

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, January 21, 2009  
Marion County Courthouse Square

9:00 a.m. Board Session  
Senator Hearing Room

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Patti Milne, Commissioner Janet Carlson and Commissioner Sam Brentano. Also present were John Lattimer as chief administrative officer, Bruce Armstrong as legal counsel and Kim Hulett as recorder.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Leslie Grimes, P.O. Box 548, Salem, said she came to introduce herself and the Mid-Willamette Watershed Alliance. Ms. Grimes said the watershed alliance was made up of the City of Salem representatives, a county representative, a Soil and Water Conservation District representative and representatives of Mill Creek, Pringle Creek and Saddle Creek watershed councils. She said that the alliance would be passing their bylaws that evening and possibly electing their directors.

Commissioner Milne asked Ms. Grimes to please keep the commissioners informed of when the meetings take place. Commissioner Brentano asked Ms. Grimes what she wanted to accomplish or what attracted her to the watershed issues? Ms. Grimes said she had previously worked for the Soil and Water Conservation District for a couple of years. She said she grew up in Eugene and went to school at Linfield College. She feels the watershed issues are very important. She is interested in establishing good salmon habitat, shade on Oregon's creeks and those sorts of issues. Ms. Grimes said what attracted her to the watershed position was the idea of a council that involves a diversity of watershed councils with city and county members to help guide the process. She stated she is the first employee of any of the watershed councils and although challenging felt there would be some good rewards.

The commissioners thanked Ms. Grimes for coming and stated she was welcome to come back anytime to give a report on the progress of the watershed council.

### **PRESENTATION**

State of the County – Board of Commissioners

The commissioners gave their annual State of the County presentation. Transportation, children and families, public safety and economic development were major items discussed in addition to insuring the county has a strong and stable financial base during these rough economic times (see commissioner's notes, attachment A).

## CONSENT

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Approve a contract with Applications Software Technology (AST) for up to \$274,650 to provide project management and quality assurance consulting services for the Marion County Business Enterprise Enhancement (MCBEE) project.

Approve an order designating the Statesman-Journal as the newspaper for publication of the 2009 tax foreclosure list.

Approve an order reappointing Pam Zielinski and Phyllis Johnson as members of the Marion County Fair Board for terms expiring December 31, 2011.

Approve an order reappointing Mitch Teal to the Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation.

### PUBLIC WORKS – PLANNING

Notice of adoption of administrative ordinance for zone change/comprehensive plan amendment, case #ZC/CP08-04, Abbot, Clerk's File #5603; adoption scheduled for January 28, 2009.

### TAX COLLECTOR

Approve an order authorizing the property tax refund of \$19,319.54 to T-Mobile, USA.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Brentano moved approval of the consent calendar. Seconded by Commissioner Carlson; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

## ACTION

### PUBLIC WORKS

1. Consider approval to receive grant funding from the Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management for the following programs:

- \$303,050 for the purchase of radios for public safety agencies, improvements to a joint information center, development of emergency operations plans and support of the Citizens Corps Program;
- \$5,300 for education and CERT kits for the Citizens Corps Program. – John Vanderzanden

John Vanderzanden, public works emergency management, reported it was a great pleasure to come to the board with a grant from the State Homeland Security Grant Program for \$308,350 for the programs listed above. He said the purchase of portable and mobile radios for the county's public safety agencies will provide approximately 400 VHF radios. He said that many of the folks are still using radios that only have two-three channels. These new radios will provide the capability of enhancing the county's interoperable communications program. Mr. Vanderzanden said he has been working with an organization named E & E Consultants for the

past two years in helping the cities in the county write or re-write their emergency operations plans. This service will be brought to the cities of Hubbard, Jefferson, Gervais, Detroit and Idanha. The Citizen Corp Program comes back to the volunteers discussed in the State of the County presentation. Mr. Vanderzanden requested that the board approve the acceptance of the grant so the process could move forward.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Carlson moved approval to receive grant funding from the Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management for the following programs: - \$303,050 for the purchase of radios for public safety agencies, improvements to a joint information center, development of emergency operations plans and support of the Citizens Corp Program; and, \$5,300 for education and CERT kits for the Citizens Corp Program. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARING  
9:30 a.m.**

None.

Commissioner Milne read the calendar.

Commissioner Milne adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

**Attachments:** A – Board of Commissioners Notes, State of the County

ABOVE MINUTES APPROVED

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