

MINUTES

SELECTION OF HD 35 REPRESENTATIVE-DESIGNATE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Tom Brian
Commissioner Dick Schouten
Commissioner Desari Strader
Commissioner Roy Rogers

Commissioner Andy Duyck was excused.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Judy Shiprack
Commissioner Diane McKeel
Commissioner Deborah Kafoury

Commissioner Jeff Cogen was excused.

STAFF:

Dan Olsen, County Counsel for Washington County
Shelby Rihala, Government Affairs Assistant, Washington County
James McCauley, Government Affairs, Washington County
Cathy Wheatley, City Recorder, City of Tigard
Barbara Hejtmanek, Clerk of the Board, Washington County

CANDIDATES:

Margaret Doherty
Steve Dunne
Dylan Hydes

The Clerk of the Board took attendance by roll call.

PROCEDURES:

Chairman Brian outlined the procedures for today's meeting, as follows:

- Each nominee of the Democratic Central Committee shall have the opportunity to make a five-minute opening statement.
- This will be followed by a question and answer period of no more than 30 minutes.

- This is not a public hearing and no testimony will be received—other than by the three candidates.
- As provided by law, each Washington County Commissioner will have 6.6 votes and each Multnomah County Commissioner will have .6 vote.
- At the conclusion of the interviews, the Joint Committee will deliberate and the votes will be cast by roll call.
- The votes will be recorded and a majority of the points accumulated will prevail. That person will then become the nominee for the State Representative Designate and make his/her arrangements for swearing-in.

It was moved to adopt the procedures.

Motion – Rogers

2nd – Wheeler

Vote – 8-0

The Boards called forward the candidates in alphabetical order.

MARGARET DOHERTY (Statement of Candidacy and Letters of Reference may be found in the Meeting File)

Margaret Doherty stated that she wants to serve the people in House District 35. She said that she is experienced, qualified, knowledgeable and will be a strong advocate for House District 35 and also for Washington County. Ms. Doherty mentioned that her polling of the public showed that people are looking for someone who has been involved in the community, for someone who will listen to their concerns and some are looking for more of a gender balance in the Legislature by having more women representatives. After talking to people, she knew that she was the right fit for this position.

Ms. Doherty has lived in House District 35 for 20 years and her familial connection to Washington County goes back even further. She stated that during 12 years of her 22 years with Oregon Education Association, she represented education workers in Washington County. Ms. Doherty gained an understanding of the differences and similarities of the County through that process. She stated that the issues are different in various parts of the district but that they are all connected by common issues, such as growth, traffic, and funding of school and local programs. Ms. Doherty believed that she has a unique perspective because she has worked in every community in Washington County. She said that even though she currently has a small business, she understands what happens to the economy when it is rocky. She knew the effect of rising gas prices and purchasing of equipment on a small business.

Ms. Doherty feels that it is very important to listen to all parties. She said that her door is always open and that it is very important to hear from Washington County's and Multnomah County's government affairs staff, who help her bring the concerns of the counties to the legislature.

Ms. Doherty testified that she has been involved in her community and described local efforts. She indicated that this same feeling of commitment to the community led to her appointment to the Tigard Planning Commission. Ms. Doherty stated that she has knowledge of how the city, county and legislature work. She speculated that she may be one of the few new people in the legislature who actually understands school funding and how money is distributed. Ms. Doherty remarked that she has a unique knowledge of schools in Oregon and how they operate. She said that there are currently only a handful of members in the House who have an education background in Oregon. Ms. Doherty stated that her stint on the Planning Commission has made her very familiar with the statewide planning goals and how they apply to cities and counties—especially the state Transportation Planning Rules and Regional Transportation Plan.

Ms. Doherty told the Boards that she has the skills to bring people together to discuss and try and solve problems within the community. She listed experience in this regard:

- Working with other college students in 1969 to try to get the 18-year-old vote in Oregon
- Working on passing school board bond measures and other initiatives to try to improve the lives of people in Oregon

Ms. Doherty commented that the precinct in House District 35 has sent the Boards three very qualified candidates. She noted that in this day of such complex issues and with a special session looming, a representative is needed who can hit the ground running. Ms. Doherty concluded that she has the skills, knowledge, ability, experience and city/county connections to do just that.

QUESTION/ANSWER PERIOD

Chairman Wheeler posed a question having to do with revenues and services. He referenced discussion about the difficulty of funding programs at the local level. Chairman Wheeler asked what specific steps this candidate would take to balance tax fairness, revenue fairness and the challenges facing local jurisdictions to provide the services that our public wants and demands.

Ms. Doherty said that due to the fact that Oregon's economy and the money brought into the legislature are based on personal income tax, it makes it difficult in a time of recession to balance things. She stated that when it comes to raising revenue at the local level, she believes that the legislature should stay out of that and let the local areas raise different revenues. Ms. Doherty recognized that part of that is contingent upon how much money the state will be giving the counties—especially when it comes to transportation and road projects. She said it will be very difficult to try to balance this because there are fewer revenues.

Commissioner Kafoury said the one thing Multnomah County has been working on is to try to get the legislature to undo some areas on which they have pre-empted local governments from making these kinds of local decisions. She provided examples: local counties are unable to raise their own cigarette tax; Multnomah County cannot impose a real estate transfer tax due to state pre-emption. Commissioner Kafoury shared that one of Multnomah County's top legislative agendas during the session is to get pre-emptions removed and to be granted the flexibilities described. She wanted to know if this candidate would be in favor of those.

Ms. Doherty was open to looking at this. Without knowing all of the specifics, she did not think it would be prudent to say "yes" or "no". Ms. Doherty described herself as a school advocate and, as such, was aware of what the current economy has done to education and the funding of schools.

Commissioner Strader held a strong philosophy about local governments being able to predetermine where they want to go in their own destiny without a lot of interference or pre-emption from the state or federal government. She observed that Oregon is not a big fan of pre-emption with the federal government. Commissioner Strader thought that Commissioner Kafoury was asking for the candidate's views on pre-empting local governments from being able to do what they need to do in order to manage their sustainable communities.

Ms. Doherty responded that she was not dodging the issue but she did not know if she can answer that question. She said she has always been an advocate that the most effective things get done at the local level when there are fewer mandates and regulations. Ms. Doherty knew how many unfunded mandates education has but did not know how many mandates the counties have.

Commissioner Schouten asked for the candidate's view of the most important things state government could do to help create economically-healthy communities.

Ms. Doherty said that state government has the ability to offer tax incentives and to set aside lottery funds for entrepreneurial activities and start-up businesses. She was aware that a lot of the lottery funds have been taken back and placed in the general fund. Ms. Doherty supported encouraging entrepreneurial businesses because young people will move here anyway and they need the opportunities and incentives to have different kinds of businesses. She stated that the state would have more of the ability to give financial assistance and incentives for start-up businesses.

Commissioner Schouten asked about the most important traits for an effective legislator.

Ms. Doherty replied that the first is to know your area and to listen to what people have to say. She said her career taught her that they don't always want something done but do want someone to talk to. Ms. Doherty stated that a sense of advocacy is imperative for a legislator's area and surrounding areas. She testified that one must be articulate and able

to express ideas through committee work in the legislature and with groups in the county. Ms. Doherty spoke of the importance of meeting with the school boards, church groups, planning commissions, city councils, etc.

Chairman Wheeler said that much of the work done at the county level has to do with vulnerable populations—people who suffer from mental illness, older adults, people who rely on state developmental disability dollars, people with physical limitations, etc. He asked the candidate where she prioritizes those services.

Ms. Doherty responded that her number one priority is education of kids. Her first wish is that kids would always feel safe and her second is that there be enough money to have the kind of programs that every child needs. Ms. Doherty said that part of the problems seen in schools is due to the lack of services for their parents. She did not have a solution but her priority was to place “people” over “things”. Ms. Doherty observed that more people are on the street with no place to go.

