

INFORMAL MINUTES

May 8, 2006

2:00 p.m.

Room 108, Courthouse

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

Staff: John Mr. Gray, Jr., Rick Sanai, John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Bill Gille, Kellye Fetters, and Lt. Ken Summers.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register; Cassie Sollars, candidate for commissioner; Bob and Pat Hunter, 18670 SW Melvista Drive, Hillsboro; and Alan Fox, 455 Airport Road SE, Salem.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Leslie called the meeting to order.

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

* Approve a one-time bonus of \$5000 to John Stalcup for his work on the Planning Building remodel project. Mary stated that this situation is different than previous bonuses in that the hours were put in on evenings and weekends, in addition to his normal work schedule. John K noted that John Stalcup saved the county at least \$100,000.

Melott Road Improvements - John G stated that Bob and Pat Hunter have been talking with Leslie and himself about options for improvements to Melott Road. He explained that a petition was made to the county years ago for improvements, but Bill Gille had determined in 2000 that the project was not feasible. He discussed the pros and cons of forming a local improvement district (LID) and funding the road improvements with Bancroft bonds.

Mr. Hunter stated that there are about fifty families living on this dead-end road, more than half of which are in support of sharing the costs. Leslie expressed concerns about forming an LID with only 60% approval and said she is still unsure about how to proceed. Mary stated that she would like to read the county's ordinance regarding Cooperative Road Improvement Programs and then hear suggestions from Leslie and Bill about how to change the ordinance, since it hasn't really worked for the county. John G said he would send a memo to the Board regarding the prevailing wage issue once he does some research.

Residence District - Bill stated that he had recently gotten clarification from the State Speed Control Board that residence districts cannot be formed on county roads which are arterials or collector roads. Leslie stated that the Board did not have this information when they approved the residence district on Grand Island Road and it is too late to call off the public hearing scheduled to receive feedback from area residents. She said it would still be good to get public input regarding a potential speed study on that road.

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Boat Repair - Lt. Summers stated that one of the two boats supplied to the county by the Marine Board has a crack in the hull which needs to be repaired in time to get it in the water by the beginning of marine season, about May 18th. He explained that the crack may be a result of a collision about six years ago, which left a crease in the side of the boat and was thought to be cosmetic at the time. He said that he has a repair estimate of \$6952, but may be able to get a lower estimate from Alumaweld. John K pointed out that a recent memo from the Sheriff had stated that not filling Heather Beaman-Laine's position is resulting in a net savings of \$7427 to his department, which should cover the boat repair.

Transit Plan - Leslie stated that Alan Fox, Oregon Department of Transportation, has been working on a transit plan and the first draft has gotten good feedback from the Yamhill Transportation Committee. Alan stated that he would like to get the Board's endorsement of the concept before a design workshop scheduled for May 23, 2006. John G stated that the Board could endorse the concept of Park & Ride to enhance transportation in the county as long as no location was specified. Rick added that since amendments to the Transportation Systems Plan have to go through the land use process, the Board cannot discuss the details of any changes they would like to see made.

Bikeway Committee - The Board discussed the possibility of reconstituting the Bikeway Committee. Alan emphasized the importance of having input from bicyclists with experience riding in traffic in order to determine if there are any physical problems with the transit plan and to propose funding strategies. Leslie added that the plan needs a pedestrian focus as well. The Board's consensus was to reconstitute the Bikeway Committee. Alan will publish an ad for committee applicants.

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details. A Contract Review Board meeting was scheduled for 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday to consider an exemption from competitive bidding for the electronic security locks and cameras in the courthouse.

* Vehicles - Authorize the transfer of vehicle P-002 from the Sheriff's Office to the District Attorney's Office and remove its designation as surplus county property, as approved by Board Order 06-236.

* Authorize the purchase of a new 2006 Chevrolet pickup for the Planning Department from Bruce Chevrolet of Hillsboro, \$20,328.

Title II Allocations - The Board agreed that there would continue to be no allocation of funds to Title II projects.

Committees - The Board acknowledged the resignation of Janet Stuebing as an alternate member of the Commission on Children and Families.

Delphian School - The Board discussed a request from the Delphian School for a proclamation from the Board recognizing the school for its thirty years of service to the county. The

consensus was to send a letter of congratulations from the Board instead, which Mary will draft and John G will review.

The meeting recessed to executive session at 4:07 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) for the purpose of discussing ongoing litigation.

The meeting reconvened at 4:21 p.m. with no formal decisions made and the sense of the Board conveyed to John G and immediately adjourned.

Anne Britt
Secretary