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Wednesday, October 21, 1998
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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
Gina Firman, Chairperson
Jerry A. Dove, Vice Chairperson
Sue Cameron, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:
William K. Sargent, County Counsel
Paul Levesque, Executive Assistant

STAFF PRESENT FOR PORTIONS OF MEETING: Jon Oshel, Public Works Director; Joanne Spencer, Emergency Management

GUESTS: Pete Daniels, Milstead & Associates; Wendell Hesseltine, TCGH Administrator; Gary Johnson & Craig Urbani, ODOT; Richard Swank; Tim Josi, State Representative; Chuck Hurliman; Doug Anthes, TCGH; Michael Weissenfluh; Leon Vellinga, Greg Sands, Tilda Jones, Gina Seufert, Clarence Boquist & Don Coleman, Project Impact;

CALL TO ORDER: By Chair Firman at 9:00 a.m. in the Justice Courtroom.

ITEM NO. 2: HOSPITAL REMODELING PROJECT UPDATE: Mr. Daniels presented his written report (attached) which he summarized for the Board. The rough-in on the x-ray equipment would begin in a week or two.

ITEM NO. 3: MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Oshel would be meeting with the ODOT district managers later today.

SITTING AS THE BOARD OF
THE SOLID WASTE SERVICE DISTRICT

ITEM NO. 4: MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE DISTRICT MATTERS: There was no discussion.

SITTING AS THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM NO. 5: CONSIDERATION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 1998: Commissioner Cameron moved to sign the minutes, Commissioner Dove seconded, passed with three aye votes.

The Commissioners signed the minutes.

ITEM NO. 1: DISCUSSION CONCERNING HIGHWAY 101 PROJECT: Mr. Johnson and Mr. Urbani from ODOT were present to update the Board on the Highway 101 project. He said they apologized for the recent problems with the project. They were disturbed when they saw the video tapes. The have switched some personnel on the job and raised staff performance expectations.

The Board discussed communications protocols with local ODOT staff. Doug Moncrief with
ODOT had done an exemplary job.

Mr. Josi discussed the lack of returned calls from Tom Falls, ODOT’s Project Manager. He added that, although ODOT had made some gains recently, they took some steps backward with this project.

ODOT agreed to call the Board every day that the contractor was not working. The Board discussed the Latimer Quilt Center sign. Commissioner Cameron reviewed some of the communication issues.

Mr. Oshel reported that he talked to Mr. Falls the previous afternoon about the rumor of closing down the project for the winter. ODOT’s intent was to get all the gravel areas and driveways paved before the rains. Mr. Hurlman said it would have been appropriate to have an expedited, three-month, project. Mr. Johnson agreed.

The Board thanked Mr. Johnson and Mr. Urbani for coming. Mr. Johnson said he would take a personal interest in the communications on this project. The Board also discussed the possibility of expediting the Wilson River Loop project. There was a discussion regarding County participation in ODOT projects.

**ITEM NO. 6: PRESENTATION OF TILLAMOOK COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL AUDIT REPORT:** Mr. Hesseltine presented copies of the Community Benefits Report, the Annual Report for the System, Financial Report for the system, the current year’s budget and the current year’s strategic plan. He said the Hospital was doing well financially and was on budget. He described the Medicare cost report process. The Board was invited to the Civic Advisory Board meetings.

Mr. Hesseltine discussed institution reimbursement for health care and shrinking dollars. Commissioner Cameron said she had received an e-mail that indicated a possible change in the County’s designation as Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). She would provide him with a copy.

The Board wanted to review the documents. Mr. Hesseltine described the strategic planning process, the term traditional charity care and the application process.

**UNSCHEDULED: Consideration of Modification of Agreement with Alpine Construction for Kilchis County Park Electrical Trench:** The Board discussed the additional work by Alpine Construction, which needed to be done at the Park.

Commissioner dove moved to sign the Modification, Commissioner Cameron seconded, passed with three aye votes.

The Commissioners signed the Modification to the Agreement with Alpine Construction.

**UNSCHEDULED: Discussion Concerning Changing Meeting Agenda Format & Miscellaneous Matters:** Commissioner Cameron discussed the process used by Multnomah County, particularly...
the use of a consent calendar. She also described the agenda and the way the meeting was conducted. She wanted Mr. Levesque to explore how Tillamook County could adopt some of these procedures.

There was a consensus to have Mr. Levesque work with Ms. Wujcik and Ms. McKibbin on the matter.

The Board discussed the Project Impact Summit in Washington, D.C., and who should attend. Mr. Levesque and Ms. Wujcik would work out the arrangements.

Commissioner Dove expressed his concern about consent agendas. The Board also discussed the bill for The Capes legal services, and Commissioner Dove asked where it was.

Chair Firman recessed the meeting at 9:53 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

ITEM NO. 7: PRESENTATION OF PROJECT IMPACT STRATEGIES: Mr. Levesque provided a background on the public hearings and the Project Impact Working Group’s efforts in developing the proposed strategies. He described the strategies:

1. Expand Emergency Management Department - $22,000;
2. Drainage improvements - $188,00; and
3. Restrict development in “risk” areas and upgrade flood maps - $80,000.

He said these items added up to $290,000 and recommended the $10,000 balance be used to fund a contingent of local citizens who have been active in Project Impact to attend the Washington, D.C. Summit, December 9-11, at $5000 and that the remaining $5000 be reserved for innovative projects.

Chair Firman invited public discussion and comment.

Don Coleman, 840 N. Main, Tillamook, said he concurred with Mr. Levesque’s recommendations.

Tilda Jones, 7650 Fairview Road, also agreed.

Bud Gienger, 3160 Boquist Road, asked for and received clarification from Mr. Levesque regarding the proposed setback levee project for the Sunset Drainage District.

Greg Sands, P. O. Box 10, Tillamook, voiced his support for the project and spoke to the benefits of a setback levee.

Mr. Coleman expressed an urgency for expediting projects on the ground.

Commissioner Cameron said that this was important.

Mr. Hesseltine questioned the expenditure of Project Impact funds for the Summit, stating the funds would be better spent on projects.

Mr. Gienger and Clarence Boquist expressed concern about the gravel build up in the lower rivers.
Commissioners Dove and Cameron said that work done by NEP confirmed these concerns and possible opportunities for extraction.

Mr. Coleman said there was no technical opposition to such projects.

David Dickens, NW Oregon RC&D, said that the Division of State Lands (DSL) had scheduled a public hearing in Tillamook County during early December. He would let everyone know about he dates. Commissioner Cameron said that DSL had signed on with the Performance Partnership, which provided an opportunity to resolve the issue of gravel removal.

Mr. Coleman added that he also thought no Project Impact funds should go toward the Washington, D.C., trip, but rather should be spent on projects. Commissioner Dove concurred.

Commissioner Cameron moved to adopt the Project Impact strategies as presented, Commissioner Dove seconded, passed with three aye votes.

Commissioner Dove moved to appoint the committee consisting of Rich Felley, Clarence Boquist, Greg Sands, Dave Dickens, Tilda Jones, Don Coleman, Rick Klumph, Bud Gienger, Tom Ascher, Roxanna Huntsman, Mark Labhart, Leon Vellinga, Richard Chellone, Bill Parks, Chuck Mason and Tom Manning and Joanne Spencer from Emergency Management, with Mr. Coleman to serve as Chair, Commissioner Cameron seconded, passed with three aye votes.

Chair Firman recessed the meeting at 11:02 a.m., reconvened at 11:03 a.m. and adjourned the meeting.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this _____ Day of __________, 199__.

County Clerk: Josephine Veltri