Commissioner Rogers noted that the candidate has stated that her number one priority is kids. Having served in local government for a long time, he was aware that more than one portion of the population needs to be served. Commissioner Rogers remarked that government is very complex: there is the vulnerable population, there are economic development issues, there are senior issues, etc. He wanted to know how this candidate would balance the needs.

Ms. Doherty reiterated that her number one priority is children. Her experience was that when a lot of the issues are dealt with at a very early age, some of the need down the road is diminished. Ms. Doherty prioritized programs she would like to provide:

1. Youth
2. Seniors
3. Homeless

Commissioner Rogers asked if the candidate is capable of recognizing that all of the needs have equal standing and all need to be addressed or if she will be elected to serve the kids.

Ms. Doherty replied that you can say that every need is important but said that not every need can be funded. She said that everything is intertwined: education is intertwined with getting good jobs in Oregon; getting good jobs in Oregon is intertwined with our tax structure; our tax structure is intertwined with the economy and how the economy is going; it goes back to jobs and education. Ms. Doherty stated that the reality is that there has to be a priority and reiterated that her priority happens to be youth programs. She added that this does not necessarily mean that it will always be her number one issue.

Chairman Brian said that last session, the legislature passed out two tax packages: income and transportation packages. He stated that there are efforts underway to promote those for a vote. Chairman Brian wanted to hear the candidate's position on those two tax packages and also whether or not folks should vote on those.

Ms. Doherty responded that her view may not be popular with Democrats but she was not sure she agreed that the income tax change should have been permanent. She said that it was such a large change in how Oregon revenue is set up.

Chairman Brian asked the candidate about the transportation package.

Ms. Doherty did not know a lot about this. She said she would love to see light rail down Highway 99 in order to ease traffic on that street. Ms. Doherty supported more transportation money being placed in the metropolitan area to deal with alternative modes of travel. She could not speak to the specifics of what the legislature did with transportation.

Chairman Brian commented that a lot of the Board members spend a lot of time in Salem during the legislative session asking very direct questions of members. He shared that one question related to the six cent gas tax increase and the legislature answered with a "yes". Chairman Brian indicated that the gas tax is restricted by the Constitution to go to roads, highways, bridges, maintenance and construction. He asked the candidate to imagine she is on the floor and has 30 seconds to decide whether to vote for or against the six cent gas tax increase. Chairman Brian asked what her vote would be.

Ms. Doherty personally supported a six cent gas tax but said that she would need to find out all about it before deciding.

Commissioner McKeel brought up the economic vitality of the State. She asked the candidate about her business background and about what groups she planned to visit with.

Ms. Doherty said she is the proud owner of Flowers by Arrangement, which is a small studio floral design business. She stated that she does enough business to understand how to bring in business, how to maintain business, etc. Ms. Doherty felt it is important to reach out the Chambers of Commerce. In addition, she would go to the educational communities, senior centers, library boards and planning commissions.

Commissioner Schouten remarked that Salem has made it a lot more difficult for cities to annex. He said that Washington County Board of Commissioners actually runs a city of about 200,000 people (those within the unincorporated area of the UGB). Commissioner Schouten asked for the candidate's thoughts on how to better serve those residents and how to provide additional funding for urban services for these residents.

Ms. Doherty replied that annexation is a very touchy and emotional issue. She said that some people who move into the unincorporated areas do not know that at first. Ms. Doherty referenced the issues associated with the Bull Mountain area. She identified the question as being: what is a fair method to annex areas without shoving it down their throats? Ms. Doherty stated that any solution needs to be done in tandem with the state. She said it is important to sit down and get the information before making the hard decisions.

Commissioner Schouten clarified that his question was if the candidate would be open to the County delving deeper into providing urban services and if she would be willing to help in Salem to get the legislation and funding to help the county to better be an urban service provider.

Ms. Doherty responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Shiprack wished to explore the topic of health care delivery. She asked for the candidate's thoughts as to how the legislature might impact change in the delivery of health care equitably.

Ms. Doherty said that the legislature did wonderful things with health care in the last session. She stated that there is so much to deal with. Ms. Doherty shared two examples of acquaintances who struggle with health care costs. She commented that health care ties into business, schools, everything. Ms. Doherty thought the State has done a good job of beginning to deal with this issue.

Chairman Brian thanked Ms. Doherty for her interest in serving and going through the process. He said that if she is selected, the Boards look forward with working with her.

STEVE DUNNE (Candidate Summary Statement may be found in the Meeting File)

Steve Dunne told the Commissioners that he has been a lifelong Democrat. He said that other than that, he does not represent any group or organization. Mr. Dunne described his motivation as altruistic: a desire to serve and to help. He said that what lights the fire in his belly is the decoupling of the influence that moneyed interests have in the choices made by elected civil servants. Mr. Dunne stated that his resume contains no experience in elected political office. He was a federal employee for 30 years, which required him to abstain from engaging in partisan politics during that period of time. Mr. Dunne served as a precinct chairman for five years, a member of the state platform committee, the US House District 1 committee, and presidential house party funding committee. He believed that each candidate today is quite capable to fill this position and each brings a variety of skills, experiences and learned life lessons.

Mr. Dunne said that he and his wife have lived in House District 35 for nine years and, before that, resided in Tualatin and Lake Oswego. He stated that he has lived here long enough to understand the issues and concerns of families in households in this region.

Mr. Dunne shared that his three children attended both public and private schools and that his wife taught in both public and private schools. He described his extensive coaching experience and other activities as a dad. Mr. Dunne served as pastoral council chair for four years in his parish.

Mr. Dunne turned to what sets him apart from other candidates. He stated that the biggest issue facing the Oregon Legislature during this recession will be matching expenditures to fiscal resources. Mr. Dunne said he could rattle off a long list of budget areas that need/merit greater funding but said he is also a realist/pragmatist. He acknowledged that the state government cannot operate like the federal government. Mr. Dunne recognized that there are tough questions to be answered regarding raising taxes and who should pay more of these. He said it is easy to go on record supporting funding schools, environment, mass transit, health care, crime abatement and public safety. Mr. Dunne stated that all of these are very important constituent needs and citizen issues. He remarked that we cannot forget, however, the relatively mundane fiscal constraints that go to the heart of good, sound state government. Mr. Dunne's view was that listening to constituents is a learning event for the office holder. He planned to go door to door without regard to election season and ask everyone how they feel about issues.

QUESTION/ANSWER PERIOD

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Mr. Dunne strongly believed in having the ability to fund a program prior to enacting it. He believed that during a recession is not a period to do additional layoffs, including public service positions. Mr. Dunne said that if there is a need to raise taxes during a period of recession in order to keep state jobs, he would advocate for that. He stated that the challenge is what type of taxes and upon what groups you impose those taxes.

Commissioner Schouten asked for the candidate's view of the most important things state government could do to help create economically-healthy communities.

Mr. Dunne recommended keeping up employment. He said that the level of aggregate demand in the economy is truly a function of the number of people employed. Mr. Dunne saw a role for state and local government in sustaining the employment base, including the public sector employment base.

Commissioner Schouten stated that the state government must have a balanced budget and cannot go to deficit spending. He asked for further thoughts about Kain's economics and having to balance a budget.

Mr. Dunne said there would have to be taxation to sustain public employment. He realized that taxation is a drag on the economy. Mr. Dunne recommended temporary taxation for continued public employment.

Chairman Wheeler said that much of the work done at the county level has to do with vulnerable populations—people who suffer from mental illness, older adults, people who rely on state developmental disability dollars, people with physical limitations, etc. He asked the candidate where she prioritizes those services.

Mr. Dunne shared the story of his indigent brother's death and said he got to know that community well. He has done a lot of work with the St. Francis dining hall in Portland and served the homeless community. Mr. Dunne stated that Oregon's safety net is a high priority for him—certainly near the top.

