it be added to the list of surplus property to be auctioned this summer. He will write a letter to Ms. Park inviting her to attend the public auction.

BLM Letter - John K briefly discussed a letter received from the Bureau of Land Management and said he would contact them and find out if their plans would have any impact on lands in Yamhill County.

Metro - Mary referred to a comment which had been made at a public meeting and clarified that she is not interested in expanding Metro to the Newberg area. Kathy and Leslie explained that the comment had come from an audience member and Leslie said she would try to find out the person's name.

AOC - Mary and Kathy provided summaries of the Association of Oregon Counties meetings they had attended.

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary