

**MINUTES - TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' STAFF MEETING**

**Monday, July 26, 1999**

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Sue Cameron, Chairperson  
Tim Josi, Vice Chairperson  
Gina Firman, Commissioner

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mary Wujcik, Board Assistant

**STAFF PRESENT FOR PORTIONS OF MEETING:** Richard Felley, Performance Partnership Director; Mike Leahy, Health Department Administrator; Hal Nauman, Environmental Program Manager;

**GUESTS:** Jane Scott, Video Productions; Sandy Scott, United Way; Chuck Hurliman; Wendell Hesselstine, Tillamook County General Hospital Administrator

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Chair Cameron at 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room "A".

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

**ITEM NO. 2: LIAISON REPORTS:** Commissioner Josi discussed a letter from the owner of Tomichi Village in Pacific City regarding camping at Webb Park. Mr. Anderson had addressed this with the Parks Advisory Committee. Commissioner Josi distributed copies of the Committee's response to the letter. He said the fishermen were volunteering at the Park while the regular host was recovering from surgery.

Commissioner Josi said Mr. Levesque had drafted a letter regarding the hardwood exemption, on the recommendation of Mr. Labhart and Mr. Brown from ODF. The letter was circulating for the Board's review.

Commissioner Firman had met with Sheriff Dye to discuss the issue surrounding the possible departure of Deputy Igo. Mr. Labhart was concerned about someone taking over the position if Deputy Igo did go to Kosovo; he had suggested Deputy Hill be reassigned to the forest patrol. Commissioner Josi said Deputy Hill was doing a good job with the code enforcement program and he did not want to see him be reassigned.

Commissioner Cameron said she and Ms. Kalkhoven had done a presentation on the Futures Council to the City Council at King City. She would circulate their newsletter to the Board.

The Board discussed the various city council meetings in the County, who would be attending and their presentations.

**ITEM NO. 3: CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH CLATSOP COUNTY FOR RENTAL OF JAIL BEDS:** Lt. Pickett explained the background of the agreement.

Commissioner Josi moved to sign the agreement, Commissioner Firman seconded, passed with three aye votes.

The Board signed the agreement.

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**ITEM NO. 4: DISCUSSION REGARDING CABLE ACCESS:** Ms. Jane Scott had more information regarding cable access. She had been able to put on local, non-commercial items on the Blazer channel, through Falcon Cable in the evenings when there were no games on the air. This would be a good time to broadcast Board meetings.

Chair Cameron said she had thought there were no funds in the current budget for this, but she wanted to look at the possibilities this offered. She suggested a filmed presentation on the road funding or the Sandlake project.

Ms. Sandy Scott said she had seen two programs on that channel and enjoyed them very much.

Commissioner Josi said the cost would be \$4000-\$8000 this year for 1 to 2 hours per week. Ms. J. Scott said she was willing to film one and put it on the air to see what the feedback was.

Chair Cameron said she would like to have the Board think about the pros and cons and consider filming a meeting once a month. Commissioner Josi said he would like to do this, but they should stay within the current budget. Chair Cameron said she would meet with the Treasurer to discuss this and also bring it up at the next quarterly budget meeting in September. Commissioner Josi suggested earmarking a source of funding.

Chair Cameron suggested Ms. Scott approach the schools. Ms. Scott agreed and also suggested the City Councils and the Watershed Councils. She would like to find sponsors for these presentations.

Commissioner Firman reiterated that she was understanding there was some urgency and need to move on this soon because of cable opportunities. Commissioner Josi said they couldn't do anything until they heard from the Treasurer.

There was further discussion regarding the budget and the audit. Chair Cameron said she would talk to the Treasurer and get back to the Board and Ms. Scott.

**ITEM NO. 7: DISCUSSION REGARDING UNITED WAY:** Ms. Sandy Scott discussed the United Way campaign. She spoke about the Creamery and the Hospital's competition and suggested the County may like to enter into a competition with PUD. She suggested various ideas for getting the employees involved. Chair Cameron said the Health Department had a competition with the Community Development Department several years previously and it was a lot of fun.

Commissioner Firman said this was often met with resistance by a number of employees. She suggested one employee taking the lead and turning it into fun. She would support doing this. Ms. Scott asked if the Board would find that employee. Chair Cameron suggested Ms. Scott make her presentation to the elected officials & department heads meeting.

There was further discussion regarding ways to reach all the employees.

**ITEM NO. 5: DISCUSSION REGARDING U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS' FEASIBILITY STUDY:** Mr. Felley said the Soil & Water Conservation District would be

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submitting the application to the Oregon Economic Development Department, since they were the sponsors of the study. Mr. Mason had told him that they would not need the entire match amount, just a portion and then the Corps would be able to start the project. OEDD would supply \$30,000; the other \$270,000 would be allocated from other agencies that were stakeholders.

Mr. Felley said he could get a lower mileage reimbursement by leasing a car from the State Forestry at \$.20 per mile.

**ITEM NO. 6: DISCUSSION REGARDING FAX FROM SENATOR WYDEN ON COMMITTEE HEARING ON COASTAL HABITAT RESTORATION & WATER QUALITY:** Chair Cameron reviewed the fax and what the bill covered. The Senator's office wanted comment from the Commissioners. She asked Mr. Felley to draft a letter for the Board's signature, which could then be faxed back to the Senator.