Commissioner Kafoury was sorry for the loss of Mr. Dunne's brother. She said the one thing Multnomah County has been working on is to try to get the legislature to undo some areas which they have pre-empted local governments from making these kinds of local decisions. Commissioner Kafoury wanted to know this candidate's position on pre-emption.

Mr. Dunne broadened the question to include the federal government. He is a strong advocate of local governments doing whatever they can and does not see a purpose served by the state restricting them.

Chairman Brian gathered that Mr. Dunne would support an income tax and prefer that it be sunsetted rather than permanent. He wanted to know the candidate's position on the six cent gas tax increase.

Mr. Dunne favored the gas tax because 1) it is a revenue enhancer and 2) it is price-induced conservation.

Commissioner Schouten asked about the most important traits for an effective legislator.

Mr. Dunne responded that being an advocate for the citizenry—particularly for those who have the least capability to support themselves—is the most important trait. He believed that the safety net needs to be strengthened.

Commissioner Shiprack wished to explore the topic of health care delivery. She asked for the candidate's thoughts as to how the legislature might impact change in the delivery of health care equitably.

Mr. Dunne noted that the state has shown that it is willing to be a laboratory or model for what we hope to see come from the federal government in terms of health legislation. He said that we are waiting now for what happens at the federal level. Mr. Dunne hoped that we will see some strong health care legislation. He supported the state as that laboratory.

Chairman Brian thanked Mr. Dunne for his interest in serving and going through the process. He said that if he is selected, the Boards look forward with working with him.

DYLAN HYDES (Candidate submittal may be found in the Meeting File.)

Dylan Hydes said that the most common question he receives is why he would want this job (Representative for HD 35) and asked who would *not* want this job. He divulged that he is a student of history and taught that subject to 7th and 8th graders for four years. Mr. Hydes stated that a theme he has seen emerge over and over in history is that government over people has a tremendous impact on the quality of life of people under that government. He remarked that if his job was to go somewhere every day and figure out creative ways to make peoples' lives better, that sounds like the best job anyone could have.

Mr. Hydes has also been asked why he is the best person for the job. He listed reasons:

1. Mr. Hydes is not an ideologue. This is important because this district is split pretty evenly between Democrats and Republicans. He intends to speak out on issues that he disagrees with the Democratic party on. Two such issues are that he is a strong supporter of the second amendment and he holds strong views on illegal immigration.
2. Mr. Hydes has no close ties to lobby groups and is an independent, free thinker who will vote for the best policy. He supports merit pay for teachers, for example, even though the OEA is against that position.
3. Mr. Hydes is a pragmatist first and Democrat second. His work history shows that in his practice of law.
4. Mr. Hydes is from John Day, Oregon—the heart of the most conservative county in the state. This has taught him how to talk to people from all parties. He believes that the most important trait in a legislator is being able to get along with others.
5. Mr. Hydes thinks he wants this position more than anybody else does. He has had an eye on the seat for years. When he heard about Rep. Larry Galizio's retirement, he had only 27 days to mount a campaign but came within one-half of one vote of unseating the candidate who came into this race with every advantage.

Mr. Hydes said that a third question he receives is whether he is bothered that 90% of this seat is in Washington County. He stated that this is not a problem and shared that he lives two blocks from Tigard. Mr. Hydes commented that he and his wife would like their son and son or daughter-on-the-way to go to Tigard public schools and so will most likely be moving to Washington County in the near future. He thanked the Boards for this opportunity and encouraged them to join Congressman David Wu and Attorney General John Kroger in supporting him for this position.

QUESTION/ANSWER PERIOD

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Mr. Hydes said that anything important enough to legislate needs to be paid for. He stated that the state should not make counties or cities have to work under unfunded mandates. Mr. Hydes believed that we should not be afraid to raise taxes for something that is really important.

Commissioner Schouten asked what the most important thing is that the state can do to help create economically-healthy communities.

