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**MINUTES OF THE
JOINT WORK SESSION
WITH TOLEDO CITY COUNCIL
AND
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
6:00 PM, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017
TOLEDO CITY HALL**

Chair Thompson convened the informal meeting at 6:00 pm. Also present were Commissioner Hall, County Counsel Wayne Belmont, Public Information Officer Casey Miller, Recorder Tanya Graham and Kristi Whitaker. Toledo City Council representatives included, Mayor Billie Jo Smith, Councilors Jackie Kauffman, Terri Strom, William Dalby, Michelle Johnson, Joshua Smith, and Deanne Dunlap.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Highway 20 Safety Issues – Roy Kinion

The City of Toledo Council asked, “What can be done to help slow drivers down on the new section of Highway 20?”

Roy Kinion, Director of Public Works, stated that the Oregon Department of Revenue is responsible for the new section of Highway 20. Unfortunately, though the new road has created an overall safer environment, the easier drive has encouraged speeding. Continuing that since completion, there has been a heavier police presence. Roy suggested that the City request additional patrols from the State Police and/or the Sheriff’s Office.

Commissioner Hall responded to an inquiry about the potential of enacting a safety corridor through the new section of Highway 20 stating that there is a numerical standard to qualify. Commissioner Hunt works regularly with ODOT and upon return will inquire about such standards.

Joint effort in securing the viability of the City’s truck route – Roy Kinion

Roy Kinion stated that that the County is willing to work with the City of Toledo to help improve the truck route signage. Craig Martin, Toledo City Manager, stated that this issue is a work in progress and the City is currently in communication with Georgia Pacific (G.P.) regarding truck routes and traffic. The City and GP are scheduled to meet on Friday, September 22, 2017. Roy stated that continued communications with G.P. will help forecast road work needs in the area. Roy also stated that the section of Sturtevant Rd between the

elementary school and 10th street will have work done to it by the County within the next couple of years.

Affordable housing – Code Incentives for Alternative Housing Programs, Work Force Housing Task Force Report – *Wayne Belmont*

Wayne Belmont, County Counsel, reported that the City of Newport and the Economic Development Alliance convened a meeting last May to address options and alternatives to help with housing issues in our area. The next meeting is being scheduled for October 2017. In addition to these meetings, various groups have been meeting monthly to help come up with additional ideas to assist with the housing crisis.

Wayne Belmont reported that the City of Newport has adopted four different measures including the enactment of a construction excise tax. This tax will help with affordable housing issues and programs while the measures encourage low-income housing, multi-family developments, energy efficiency, and location based on transportation availability. Further, qualifying investments may be exempt from property tax. Wayne also talked about Lincoln City's recent purchase of property for development as well as the City of Waldport's efforts. Wayne encouraged the City of Toledo to send representatives to the upcoming meeting in October.

A discussion concerning "Tiny Houses" occurred. Wayne Belmont stated that under current County Codes, "Tiny Houses" typically do not qualify. Onno Husing, Director of Planning, stated that if building plans are brought to the Planning Office and they meet County Code then the plans will be approved, other code requirements such as zoning, septic and sewer will also be reviewed.

Commissioner Hall reported that homelessness is increasing in Lincoln County, the state, as well as the entire nation. During the last legislative session, a one-time doubling of housing funds was granted and it was repeated for another biennium. There are severe weather shelters in Newport and Lincoln City and two non-profit groups are working toward creating permanent shelters in Lincoln City. Commissioner Hall also suggested that families and singles in the Toledo area who are in need of housing assistance to can contact Samaritan Housing and Community Services Consortium. He also encouraged the City of Toledo to speak with NW Coastal Housing who might be interested in development opportunities if the City had a piece of property they were interested in donating.

Clarification of the Lincoln County Building Permit/Inspection procedures – *Wayne Belmont*

Wayne Belmont referred to the current intergovernmental agreement between the County and the City of Toledo for Building Inspection Services that ensures communication between the

two governments. Wayne further stated that the county is looking into funding a position for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer with an exclusive focus on County enforcement. Also, improvements to streamline procedures will be reviewed.

The joint session adjourned at 7:00 pm. These meeting minutes were read and approved this 4th day of October, 2017.

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