

**INFORMAL MINUTES**

**March 3, 2008**

2:00 p.m.

Oval Office

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

Staff: John M. Gray, Jr., John Krawczyk, Laura Tschabold, Steve Mikami, Bill Gille, and Becky Weaver.

Guests: David Bates, News-Register.

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\* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Mary called the meeting to order.

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

\* Policy - Approve the Yamhill County Community Corrections Use of Force Policy. John G stated that a few changes were made to the policy to make it consistent with the Officer Use of Deadly Force Policy adopted the previous week pursuant to Senate Bill 111 and it is now ready for adoption.

Retirement Plan - Steve discussed a recommendation from the Health/Retirement Benefits Committee to terminate the county’s relationship with Diversified Investment Advisors, Inc. and change to a retirement plan with ICMA. At John G’s suggestion, the Board agreed to have him hire an experienced pension lawyer to review the contract and provide information about pre-tax employee contributions.

\* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

\* Refunds - Authorize a \$950 refund from the Surveyor’s Office to Albertson Heights.

Event Policy - Bill presented a draft version of the proposed Event Policy. After some discussion, John G agreed to work with Bill on editing and definitions and bring the policy back before the Board the following week.

\* Roads - Authorize the posting of “No Through Trucks” signs on Benjamin Road.

Bill presented citizen requests for “No Through Trucks” status on Benjamin Road and Stillers Mill Road (see Exhibit A). Leslie suggested holding a public hearing for the Stillers Mill request because there may be opposition from the industry. Mary added that having the trucks travel through downtown Yamhill instead of on Stillers Mill Road would create other issues. The Board discussed ways to alleviate the concerns raised by residents.

After further discussion, the Board agreed to approve the request for Benjamin Road and

schedule a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on March 27, 2008 for Stillers Mill Road, preferably to be held in Yamhill.

\* Initiate the process to transfer jurisdiction to the City of Newberg over portions of Mountainview Drive, Springbrook Road, and Zimri Drive; schedule a public hearing for 9:00 a.m. on April 16, 2008.

Management Roundtable - The Board reviewed the agenda items for the following day's Management Roundtable meeting.

Advertising - Mary stated that she was unable to get any information about the effectiveness of the Board's previous advertisement in the Yamhill Valley Visitors Guide, so she had not renewed the ad. Kathy agreed with the decision, stating that there are other good ways to use the money.

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Anne Britt  
Secretary

**Anne Britt**

**From:** Leslie Lewis  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 10:12 AM  
**To:** Anne Britt; Bill Gille  
**Cc:** Mary Stern; Kathy George  
**Subject:** FW: Stillers Mill and Benjamin Roads truck traffic

Dear Anne,

Please put this on the agenda for Monday March 3 for the Board to discuss.

Best wishes,

Leslie

**From:** Bill Gille  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2008 9:46 AM  
**To:** Leslie Lewis; Mary Stern; Kathy George  
**Cc:** Susan Mundy; LouAnn Schenk; Edgar Peteros; 'Bob & Suzanne'; John Gray; gordoco@hevanet.com; Roy Panschow  
**Subject:** Stillers Mill and Benjamin Roads truck traffic

Commissioners,

I have been contacted by residents of both of these county roads. Both Roads are classified as local roads in our TSP. The neighbors feel that given they are local roads they should expect local traffic, instead they seem to be experiencing an unusual amount of through truck traffic.

Stillers Mill Road is used by truck traffic to "cut off" going through downtown Yamhill. This is probably made worse by the closure of the bridge at Ayers Creek on North Valley Road. The truck traffic apparently runs all night long and has caused associated noise and vibration complaints. The neighbors would like to request that we post their road as "No Through Trucks". Susan Mundy is working with Smurfit Newsprint to see if they will assist with voluntarily re-routing their chip trucks so that this road is not used.

Benjamin Road is also experiencing through truck traffic that is probably trying to avoid going through downtown Newberg. Their issue revolves around safety and preservation of their road. They report several close calls where neighbors are forced off the road to avoid a collision with trucks traveling the other direction. The neighbors are asking for a restriction prohibiting through trucks of over 5 tons.

Both roads are interested in establishing a reduced speed limit. We have scheduled the data collection on Stillers Mill Road with our own forces and have applied to the state (November 14, 2007) to do the same on Benjamin Road. The results of these speed studies will generate a speed zone recommendation by the Speed Control Board. Once that recommendation comes in I will brief the Board.

**Recommendation:** ... Authorize the posting of both Benjamin and Stillers Mill Roads for no through trucks.

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