Mr. Hydes stated that the best way to improve the economy in Oregon is to make it a place that businesses and people want to come. He said that for a long time, we have leaned too heavily on the idea that if we create a favorable tax environment, we will attract lots of businesses. However, Mr. Hydes felt that we need to focus more on how to make Oregon an attractive place to live, such as having good schools, improving public transportation, making a safe community. In the short term, he believes in Kain economics and thinks we can practice that now. Mr. Hyde recognized that it is hard to do now, with the rainy day fund so small.

Commissioner Kafoury asked for the candidate's view on pre-emptions.

Mr. Hydes responded that if we are going to place the responsibility for taking care of problems on the cities and counties, then we need to give them the freedom to decide how to fix those problems. He said that if the state wants to tell them how to do that, then the state should take care of it.

Commissioner Rogers took note of the candidate's comment that this is one of the most favorable tax environments for businesses. He said that considering our income tax, property tax, personal property tax, and license fees, Mr. Hyde's comment does not seem to be supported by what he has read.

Mr. Hydes agreed that it is a tough tax environment for employees. For businesses, he regarded it as much more favorable. Mr. Hydes mentioned that there is a \$10 minimum corporate tax. He said that even with recent increases, they don't kick in until \$250,000 of income after you take all the write-offs. Mr. Hydes stated that compared to other states, Oregon has a more favorable tax environment for large businesses—the Nikes and Intels.

Commissioner Rogers viewed this as an important issue. He said that most jobs are not created by Nike or Intel but rather by middle class businesses. Commissioner Rogers remarked that this is not a particularly tax-friendly state. He hoped that the candidate, if selected today, would take time to evaluate his premise.

Mr. Hydes said he absolutely would do that. It was his understanding that 90% of all businesses have a profit of below \$250,000.

Commissioner Rogers said that the candidate is talking about income taxes but pointed out that there is a whole lot more involved.

Mr. Hydes replied that he would certainly look into that. Too, he would not use that to arbitrarily raise taxes. Mr. Hydes would be sure he had done his homework and explained to the Boards why he would vote for particular measures.

Commissioner Rogers commented that all three candidates today have impressive resumes for different reasons. He explained that he is asking tough questions because he is very interested to hear what the candidates have to say. Commissioner Rogers noted that Mr. Hydes does not have a lot of local government experience. He said that a lot of issues are taken care of at the local level—city, county, special service district, school district, etc. Commissioner Rogers asked how this lack of experience would play out and what Mr. Hydes has to offer versus Margaret Doherty, for example.

Mr. Hydes referenced the five points he mentioned during his introductory remarks. He said that he is 31 years old and was born and raised in Oregon. Mr. Hydes felt that he is very familiar with the issues that face Oregon. He stated that he has lived in rural and urban areas. Mr. Hydes commented that he was a public school teacher for four years and is therefore very familiar with the issues of education. While he has not served on the Tigard Planning Commission or city council to date, he has been very active in government. Mr. Hydes, over the past ten years, has been active in different races around Oregon—for Oregon House, Attorney General, US House, etc. He explained that you do not get to work on those campaigns unless you are familiar with issues that are familiar to voters. Mr. Hydes said he has knocked on literally thousands of doors. He mentioned that he is a marathon runner and could/would knock on every door in the district. Mr. Hydes did not think there is a better way to figure out issues that are important to the district.

Chairman Brian brought up the two tax packages that were approved by the legislature and there are now petitions on both of them. Regardless of the petitions, he wanted to know where this candidate stands on those packages.

Mr. Hydes responded that he supports the first group of taxes because although nobody likes to be taxed, the needs do not go away when times are tough; rather, the needs increase. He said that money has to come from somewhere. Mr. Hydes stated that that was a tough decision and one that should not have been and was not easily made. As for

the tax increase on gasoline, he recognized that there are a lot of factors that go into that. Based on what he heard from Chair Brian, Mr. Hydes would vote green light on that with the caveat that some money is guaranteed to at least alleviate some of the problems on Highway 99.

