

INFORMAL MINUTES

November 1, 2010

2:00 p.m.

Oval Office

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

Staff: Rick Sanai, Laura Tschabold, Tim Loewen, and John Phelan.

Guests: Hannah Hoffman, News-Register.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order.

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

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

* Committees - Ratify the appointment of Sarah Standley to the Amity Urban Area Management Commission as "Member at Large."

* Resolutions - See agenda for details.

Minutes - Mary moved approval of the following informal session minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

B. O. 10-686 - June 22, 2009

B. O. 10-692 - August 2, 2010

B. O. 10-687 - April 19, 2010

B. O. 10-693 - August 16, 2010

B. O. 10-688 - April 26, 2010

B. O. 10-694 - September 27, 2010

B. O. 10-689 - May 3, 2010, work session

B. O. 10-695 - October 4, 2010

B. O. 10-690 - June 16, 2010, work session

B. O. 10-696 - October 11, 2010

B. O. 10-691 - June 21, 2010

B. O. 10-697 - October 18, 2010

* See agenda for formal session minutes to be adopted.

Department Updates

Juvenile Department: Tim discussed a foreclosed house in Amity and the possibility of having a juvenile work crew take on the project of fixing it up. Mary noted that the building is structurally sound, but it's a mess and the roof needs to be replaced. Laura explained that the county typically auctions off foreclosed properties, but Chuck is working with Tim on some cost comparisons to see if the project would be worth doing. Tim stated that he is also looking at the possibility of starting a garden project with the community service youth to expand the use of county land at the Whiteson Landfill for seasonal produce and nursery stock. He said that it would provide opportunities for the youth to develop skills and could also have the potential for some sales. Kathy suggested that Tim coordinate with Ken Huffer on the project, as there are

plans for park development in that area as well.

Tim reviewed a handout of juvenile statistics and comparison to other counties in the state. He reported that referrals have gone down quite a bit, especially in the last quarter. He said that not all counties have the same detention resources available that Yamhill County does, and some have more alternatives to lockup. He stated that there is data to support both approaches as being more effective in reducing recidivism.

Public Works: John stated that the Public Works web page will be updated to allow citizens to submit complaints or comments online. He discussed the grant award for improvements to the Sheridan Green Bridge, noting that painting would be the biggest expense by far. He stated that if the \$3 million award isn't enough to cover everything, he would request more during the next funding cycle. Leslie stated that John and Bill were very proactive and did a great job getting funding for this project.

John discussed the request for a public hearing regarding the paving of Sunnyridge Lane. Rick provided background information and stated that the hearing should be set at least ten days out. The Board scheduled the public hearing for 6:30 p.m. on November 22, 2010, in Room 32 of the courthouse. John stated that he and Mike Brandt need to have a work session to standardize the county's policy on private paving requests.

John also discussed efforts to protect the Fenders Blue Butterfly while grading, the six-day work week, road repairs, a potential RFP for an electronic system to capture road data, training on the simulcast radios, the upcoming Road Improvement Advisory Committee budget review, and the end-of-season barbecue.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary