

MINUTES & NOTICE OF BOARD ACTION

LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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Pursuant to notice made by mailing agendas to news media, a selected list of jurisdictions and individuals in Lane County, a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was held.

Questions should be directed to The Board Office Specialist 3, ext. 4203.

May 15, 1990
8:30 a.m.

WORK SESSION
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners'
Conference Room

Vice-Chair Jerry Rust presided with Steve Cornacchia, Ellie Dumdi and Jack Roberts present. Bill Rogers excused. Judy Haldeman, Recording Secretary.

1. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There will be one item of Emergency Business.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Eisler, 88613 Nelson Mountain Road, Walton, commented on the road improvement project on Nelson Mountain Road. He stated that a larger bridge is being considered for logging trucks carrying old growth logs and only one unit of old growth remains on Nelson Mountain Road. He asked what the long-range plans of the County were and what the needs were for this project.

Hilde Cherry, 87 Rockridge, commented that she was upset about the cutting of trees along River Road and stated that this was not a good way to plan a city. She suggested that large trees in the city be preserved as a valuable resource.

Tim Hermach, 490 Park Street, commented regarding the removal of the Forest Voice from the lobby of the Courthouse and stated that the County should help in finding real solutions to real problems, encourage an open dialogue and recognize that there is more than one side to an issue.

SaraLyn Brooks-O'Connor, 1062 Main Street, Springfield, highlighted the need for housing in Springfield for the homeless and offered her support for the package being considered today from Health and Human Services.

Deborah Marshall, 2665 Onyx, Opportunity Shelter Program Manager, commented that the 61 families which have been served by the Opportunity Shelter this year need our help.

Jeanne Casey, Catholic Community Services, asked the Board to continue funding of the shelter system at its present level and stated that the County should not get caught short this fall.

Kevin Hayden, 3088 West 15th Street, commented in favor of the housing plan and stated that the Opportunity Shelter is receiving the overflow from Women's Space. He encouraged the Chambers of Commerce to help with the homeless problem and suggested that credit checks be eliminated on these people.

Nancy English, 2530 Fairmount, At Risk Coordinator at Whiteaker Elementary School, commented that Whiteaker is trying to provide a safe, secure and hopeful environment for the children from the Opportunity Shelter and those who are homeless. She invited the Board to visit Whiteaker to see what the school is accomplishing.

Clayton Walker, 3485 West 1st Street, encouraged action on behalf of the homeless and asked the Board to include the private sector in the process.

Fran Gillespie, 1041 North Park, commented about the temporary banning of the Forest Voice from the lobby of the Courthouse. She stated that the County should look at planetary maintenance and survival and not just short-term profit.

Bill Blair, 350 Pearl Street, commented on the need for an air ambulance for Lane County.

David Fidangué, 1675 Willamette Street, commented in favor of a free speech rack in the vicinity of the Information Booth. He encouraged the Board to foster free speech.

3. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

To be held later in the meeting.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION as per ORS 192.660

To be held later in the meeting.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

a. Announcements

None.

- b. DISCUSSION/Written Policy for Printed Material Available to the Public at the Harris Hall Information Desk and Elsewhere

Jim Johnson, County Administrator, commented that a written policy would be helpful on this issue. He suggested that there could be a table or rack in the lobby area for material or the Board could decide to limit pamphlets to those produced by government agencies. Rust commented that Rogers had requested that this item be postponed until he could be present for the discussion.

MOTION: To table this item until Rogers can participate in the discussion. Cornacchia MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 3-1, Rust dissenting.

- c. DISCUSSION/Organizational/Financing Alternatives of Homeless and Affordable Housing Plan

Johnson stated that there are three companion Board Agenda Items that deal with affordable housing and homelessness on the Agenda today. Board discussion on April 10 gave direction to look at a scaled back program that would focus on the combined resources of the cities and the County for specific projects within the framework of the task force recommendations. The memorandum presented outlines 1) one-time allocations and available resources and 2) on-going funds and available resources (see material on file). The memorandum also lists staff priorities for the program: 1) Family Shelter House rehabilitation and expansion; 2) emergency shelter operational support; 3) new construction possibilities for low-income families; 4) leveraging activities and 5) general administration. Johnson suggested that there be a Housing Policy Board established consisting of one County Commissioner, one City Counselor from Eugene and one from Springfield, two outside or business representatives and two ex-officio members (one from a housing development corporation and one from a social service non-profit).

Cornacchia commented that he had thought that the cities would be on board prior to any implementation of the plan. Johnson stated that this recommendation was an implementation of Board direction, not a recommendation to begin to allocate funds. Johnson suggested that the elected officials work directly with each other on this plan. Roberts suggested that the County present, to the other jurisdictions, the specific programs discussed here for their response; that the cities match the \$750,000 contributed by the County; and that a policy board be established with predominately public participation. Johnson commented that he would envision the policy board making a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners rather than making decisions independently.