Chairman Wheeler asked where the vulnerable populations come in on this candidate's list of priorities.

Mr. Hydes responded that they would be very near the top.

Chairman Wheeler wanted to know how near the top these would fall.

Mr. Hydes replied that they would be at the top. He said that the number one priority of a nation and state is to take care of the needy. Mr. Hydes recognized that it is easy, when times are tough, to make excuses to cut back and it is in those times that we need to put even more into it.

Commissioner Strader asked how the candidate would—going into a caucus as a freshman—balance the growing demands of two very large counties along with caucus priorities and his own priorities.

Mr. Hydes responded that he would listen and show humility. He recognized that as a freshman, he would have a lot to learn and do his best to learn as much as he can about as many issues as he can. Mr. Hydes also would set accomplishable goals and respect people who have been there longer and know more.

Commissioner Strader used the transportation package as an example. She said that the Highway 99/I-5 connector was a challenging piece of that transportation package. Commissioner Strader asked how the candidate would vote on that within the House.

Mr. Hydes replied that he does not know enough about that issue to provide a "yes" or "no" vote on that.

Commissioner Strader said that there were a lot of people within the legislature that did not want to see Highway 99/I-5 connector in the transportation package but stated that it ended up being put into the transportation package. She wanted to know if the candidate would have been supportive of that.

Mr. Hydes responded that if he thought it would have been an effective way to reduce traffic on Highway 99 without too exorbitant of a cost, he would have supported it.

Commissioner McKeel brought up the economic vitality of the State. She asked the candidate to speak to issues associated with that.

Mr. Hydes said that through his law firm, he is a member of the Portland Business Alliance. He thought that he does understand issues of businesses. Mr. Hydes shared that his parents have owned several businesses and he has seen firsthand what businesses need to succeed. He was aware of the vital role that small businesses play for Oregonians to succeed. Mr. Hydes said we cannot ignore the needs of businesses if we want to improve our economy. He was sensitive to those issues.

Commissioner Shiprack wished to explore the topic of health care delivery. She asked for the candidate's thoughts as to how the legislature might impact change in the delivery of health care equitably.

Mr. Hydes said that Oregon has shown that states are the laboratories for democracy, as is the case with the Oregon Health Plan and other health care measures. He stated that there has been tremendous accomplishment by the legislature in this regard. Mr. Hydes remarked that it appears now that there is a chance that we may not get a meaningful bill out of Congress and added that we should not use that as an excuse not to do anything.

Commissioner Schouten remarked that Salem has made it a lot more difficult for cities to annex. He said that Washington County Board of Commissioners actually runs a city of about 200,000 people (those within the unincorporated area of the UGB). Commissioner Schouten asked if this candidate would be predisposed to help Washington County—both in terms of enabling legislation and funding changes—for the county to better serve for a great length of time those urban residents.

Mr. Hydes responded that he would be so predisposed. He said that as long as counties are responsible for taking care of these areas, they should be given the freedom to decide how to do that.

Chairman Brian thanked Mr. Hydes for his interest in getting involved in elective capacities—helping others as well as now getting into it himself. He indicated that both Boards look forward to working with him if he is selected today.

RECESS: 2:39 p.m.

RECONVENE: 3:08 p.m.

DELIBERATION/VOTE

Vote was taken by roll call, with Commissioner comments made at time of vote.

Commissioner Shiprack thanked all three candidates for their public service and engagement. She cast her vote for **Margaret Doherty**.

Commissioner McKeel thanked the candidates for their public service and presentations today. She voted for **Margaret Doherty**.

Commissioner Kafoury thanked all candidates for putting their names forward. She noted that often it is the case that the person who wants the seat most gets it. However, she observed that there seems to be an equal level of desire for the seat on the part of all three candidates. Commissioner Kafoury has found that if you really want to be an elected official, you can and will be. She had no doubt that each candidate will at some point serve in an elected capacity because she sensed a genuine desire from each. Commissioner Kafoury also sensed that each candidate has the ability to give back to the community. She cast her vote for **Margaret Doherty**.

