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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Sue Cameron, Chairperson
Tim Josi, Vice Chairperson
Gina Firman, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Paul Levesque, Management Analyst

STAFF PRESENT FOR PORTIONS OF MEETING: Sara Charlton, Library Director; Vic Affolter, Community Development Director; Tom Manning, Emergency Management Director; Sheriff Tom Dye.

GUESTS: Mark Gervasi, Tillamook City Manager; Mark Labhart, ODF; Lt. Steve Watson, Oregon State Police; Chuck Hurliman.

CALL TO ORDER: By Chair Cameron at 8:15 a.m. in Commissioners' Conference Room A.

UNSCHEDULED: Chair Cameron asked for the Board's support for Mike Leahy to attend the Odyssey Program. It would be \$8,500 for two weeks. Mr. Leahy would pay a portion. Commissioner Firman felt it was a good opportunity.

Commissioner Josi moved that the Board approve Mr. Leahy to attend the conference, Commissioner Firman seconded, passed with three aye votes.

Chair Cameron signed the application.

ITEM NO. 1: PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

ITEM NO. 2: LIAISON REPORTS: Commissioner Josi updated the Board on the gravel bar meeting scheduled for tomorrow. He also updated the Board on meetings with individuals on the Wilson River Loop bypass.

Commissioner Cameron discussed a meeting she had last week in Washington D.C. with James Lee Witt and her participation in a signing ceremony between Environmental Systems Research Institute and Project Impact. She also opened the door to some additional money for elevating housing, mapping and funding for the junior high. She also reported on legislation providing matching funds for Tillamook County's Corps of Engineers feasibility study project. She also testified to Congress about matching fund requirements and the role of GIS in communities.

The Board scheduled a meeting on June 24 on drug and alcohol policies for Work Force Development. The Board discussed the Corps match and digitizing maps.

ITEM NO. 3: LIBRARY UPDATE: Ms. Charlton distributed copies of her report to the Board. She reported on proposed legislation to provide construction funding for libraries. She said most of

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the rewiring for the new computer terminals was done, with completion scheduled for that week at all branches. They were interviewing that week for the Systems position. She also provided information on the July 3 medieval event in Rockaway Beach.

ITEM NO. 4: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE & DISCUSSION CONCERNING ALLOCATION OF FLOOD MITIGATION GRANT FUNDS:

Mr. Affolter addressed the issue of how FEMA 404 funds were allocated for buyouts and elevations. He summarized the status of present grants and reallocations to Tillamook City and Nehalem. He also spoke about possibilities for additional funds. Mr. Affolter then provided a proposed approach for allocations of the \$500,000 which came from unspent City of Salem funds. Chair Cameron felt a staff group should investigate the appropriate procedures for buyouts and report back to the Board. Mr. Levesque, Mr. Affolter and Mr. Manning were directed to meet on June 23 with Oregon Emergency Management and FEMA. Mr. Gervasi discussed the importance of the project to the city. Mr. Manning discussed the FEMA criteria for the funds.

UNSCHEDULED: Mr. Gervasi discussed a proposed workshop/hearing with the City Council to discuss the armory site. He also mentioned the carnival would be in front of the Courthouse next week. The Board discussed parking issues. Mr. Gervasi would notify the public about parking issues.

Chair Cameron discussed a request from the TCCA that the County distribute a copy of the Prudent Farm & Forest Practices Resolution to all newcomers to the county. There was a consensus to make it available to realtors. The Board also discussed a committee to review complaints on farm or forest practices. There would be two forest representatives, two farm representatives and one citizen.

Mr. Affolter explained the County application to the Sonoran Institute and its relationship to growth pressures on the environment.

ITEM NO. 5: DISCUSSION CONCERNING FURNISHING A COPY OF TAX DEPARTMENT'S TITLE REPORT ON OLD MILL MARINA TO DEQ:

Mr. Levesque stated that DEQ requested a copy of the County's title report on Old Mill Marina. There was a \$20.00 copy fee that was an issue. There was Board consensus to instruct the Tax Department to waive the copying fee.

ITEM NO. 6: MANAGEMENT ANALYST UPDATE:

Mr. Levesque reported that the Courthouse Security Committee recommended that all bids on the sallyport be rejected and that the Board appoint a committee to look at other alternatives including the possibility of constructing a new courtroom at the Justice Facility that would eliminate the need for proceedings at the Courthouse involving in-custody defendants. Commissioner Josi said he had no problem with investigating other alternatives as long as it was understood that this was not an endorsement or decision that a new courtroom would be constructed. There was Board consensus to have the Courthouse Security Committee begin looking at other alternatives.

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Mr. Levesque updated the Board on responses to the RFP on a Courthouse coffee vendor. Copies of the RFP would be delivered to the Board. Mr. Levesque would prepare items for the newsletter asking for employee comments. Counsel Sargent would be asked to draft a letter to the Commission for the Blind regarding whether the County would be required to pay a commission to that agency when they were not involved in the operation.

Mr. Levesque updated the Board on the status of document preparation for tomorrow's hearing on the land exchange with Werners.

UNSCHEDULED: Discussion Regarding Trask River County Park: Commissioner Firman discussed her discomfort about the 4th of July weekend and proposed plans for Trask River Park. Mr. Labhart, Lt. Watson and Sheriff Dye were present. Mr. Labhart discussed his experiences with Jones Creek. He shared his concerns about the need for ODF deputies in the forest rather than responding to Trask Park, and he felt there would be major problems. The Board discussed whether the controls would work.

Lt. Watson articulated why he felt there would be a problem compared to Jones Creek which was right next to the highway versus 13 miles up an unpatrolled road. He talked about how Jones Creek was resolved. Mr. Labhart proposed either closing the park or closing the day use area at 6:00 p.m. and not allow any camping in the day use area. Sheriff Dye said he would need deputies there no matter what the Board decided. The Board discussed their options. Commissioner Josi felt the Parks Advisory Committee should be involved. The Board clarified that the day use area be closed to all uses for the 4th of July weekend. Mr. Hurliman suggested there be a day use fee.

Commissioner Josi moved that on the 4th of July weekend that the day use area at Trask Park be physically closed for all uses, Commissioner Firman seconded, passed with three aye votes.

Commissioner Josi said he would contact the Headlight Herald. A workshop was to be setup later with the Parks Advisory Committee and those present to discuss a long-term solution. Sheriff Dye was unsure where he would get the resources for deputies that weekend.

ITEM NO. 7: STAFF UPDATE/CALENDAR REVIEW & SCHEDULING/ AGENDA REVIEW/SUGGESTION BOX & INTER-OFFICE MATTERS: The Board would review their calendars and get back to staff with any changes. The Board reviewed Wednesday's agenda. There was discussion about options for funding Laneda Avenue improvements.

ITEM NO. 8: NON-AGENDA ITEMS & BOARD CONCERNS: Commissioner Firman said she was still getting things two weeks late. Three quarters of what she read was irrelevant. There was Board consensus to make copies of all meeting notices or future events for all commissioners. The Board would star any items that were received untimely to debrief the reasons why the item was delayed.

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The Board discussed upcoming parades and buying a new sign for use during the parades.

Chair Cameron discussed the possibility of a County newsletter and the need to budget some funds, possibly \$10,000, in Mr. Schwinck's budget for public education. The Board discussed which department's budget the funds should be put in. Commissioner Josi felt it was a good proposal as long as funds were available but had concerns about whose budget it would be put into.

Chair Cameron adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this ____ day of _____, 199__ .

County Clerk: Josephine Veltri

Mary Wujcik, Recording Secretary
& Special Deputy

APPROVED BY:

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Commissioner