Cornacchia commented that there was no rural representation spelled out in this program and Dumdi suggested that there be a representative of the small cities on the housing policy board.

Roberts commented that it was not intended to exclude the small cities, but that realistically, the problem is urban and the board should be kept at a workable size. Dumdi suggested that a representative from the mayors of the small cities could serve in an ex-officio capacity on the policy board.

MOTION: To agree to allocate \$750,000 to the Housing Fund contingent upon that amount being matched by the cities of Eugene and Springfield, to create a policy board to operate in accordance with the flow chart provided, contingent on agreement with the participating cities and referring this to the Budget Committee. Roberts MOVED, Cornacchia SECONDED. Dumdi commented that she was reluctant to take reserve funds for this purpose, but that she will support this motion. Rust commented that there was a good effort from the task force and commented that this problem is one that apparently must be handled at the local level as Congress and state government have other priorities. Johnson summarized that discussions will be held with the cities of Eugene and Springfield and an intergovernmental agreement will be drafted and come back to the Board for approval prior to expenditure of any money unless the Board states otherwise. VOTE: 4-0. Roberts will meet with the City of Eugene, Cornacchia will meet with the City of Springfield and Dumdi will meet with the small city mayors after a packet has been prepared which will explain the concept of this proposed housing partnership.

d. DISCUSSION/Rehabilitation and Expansion Options for Family Shelter House

Chris Todis, Executive Director of the Housing Authority and Community Services Agency (HACSA), stated that one of the first priorities at the Family Shelter House is the condition of the unit and HACSA is at the point where direction is needed on hiring an architect. Don Williams, Community Services Director for HACSA, commented that there are three options for the rehabilitation of the Family Shelter House and that this is a very lean proposal. Johnson recommended that the Board direct that this project proceed and that it is a high priority. Cornacchia commented that he is concerned about consulting the cities prior to making a decision on this portion of the package and Johnson commented that timing is a factor with this item. Roberts suggested that the architects fees be approved by the Board to get the process going.

MOTION: To authorize \$8,000 for architectural services for construction of 6 units at Family Shelter House (rear addition). Roberts MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0. Cornacchia stated that the business community can occasionally get things done cheaper and commented that he was interested in getting the maximum number of roofs possible. Williams stated that timing would be a factor in this construction as these units will be occupied; therefore, the work must be done between tenants. Todis stated that an analysis

could be provided to the Board with a cost comparison of outside contractors and HACSA staff for this construction. Cornacchia asked for a breakdown of costs on offices, meeting rooms and common areas, also.

e. DISCUSSION/Emergency Shelter Service Recommendation for FY 1990-91

Rob Rockstroh, Director of Health and Human Services, commented that some of the package designed for next year is contingent upon getting Family Shelter House rehabilitated. Shelter programs will continue to be necessary, as there are not many new housing starts and there are still high numbers of people who are homeless. He stated that his program is child driven given the limited amounts of money available. The Board discussed the cost of operating the Opportunity Shelter and concluded that the costs were too high to continue this program at this facility.

MOTION: To include the elements of this Emergency Shelter Service recommendation with the package being submitted to the cities next week. Cornacchia MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

This meeting recessed at 10:06 a.m. to reconvene at 10:20 a.m.

6. PUBLIC WORKS

a. RESOLUTION AND ORDER 90-5-15-1/In the Matter of Designating May 20-26, 1990 as Public Works Week in Lane County

Sue Pierce, Senior Administrative Analyst, presented this item to the Board. She stated that the Eugene Zone open house will be May 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Florence Zone will be open on May 23, as well.

MOTION: Approval. Cornacchia MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

b. DISCUSSION/Public Works Five-Year Capital Improvement Program

John Goodson, Public Works Director, presented this item to the Board and stated that the total amount of the Capital Improvement Program for FY 90-91 is \$18,370,000 (see material on file). Tom Stinchfield, Transportation Planning Engineer, commented that there were a few changes for the last year of this five-year program: 1) Harlow Road Overpass at I-5; 2) Laura Street; 3) South 2nd Street; 4) a section of Marcola Road from Wendling Road to Mohawk Loop; and 5) Lorane Highway from Chambers to Bailey Hill. He stated that there will also be some spot improvements on Lower Deadwood Creek Road. There were two short projects added following the Public Hearing last year: 1) a short section of Fox Hollow Road in FY 93-94 and 2) a section of Bailey Hill Road between Bertelsen and Gimpl Hill. Dumdi asked if anything was going to be done about the intersection of Bertelsen and Bailey Hill and Stinchfield stated that the intersection is in City

of Eugene control, but the staff recommendation to the Roads Advisory Committee (RAC) was that the County work with the city on removal of a fir tree there and to ask the city to review the design issues at the intersection.