Chairman Wheeler thanked the precinct committee for sending three outstanding candidates for the Boards to choose from today. He said that all three have a tremendous amount of personal experience that they bring to the table. Chairman Wheeler felt that any of the three would make an outstanding state representative and elected official. He was pained by the necessity to choose only one of the three this time around. As to the process, Chairman Wheeler acknowledged that this should be the public's decision—not the Boards'. However, he said that State Statute describes this process. Chairman Wheeler encouraged each candidate to continue their interest in public engagement and be as aggressive and thoughtful as they were today. He cast his vote for **Margaret Doherty**.

Commissioner Strader stated that choosing a public servant life is not an easy decision. She spoke of the need to balance your time with your family, friends and loved ones while serving the greater public good. Commissioner Strader acknowledged that this is not the first time that the Boards have had a difficult decision, with three really good candidates. She thanked the precinct for doing an outstanding job of continuing to send great candidates. Commissioner Strader cast her vote for **Margaret Doherty**.

Commissioner Schouten stated that this is a tough decision to make because all three candidates are great. Because he had to vote for only one, he said that given her background in local government and experience, he votes for **Margaret Doherty**. Commissioner Schouten stated that he could easily have been swayed to the other candidates.

Commissioner Rogers observed that doing the math illustrates that it does not really matter how he votes because someone has already been selected mathematically. He addressed Steve Dunne and told him that he found his remarks sincere and well spoken. Commissioner Rogers said that Mr. Dunne has a wealth of personal experience and he enjoyed what he had to say very much. He would have liked to see Mr. Dunne have more experience at the local level but could understand why the precinct selected him as a candidate. To Ms. Doherty, Commissioner Rogers remarked that he would have liked to hear that she was more diverse than a single issue. Having been in local politics a long time, he has found that it is not a very simple process but rather a tough game. Commissioner Rogers explained that issues need to be looked at very holistically on multiple levels. He was really favorably impressed with Dylan Hydes' remarks.

Commissioner Rogers was going to vote for this candidate but decided not to in order to send a strong message that the Boards are unanimously selecting someone today. He said that Mr. Hydes was his choice because he reminded him a lot of himself when he was younger. Commissioner Rogers believed that Mr. Hydes has some things to offer, is multi-dimensional and would make an outstanding legislator. He voted for **Margaret Doherty** and said she will make an outstanding legislator as well. Commissioner Rogers looked forward to working with her in the coming session.

Chairman Brian commented that the Boards do not always get three great choices but observed that this time there are. He encouraged all three candidates to continue seeking office—whether it be legislative or at the local level. Chairman Brian recommended Mr. Hydes continue his interest and to pick some community groups or other elected offices. He liked what Mr. Hydes said and his independence. Chairman Brian recognized that the math makes it clear which candidate is selected today. Regarding Margaret Doherty, he said she offers a great deal of experience, skills and background. Chairman Brian was proud to have her as State Representative and liked her strong community background. He looked forward to working with her and cast his vote for **Margaret Doherty**. Chairman Brian again looked forward to seeing Dylan Hydes and Steve Dunne in the legislature or other places. He thanked all for their participation.

The votes were tallied and Margaret Doherty was unanimously selected, receiving 28.8 votes. (6.6 for each Washington County Commissioner and .6 for each Multnomah County Commissioner)

Dan Olsen said that the Boards do not have to formalize this with a motion. However, he reminded each Commissioner to sign the form that will be transmitted to the Secretary of State.

On behalf of the two Boards, Chairman Brian congratulated State Representative Designate Margaret Doherty. He thanked his Multnomah County colleagues for participating in today's meeting. Chairman Brian enjoyed the productive times spent with the Multnomah County Commissioners—getting to know them better and working on common issues. He acknowledged the presence of State Representative Mary Nolan in the audience today.

Audience applause was given.

ADJOURN: 3:18 p.m.