

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

**Monday, August 16, 1999**

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Sue Cameron, Chairperson  
Gina Firman, Commissioner

**COMMISSIONER ABSENT:** Tim Josi, Vice Chairperson  
(On Vacation)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mary Wujcik, Board Assistant

**STAFF PRESENT FOR PORTIONS OF MEETING:** Debra Baker, Community Health Manager

**GUEST:** C. Hurliman

**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 Firman said the Fair had been the previous week. Both she and Chair Cameron had been approached by citizens they do not regularly see, especially concerning the care of the mentally ill in the County. She would contact Mr. Smith at Tillamook Family Counseling Center.

The Commissioners asked that the Custodian be contacted regarding placing the wheelchair by the back entrance for the Courthouse. A disabled person was planning to attend the noon HUD meeting and would need to use it for access.

Chair Cameron said the Workforce meeting had been the previous week and everyone was very excited about it. The members would be working on proposed by-laws and electing a chair. She had also attended the Department of Human Resources' Local Government Advisory Committee the previous Friday, where there was a lot of discussion on senior citizens in Oregon.

**ITEM NO. 4: MANAGEMENT ANALYST UPDATE:** Mr. Levesque was absent, but the Board discussed the public hearing on the road levy. They wanted a press release done for the media.

**ITEM NO. 5: STAFF UPDATE/CALENDAR REVIEW & SCHEDULING/AGENDA REVIEW/INTER-OFFICE MATTERS:** The Board reviewed the calendars and approved the agenda for August 18.

**ITEM NO. 3: UPDATE ON SMOKING PREVENTION PROGRAMS:** Ms. Baker said the City of Wheeler had passed a local ordinance requiring retailers to keep tobacco products behind the counter or under lock and key. No print ad were allowed below three feet from the floor. The current store in Wheeler already had tobacco put away, and it does not affect the two bars, as minors are not allowed in them. She said Wheeler sees itself as a growing community, and they wanted to have this

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in place as new businesses come to the town.

Ms. Baker said one citizen complained to the city, two local grocers and to the Grocery Association, saying the ordinance was taking away his rights.

Ms. Baker said slotting fees were paid to retailers by the tobacco companies to make sure their products were well displayed. The retailers were also reimbursed for any loss of products by theft. In some cases, the ordinance could cause some financial hardship on a small business. However, no business in Wheeler was affected at this time. She said the tobacco companies were threatening to sue the city over this, but the Council members had decided to stick together and refuse to back down. There had never been such a lawsuit filed in the country, in spite of threats by the tobacco companies.

Chair Cameron suggested she work with the Health Council to see how they should proceed and whether other cities or the County should consider such an ordinance.

Commissioner Firman suggested Ms. Baker talk to retailers in south County to see how they handled tobacco products.

Chair Cameron thanked her for the update.

**ITEM NO. 6: NON-AGENDA ITEMS & BOARD CONCERNS;** There was none

Chair Cameron adjourned the meeting at 9:25 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