**ITEM NO. 10: NON-AGENDA ITEM: Miscellaneous Personnel Matters:** Mr. Schwinck said he had received a letter from PERS (Public Employees Retirement System). In 1951, Social Security was offered to employees if the County signed up for it, which Tillamook County did. PERS has the contract that would administer the Social Security for public employees within the State. PERS has chosen to charge \$.50 per employee, or \$125 for Tillamook County. Overall, PERS would accumulate \$2.5 million for all public employees. Mr. Schwinck wanted to know the Board's position on this and whether the County should pay, as they were not participants in PERS.

Chair Cameron suggested writing a letter saying that the County did not feel this was appropriate. Mr. Schwinck said he would do so and also contact AOC.

Mr. Schwinck said he had received a request from the Treasurer for a two-step increase for Ms. Franklin. There was a consensus to approve the increase.

**ITEM NO.8: DISCUSSION CONCERNING PROPOSED VEHICLE IMPOUNDMENT (BOOT PROGRAM) ORDINANCE:** Chair Cameron reviewed Counsel Sargent's memo and the Board discussed it. There was a consensus to have Mr. Levesque begin drafting such an ordinance.

**ITEM NO. 9: STAFF UPDATE/CALENDAR REVIEW & SCHEDULING/AGENDA REVIEW/INTEROFFICE MATTERS:** The elected officials and department heads meeting was rescheduled to September 7 at 3:00 p.m. The Board also wanted to have a meeting for all employees in October. Ms. Wujcik was asked to contact Mr. Marshall for possible dates in October.

There was a consensus to put the order appointing members to the Work Force Advisory Board on the agenda for Wednesday.

There was a consensus to have a short Board meeting on August 25 starting at 8:30 a.m.

Chair Cameron asked that Commissioner Weeldryer from Lane County be invited to the Fiber Optic Technology Workshop, along with Mr. Ashby from PUD. She discussed the focus groups that were being formed along the coast regarding this. She would look to Mr. Schwinck to be the County's coordinator. Tillamook County would be joining a consortium. Mr. Schwinck suggested inviting

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Falcon Cable to attend the meeting.

Chair Cameron as if the Board would be interested in hosting a presentation by HUD. Commissioner Firman asked that Northwest Oregon Housing Authority be invited. Chair Cameron said the County would just be the convener and she would like to see Habitat for Humanity, CARE and the realtors invited.

The Board discussed when to ask Mr. McCauley from the Oregon Forest Industries to attend a meeting. There was a consensus to ask him to attend on August 9 or 23.

The Commissioners reviewed the suggestions received previously. They asked Ms. Wujcik to call different banks regarding ATM machines. They would ask Mr. West to look into coordinating the clocks in the building. There was a consensus to speak to the Sheriff regarding Courthouse security.

**ITEM NO. 10: NON-AGENDA ITEMS & BOARD CONCERNS: Discussion Regarding Air Quality at Tillamook County General Hospital:** Mr. Hesseltine said Mr. Daniels had reported to the Board that OSHA had been to the hospital in response to an employee complaint. The complaint stated that employees had to walk on planks over pits; there was standing water with electrical cords in it; and the ceiling was falling in. OSHA's investigation only found that one of the eye wash stations had not been installed.

Mr. Hesseltine discussed the ways that they were trying to control the dust in the home health area caused by the remodeling. They had an independent company come in to study any problems and then address them. They have been responsive to whatever problems came up during the project. He said the company was coming out this week to look at the home health area, the lab and new areas under construction. They should have a report back shortly.

Mr. Hesseltine said he took responsibility for the miscommunication between the hospital and Mr. Daniels. He understood that the State Health Department had been contacted and they would be out this week.

Mr. Leahy said the local Health Department had an obligation to report matters to the State when they receive a complaint. They want to be supportive and would pass on to Mr. Hesseltine anything the State said.

Mr. Nauman said he had called the State and he was waiting for their response.

Commissioner Firman hoped the firm Mr. Hesseltine had contacted and the State Health Division would be working together and that it would not be punitive on the part of the State. Mr. Hesseltine said it was usually not how it worked. Sometimes the State would address just one issue, but other times they would take the opportunity to inspect everything. He preferred to resolve the issues in house.

Chair Cameron said there was a misunderstanding as Mr. Nauman was working with the epidemiology section, not the licensing section. This was purely a matter of technical assistance.

Commissioner Firman asked if the company hired by Mr. Hesseltine would issue a report. Mr.

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Hesseltine said yes and he would get a copy to the Board.

Mr. Hesseltine explained what had happened on Friday and how the miscommunication had evolved. This was a follow-up from the original complaint.

Mr. Leahy reiterated that they were not in contact with the licensing division of the State Health Department.

Mr. Hesseltine asked the Board to visit the hospital and see what was happening with the remodeling project.

There was further discussion regarding the complaints and how they were being resolved.

Chair Cameron thanked Mr. Hesseltine for coming and for taking in the lead in hiring the independent company. Mr. Hesseltine said he appreciated being notified and involved in the solution.

**Discussion Regarding Carnival on Courthouse Lawn:** Commissioner Firman said she had gotten a thank-you note from Steve Forester for letting the carnival be placed on the Courthouse lawn. She had also been thanked by 3 to 4 other people. There was discussion whether or not the carnival should be placed on the lawn again and the Fire Marshal's concerns.

Chair Cameron adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

**RESPECTFULLY** submitted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 199\_\_ .

County Clerk: Josephine Veltri

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Mary Wujcik, Recording Secretary  
& Special Deputy

**APPROVED BY:**

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Chairperson

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Vice Chairperson

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Commissioner