

September 12, 1979
9:00 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Harris Hall
Main Floor

Chairman Vance Freeman presided. Commissioners present included Chairman Freeman, Harold Rutherford, Otto t'Hooft, Jerry Rust and Archie Weinstein. The Recording Secretary was Reba Charles.

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Solid Waste Management Plan (See Related Item 10.a) (Hearing Continued at 7:30 p.m. Tonight)

Rich Owings, Director, Environmental Management, presented the updated plan for the next three years, covered by a serial levy of six years. Following this hearing, he said, the staff would come back with a basic plan, responding to requests for additions and deletions. The Board would need to decide on continuing the serial levy or applying user fees for funding. If the serial levy was to be on the November ballot, that proposal and the bonding for capital improvements would need to be decided upon within three weeks.

Craig Starr, Director, Solid Waste Division, summarized the updated plan. The plan provided for continuing operations at 20 sites, including 10 rural transfer stations, and eight landfills. A new service is planned for Lorane Valley, a rural transfer site. Provisions for recycling would be made part of any new site plan. With charts, he showed the costs to the taxpayer per \$1,000 for a serial levy to cover the plan and for the bond issue for capital improvements. He also showed relative costs for financing operations by serial levy and by user fees, the latter being somewhat higher because of the need to fence in some of the sites that are now unattended and to provide attendants. With the serial levy, Starr said, the County is eligible for some state funds.

Rust inquired how many days the resource recovery facility had worked satisfactorily. Starr replied only one day out of 28, because they had specifications, and that they must be 100 percent productive before the County takes over from Alvin Chalmers. t'Hooft inquired about the possibility of a transfer site to serve both Cottage Grove and Creswell. Starr said it was proposed now to construct a transfer site in Cottage Grove and one in Creswell later. Having two separate sites would reduce energy consumption by individuals using the sites. Weinstein spoke against any more taxes or serial levies, and Rutherford inquired about the possibility of refunds to taxpayers who recycle garbage.

The public hearing was opened. Lieutenant No. 1, Sheriff's Department, spoke against use of the user fee because of anticipated increase in illegal dumping, disputes between collectors and the people using the sites, vandalism to the site equipment, etc.

Harry Joplin, Deadwood Community, spoke against having the serial levy cover a plant which might not be used. Rust inquired about having the

election in May instead of November. Starr said the problem with that would be that, if user fees are to be adopted, it would take longer than that date would allow for the planning. Rutherford said it would be important to keep informed about the operations of the resource recovery center right up to election time.

Tom Brandt, Marcola, stated his belief that people are being kept in the dark about the failure of the resource recovery center. He said that there is no recycling program, although there are many items being disposed of which contain valuable metals and other materials, which could create jobs in a recycling operation. He said that Project SORT was planned to fail, and that the Glenwood plant was a waste of money.

Dan Mayes, West 29th Place, Manager of Garbagio's, stated that they were serving over 500 households who are recycling. Markets for recycling, he said, were getting better all the time, and he estimated that about \$5,000 worth of recyclables are being covered up at landfills every month. He stated that recycling is cost-effective now, and cited a study on Rattlesnake Recycling. Rust inquired how he would go about changing the present system so as not to subsidize people's wasteful habits. Mayes suggested user fees, encouraging recycling, making recycling easier than dumping, and stated that people from other counties are consulting Garbagio's to design recycling systems. t'Hooft inquired about how Garbagio's is organized. Mayes said they had a volunteer board and 12 people who work in their center in sorting, who are paid. He stated one of the errors in Project SORT was that it was not connected with regular garbage collection. Garbagio's, he said, was saving the County money because their customers did not produce the amount of garbage that other garbage services did. Replying to questions, Mayes said that more groups should be working, that places were needed to process things, and that more innovation in the processing and more sites for it were needed. Rust requested that Mayes work up some of his comments in written form, showing how it would affect the financial plan.

The public hearing was continued to 7:30 the same evening. Commissioner Rust was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

2. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BUSINESS

- a. PUBLIC HEARING/Unzoned Properties in Siuslaw-Lake Creek Subarea at Mapleton High School

The Board Secretary presented a memo showing a conflict in time for this meeting. Rust moved to change the time from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the same date; Weinstein seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

- b. t'Hooft said that boat landings on the McKenzie were extremely tight to get into, and his assistant had looked into the matter of getting donated materials for widening them. The County would still be responsible for framing and for some labor, for which there is no money in the budget. Rutherford stated the same thing is true at Fern Ridge Reservoir. t'Hooft stated that the state is cooperative about

the project, but that about \$1,200 is needed besides the materials. Owings said that they could investigate the matter.

3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

a. REPORT BACK/Services and Practices of the Well Testing Program in Environmental Health (Continued)

*b. APPROVAL/Setting Salaries for Miscellaneous Nonclassified "04," "09," "08".

