

April 16, 1990
7:00 p.m.

LANE COUNTY
BUDGET COMMITTEE

Harris Hall
Main Floor

Vice-Chair Rob Scherer presided with Peter Bartell, Steve Cornacchia, Jami Counard, Ellie Dumdi, Rob Laney, Jack Roberts, Bill Rogers and Jerry Rust present. Karsten Rasmussen excused.

1. Call to Order

Scherer called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes of December 12, 1989, and April 9, 1990.

MOTION: Rogers MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 9-0.

3. PUBLIC HEARING 1990-91 PROPOSED BUDGET

Scherer opened the Public Hearing.

Curt Mitchell, P. O. Box 38, Lorane, commented that the projections are much too optimistic and the difference cannot be made up in taxes. He commented that there are storm clouds on the horizon and it is time to put the cap on the budget. He suggested that the committee adopt \$400,000 in cuts, not hire the 20 employees that are projected and offer early retirement. He stated that there seems to be no long-term planning being done. Rogers asked if Mitchell had identified the employees that were to be cut and Mitchell stated that he would try. Roberts asked about the \$400,000 in cuts and what Mitchell would suggest cutting. Mitchell stated that he will let the Board decide.

Allen Miller, 1251 Brookside Drive, commented that the local and state Veterans Service Offices brought in \$18 million in 1986 and \$20,343,090 in 1988 for an investment of \$50,000 for the first two years and \$60,000 for the last year. This organization brings money back into the County for a nominal fee. The Veterans Service Office needs space as there is currently a lack of privacy. Secondly, a vehicle is needed to transport and do the service work of this office. Thirdly, there is a confusion of rules under federal, state and county.

Clint Heath, Links Hollow Road, Creswell, commented in favor of the Veterans Service Office and the need for more space to assure privacy for the clients. Financing is needed as the service officers and secretary are the lowest paid in the State of Oregon. Personal vehicles cannot be used for the outreach program and a vehicle is needed.

Kate Davis, 2176 Agate Street, asked that the Board include funding for 30 additional families in the shelter network as part of this budget.

Bernie Presler, 36037 Highway 58, Pleasant Hill, commented that she was a member of the Highway 58 Safety Committee and that she appreciates being

part of the Goshen project and is appreciative of the County Sheriff's Office for providing law enforcement to make the highway area safer. She stated that needs had been submitted to the Public Roads Committee to help make the area safer. She commented that she hoped to have more improvement on Highway 58 and encouraged the Board to continue to work with the State Highway Department for a safe area. Rogers commented that this will be discussed on May 16 at the Hearing on the CIP.

There being no one else present to testify, Scherer closed the Public Hearing.

4. In the Matter of Setting a Salary for the Central Lane Justice of the Peace

Johnson presented this item to the Budget Committee and stated that it would be necessary for this committee to ratify the salary of \$30,000 which was set by the Board. Rogers asked why this Justice was not on the salary schedule. Johnson stated that this Justice was different from the others and does not fit on the schedule. Laney commented that the salary for the Central Lane Justice would have been \$35,153 though the Board determined that \$30,000 would be sufficient. This seems to create a discrepancy. Roberts agreed. Laney asked what had happened to the compensation board and Johnson stated that it had been passed by the Board and he was looking for citizens interested in serving on the compensation board, but that only three had applied to date. He stated that timing does not allow the compensation board to help with this particular position. Cornacchia stated that the salary had been picked arbitrarily and that the Budget committee could add the salary into the discussion. This argument could be factored in. Johnson stated that the position was advertised at \$30,000 and the market had responded. Dumdi stated that it could be reviewed next year. Roberts commented that some logical consistency should be maintained regarding salaries. Rogers asked Johnson if the County had advertised for office assistants prior to raising their salary by 26 percent last year.

MOTION: To adopt the order. Rogers MOVED, Laney SECONDED. VOTE: 9-0

5. MAY CALENDAR

Drivas discussed the new calendar. Rogers commented that he would not be available on the 21st of May. Laney commented that he would not be able to attend on this Tuesday or next Tuesday and suggested a trade. Dumdi commented that she could not attend Tuesday. Bartell cannot attend on May 7, Roberts will leave early on May 14. Drivas stated that it would appear that the full committee could proceed as scheduled. Subcommittees will decide their meeting nights separately.

6. Data Processing Enhancements/Alternatives

Drivas stated that this will be discussed in May.

7. Subcommittee Schedule

To be decided by each individual subcommittee.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Judy Haldeman
Recording Secretary