Stinchfield mentioned the projects which involve the State Highway Division and some of the cities: 1) Harlow Overpass; 2) Delta/Beltline Interchange project environmental impact statement and final plans; 3) Highway 58 circulation improvements from Goshen to Immigrant Road; 4) Highway 99 and 5) McKenzie Highway intersection projects. Stinchfield stated that the bridge program has been revised to reflect the Board action of last fall and that the overall funding level for the five-year program has increased approximately \$400,000 over last year.

Cornacchia asked for a discussion on Leo Harris Drive. Johnson stated that a meeting was set up with City of Eugene design staff and the University of Oregon and they have been working together on Leo Harris Drive. Stinchfield commented that it could cost roughly \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. Cornacchia stated that he believed that the Pioneer Parkway Extension needs to come off of the Development List and that discussion should be held with residents and engineers regarding West D Street. He stated that there was an urban design being proposed for Hayden Bridge Road between 5th and 19th and that many of the properties here are near the roadway. He would like the Board to continue to be involved in the design and Public Hearing process on this road and on West D.

Dumdi asked to have Hall Road and Cantrell Road considered for the Development List and Rust asked to have a response from Public Works at the Public Hearing tomorrow.

Roberts asked about sewer trenching in the River Road area and the assessment to the property owners. He suggested that the County assume the responsibility for the road repairs to lessen the burden to the residents for sewer conversions.

Rust asked about the cost of Fox Hollow from Christensen to Owl Road and Stinchfield stated that it was \$250,000 projected for FY 93-94. Rust requested the accident information on Enterprise Road for the Public Hearing on Wednesday. Stinchfield stated that there is a Work Session planned on Enterprise Road for the Board.

Jim Gilroy, Mayor of Cottage Grove, commented on the gravel road fund which was proposed previously and commented that his City Council recommended that the County release the money to the cities and let them decide what the money should be spent on or use RAC as a forum.

Ollie Snowden, County Engineer, commented that public cost should be considered with this sewer issue and stated that there may be a public cost benefit to having the County award the overlay contract.

Cornacchia stated that the concern in River Road is greater than the gravel road project and that he would not advocate for both.

7. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- a. ORDER 90-5-15-2/In the Matter of Accepting an Inter-governmental Agreement with Cities in Lane County; Delegating Authority to the County Administrator to Sign the Agreement; Appropriating an Additional \$6,628 in Revenues and Expenditures for the Forfeiture Attorney Position in the District Attorney's Office; and Establishing a New 1.0 FTE Deputy District Attorney IV

Doug Harclerod, District Attorney, presented this item to the Board and clarified that the cost would be \$6,628 for this year and \$56,000 for next year.

MOTION: Approval. Roberts MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY

- a. ORDER 90-5-15-3/In the Matter of Authorizing Installation of Utilities (Electrical Power & Phone) to the Forest Work Camp at the Alma Site

Ben Sunderland, Captain, presented this item to the Board.

MOTION: Approval. Roberts MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. Cornacchia commented that he appreciated the cost considerations in this proposal. VOTE: 4-0.

9. EMERGENCY BUSINESS

ORDER 90-5-15-4/In the Matter of Entering into an Agreement with Landslide Technology for Engineering Services for Repair of a Landslide Located at Mile Post 0.3 on Sweet Creek Road

MOTION: Approval. Cornacchia MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

3. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dumdi announced that there will be an informational meeting in Deadwood on May 22 at 10:00 a.m. regarding a Coordinated Resource Management Planning process to discuss natural resource management concerns affecting the watershed and the potential effects of individual forestry management plans. Dumdi suggested that Peter Thurston, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, attend this meeting. Johnson agreed that Thurston should attend the initial meeting.

Cornacchia announced that there will be a SAVE award on the Agenda Wednesday and he had concerns about the awards to Weich and Crooks.

Cornacchia would like more discussion of this on Wednesday in fairness to the employees.


Rust wished everyone a happy election day.

Rust announced that he would like to have a Public Hearing at some time in the future on the jet boat issue on the McKenzie River.

Rust announced that it was good to be back with the Board and thanked everyone for their support while he was in the hospital.

Bill Van Vactor, County Counsel, commented that the Land Use Board of Appeals is going before the Emergency Board on Friday to get \$8,000 so that they can continue to publish their opinions. Van Vactor would like to send a letter to Hill and Hosticka urging them to make that expenditure. The Board concurred that Van Vactor should sent the letter.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. for Executive Session.



Judy Haldeman
Recording Secretary