

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

June 24, 2013

1:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Commissioners Kathy George, Mary P. Stern, and Allen Springer.

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Christian Boenisch, Chuck Vesper, Doug McGillivray, Sue Lamb, Pat Anderson, Ted Smietana, and Sherrie Mathison.

Guests: Mike Cafferata, Forest Grove District Forester; Eric Perkins, Protection Unit Forester; Fred Stemler and Dave Larmouth, Western Oregon Waste.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

FEMA Exercise - Doug McGillivray and Sue Lamb provided a report on the FEMA exercise conducted April 29 through May 2. Doug said that the exercise went very well, with only a few minor glitches, thanks to a great deal of preparatory training specific to the county's Emergency Operations Center. He reported that just over \$5000 in county funds were invested in the exercise. He noted that it would cost at least \$150,000 for the county to purchase such an exercise on its own.

Sue stated that bringing so many different people together for the first time made them realize what they don't know, which was the purpose of the exercise. Doug reviewed issues that need to be followed up on, including collective bargaining agreements and how they address emergency work needs, purchasing protocols, expedited permitting processes, and mass evacuation planning. He said that the number one response in the feedback forms was the need for more training. He stated that the private sector needs to become more heavily engaged, and his office will work to make that happen.

Doug provided an update on grant applications, stating that he is concerned about the Homeland Security Grant because it is 100% competitive this year. Laura said that the county has always been aware that those funds would eventually go away.

* Personnel - Pat presented personnel requests from various departments. See formal session agenda for details.

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

* Vehicles - Authorize the purchase of an Eldorado/Ford E-450 12-passenger bus from Schetky Northwest for HHS Enhanced Care Facility, \$52,478.

* Committees - See agenda for details.

Community Corrections Update - Ted Smietana stated that there continues to be uncertainty

about the state budget. He provided an update on labor negotiations, the Oregon State Marine Board grant for the Rogers Landing docks, and personnel changes.

Forestry Update - Mike Caferatta and Eric Perkins introduced themselves and provided a handout of slides and photos. They provided an overview of the 2012 fire season, Yamhill County forest operations, and the Forestland Classification Committee. They asked the commissioners to fill out the Oregon Department of Forestry 2012 Customer Service Performance Measure Survey, and said that they would come back to update the Board again after the 2013 fire season.

Rate Increases - Approve the following rate increases for Recology Western Oregon (formerly Western Oregon Waste):

- a. .8% CPI adjustment, effective July 1, 2013;
- b. 21.44% additional increase for the Rural Zone to add recycling collection, effective upon the start of service, estimated at November 1, 2013.

The group discussed the proposed rural recycling program. Fred Stemler, General Manager of Recology, stated that customers can typically divert 50% or more of their waste to recycling, which allows them to downsize their garbage container and save money. He added that if Recology's profit were to exceed the allowable franchise operating margin, there would be a rate decrease at the next annual adjustment. Mary said that when recycling was first extended to the suburban zone, many rural customers called to complain about being left out. Allen said that he believes the program has merit.

Name-Clearing Hearing - Christian stated that CityCounty Insurance Services has recommended that the county hold a name-clearing hearing for former Deputy Thomas Hoy, as requested by his attorney, with one being scheduled during this meeting and a second scheduled as part of Thursday's formal session due to the uncertainty of Mr. Hoy's attendance, both listed on the published agendas. He explained that this is an opportunity for Mr. Hoy to make a statement to clear his name, but there are no findings of fact to be made or decisions to be rendered. Mr. Hoy was not present to make a statement.

The meeting recessed to executive session at 3:10 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent. The meeting reconvened at 3:37 p.m. with no final decisions made.

* Consideration of the appointment of Christian Boenisch as County Counsel, Range 38, Step 3, effective June 27, 2013.

Mary stated that the Board has agreed to offer the County Counsel position to Christian and instruct him to move forward with hiring a new Deputy County Counsel.

Economic Development - The commissioners agreed to set up a meeting with Jeff Lorton, a potential candidate for the part-time, contracted Economic Development Specialist position. Laura agreed to collect questions from the commissioners to give to him before the meeting on July 2.

Following commissioner updates, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary