

INFORMAL SESSION MINUTES

September 19, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Commissioners’ Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary Starrett, and Richard L. “Rick” Olson present and Stan Primozich being excused.

Staff: Laura Tschabold, Ken Huffer, Christian Boenisch, and Mikalie Frei.

Guests: Tim Smietana, Jessica Beach and Nicole Montesano, News Register. Emily Williams, and Captain Chris Ray.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Commissioner Starrett called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

* Committees - see agenda for details.

* Personnel - see agenda for details.

* Title III – see agenda for details.

* Contracts - Approval of an agreement for Dog Kenneling Services between Yamhill County and Homeward Bound Pets, effective October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Commissioner Starrett inquired why the contract with Homeward Bound had a reduction in kennels compared to the contract the county had with Pets Stop Inn. Ms. Williams stated that the cities are taking over the care and management of their own dogs, thus resulting in a need for the fewer kennels in the county. Ms. Williams said all agencies as of October 1st will be responsible for their own dogs and that the municipalities have done their own requests for quotes from kennels. Captain Ray stated that patrol will still handle barking dog calls, dogs-at-large, and livestock issues. He said they are hopeful the county’s new approach will encourage citizens to stay current with licensing.

Commissioner Olson said last Thursday’s Yamhill County Transit Advisory Committee (YCTA) meeting was well attended and they are moving into phase II of the transit plan addressing the service improvement areas. Commissioner Starrett said there is a need in Amity, Sheridan and Willamina for seniors that are not receiving meals through the Meals on Wheels program due to lack of volunteers. She said she is working with NW Senior Services to get the names of the people who are not receiving meals in the hope they will be able to work with them.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Crystal Cox
Secretary