The General Administrator pointed out that action on some of these increases would need to be initiated or approved by the Budget Committee. He suggested that this could be done in October at the next regular meeting of the Committee. This procedure was approved by consensus.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (No business)

5. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (No business)

6. ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION

a. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION/Auction Ordinance

Bill Bain, Assessment and Taxation, stated that there was no objection from local auctioneers, except that they would like to be included in the writing of the ordinance. Rutherford moved that the County Counsel and the Office of Taxation be directed to construct an ordinance of this kind. Rust seconded; all voted aye and the motion carried.

7. COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES (No business)

8. DISTRICT ATTORNEY (No business)

9. EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (No business)

10. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

a. DISCUSSION AND ACTION/Project SORT

Rust moved to postpone this item to next week, since he was obliged to leave the meeting; Rutherford seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

b. SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING DATE/Amendment to Willamette-Lang Ton Subarea Plan (in "Industrial Triangle")

t'Hooft moved to set the date of this hearing for November 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Junction City Grange Hall. Freeman seconded; all voted aye and the motion carried. Rutherford asked that long-range requirements be reviewed, as well as costs of services outside of city services. t'Hooft and Rutherford both asked that notification be given of a possible exception to the AG zoning. Van Vactor stated that this is a change in the Plan to conform to the zoning.

c. REPORT/Citizens' Involvement Program, LCDC Report

This report was canceled, due to the postponement of the Board's joint meeting with LCDC September 20.

11. FINANCE

a. APPROVAL/Authorization to Receive National Forest Receipts

After presentation by James Schneider, Department of Finance, Rutherford moved that the Director of Finance be authorized to sign an agreement to refund to the State of Oregon, within 10 days' notice from the state, any overpayment of national forest receipts which might result from discrepancies between estimated and actual disbursements received by Lane County on or about October 1, 1979. t'Hooft seconded; all voted aye and the motion carried.

b. ORDER 79-9-12-1 Tax Levy for the Bonded Indebtedness of River Road Park and Recreation District

Rutherford moved to levy \$16,000 in additional property tax, which would be used for the payment of principal and interest coming due in Fiscal Year 79-80, for the River Road Park and Recreation District Bond Retirement Fund. Freeman seconded; all voted aye and the motion carried.

12. GENERAL SERVICES (No business)

13. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (No business)

14. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION (No business)

15. JUVENILE DEPARTMENT (No business)

16. LEGAL MATTERS

a. DISCUSSION AND ACTION/Temporary Closure and Vacation of Jenkins Road

t'Hooft said he would recommend holding a public hearing. Legal Counsel William Van Vactor stated that there was a request for Dale Fischer to have his attorney, Vern Gleaves, speak on the subject. Gleaves mentioned the extra expense and stoppage of traffic if fill is taken from the state property instead of from the road bed of Jenkins Road. George Price later confirmed the extra expense, saying that the County has an agreement with the state to borrow fill on the condition of doing some restoration, which would cost about \$7,800. Freeman questioned whether it would be all right to close Jenkins Road and excavate it, and then follow the proceedings to vacate. Van Vactor stated that there would be a possibility of invalidating vacation proceedings if the road were already excavated, since that would imply an administrative decision to vacate without going through the required legal procedure of notice, public hearing and so on. t'Hooft stated that he could see liability running to the County, whichever procedure was used. Freeman moved to concur with staff recommendation that Jenkins Road not be vacated at this time; t'Hooft seconded.

There was discussion about when 22nd Avenue would be open, and Freeman stated that he had talked with the foreman, who said the completion date would be October 31. On the question, Freeman and t'Hooft voted aye; Rutherford and Weinstein voted no; the motion failed. Rutherford moved that Judkins Road be used as a borrow site and that the contractor be authorized to do so; Weinstein seconded. On the question, Rutherford and Weinstein voted aye; Freeman and t'Hooft voted no; so the motion failed. Cleaves stated that Mr. Price is obligated to carry out the duties covered by the Order of July 24, 1979, and he read the Order. Van Vactor stated that the Order was still in effect and that Mr. Price could tell the contractor where to get the fill material. After further discussion, George Price asked for a final decision and stated that he did not want to be liable. General Administrator Morgan explained that he would have no problem, since he had refused to accept the liability and had not been given direction and support by the Board of Commissioners because of the split vote. No further action was taken, so the previous Order of July 24, 1979, remained in force.

17. PUBLIC LANDS

- a. APPROVAL/ORDER 79-9-12-2 Granting an Easement to Junction City Water Control District Over County-Owned Land

Rutherford moved approval; t'Hooft seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Chairman Freeman adjourned the meeting.

Reba Charles
Recording Secretary to the Board