

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

June 20, 2017

1:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary Starrett, Stan Primozych, and Richard L. "Rick" Olson.

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Ken Huffer, Christian Boenisch, Mikalie Frei, Silas Halloran-Steiner, and Cynthia Thompson.

Guests: Dave Adams, KLYCC, Starla Pointer, News Register, see sign-in sheet.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Commissioner Primozych called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

* Minutes – see agenda for details.

* Contracts - see agenda for details.

* Budget – see agenda for details.

* Committees - see agenda for details.

* Financial - see agenda for details.

* Letters – see agenda for details.

Health and Human Services update - Silas Halloran-Steiner gave a brief overview of items he brought before the Board. Mr. Halloran-Steiner stated regarding Merritt Hawkins that HHS occasionally uses outside recruiters to bring in licensed providers for difficult to fill positions. He stated he is hoping to use this contract to actively do external out of state recruitment for the behavioral health clinics. Mr. Halloran-Steiner stated there is a work load shortage in Oregon and this would give Yamhill County HHS a chance to bring people from outside the state. He added Merritt Hawkins comes highly recommended and we are only paying a fee if the applicant is placed in Yamhill County.

George Fox University presentation - Greg Blonde gave a brief history and explanation of the indenture and county revenue refunding bonds that were issued to George Fox, stating the County has authority to issue tax exempt bonds to non-profits. John Bridges discussed George Fox's history over the last 5 years stating the University has had a 17% increase in enrollment. He shared with the Board the new developments around the campus; tennis complex, new parking facilities, softball and baseball fields, new grand stands, and the pool facility which will host the college's new swimming program. Mr. Bridges added they will be looking forward to also adding in a new graduate center.

West Valley Fire District presentation - Samantha Morey and Kevin Clark presented before the Board their request for a waiver for West Valley Fire District on 3rd and 4th responding ambulances to use a qualified driver instead of an emergency medical technician (EMT) when ambulance staffing is low. Kevin stated right now they have two ambulances covering 340 square miles but because of the rural location they are having delays in response time. Samantha said without the waiver she can only act as a paramedic and not an EMT. She stated qualified drivers have basic first aid skills and their new volunteers are trained but still struggling to get the state qualifications.

Senior County Counsel, Todd Sadlo stated he would draft a letter to West Valley Fire District stating that the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners do not object to the reduced staffing, and upon approval by the commissioners, would be able to submit to the Oregon Health Authority.

Following commissioner updates, the meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Crystal Cox
Secretary