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May 23, 1990  
5:30 p.m.

LANE COUNTY  
BUDGET COMMITTEE

Harris Hall  
Main Floor

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

1. Rasmussen called the meeting to order.
2. Continued Deliberations
  - a. Fair Board

Steve McCulloch, Fair Board Manager, presented this item to the Committee. He stated that business was brisk at the ice rink and that an ice show and hockey tournament were scheduled for the Fair in August. Jack Ward, Fair Board member, stated that there had been two shows scheduled at the Livestock Arena last year and that 14 were scheduled for this year. Rust asked what the effect would be if the County approved half of the budget now and the other half as a supplemental budget later. McCulloch stated that this action would not help in the marketing efforts at the Fairgrounds and that competition was a serious issue. McCulloch commented that the Fair Board had included \$4,500 cash to the 4-H Fair and would provide personnel to help set it up and take it down.

MOTION: Approval of the base budget for Fund 20 and 21. Cornacchia MOVED, Rust SECONDED. MOTION: To amend previous motion to approve Fund 20 and 21 at 80 percent of the amounts reflected. Laney MOVED, Scherer SECONDED for discussion. Laney commented that he is convinced that there are problems after reading the Auditor's report and that some budgetary control needs to be exercised. Rasmussen commented that he shares the sentiment of Laney and stated that it is not responsible to vote on the entire budget given the concerns in the audit; and that he would like the issue brought back to the Commissioners and then to the Budget Committee. Bartel commented that the audit showed shocking management practices and that these can and should be addressed quickly. Scherer concurred that he was disturbed that the accounting controls had not been implemented.

Cornacchia commented that he could appreciate that the Budget Committee was feeling a lack of control over the operational portion of the Fairgrounds; however, withholding money was not an appropriate mechanism for expressing that frustration. Laney commented that this was an avenue to exercise budgetary oversight. Rogers commented that there are two separate issues and would urge defeat of this amendment. Roberts commented that the message from the lay members was that this should come back in six months and he asked what they would like to see in six months in order to approve the remainder of the budget. Rasmussen commented that he would like some sense that the Commissioners have talked with the Fair Board

and that problems have been addressed or solved as far as the accounting process. Rust urged the Committee to vote against the amendment and stated that he expected a plan to emerge within a few weeks to correct problems. Dumdi stated that the lay members express concerns that nothing will be done and she assured them that something will be done soon. Roberts commented that he is confident that steps will be taken to get the accounting problems under control and that the Fair Board is concerned, also. He commented that lay members would like to have an opportunity to review this in six months. VOTE on amended motion: 6-4 Cornacchia, Dumdi, Rogers and Rust dissenting. VOTE on main motion as amended: 7-3, Cornacchia, Dumdi and Rogers dissenting.

b. Remaining Budget Issues

MOTION: To increase dues to LRAPA by \$10,850. Dumdi MOVED, Rust SECONDED for discussion. VOTE: 7-3, Cornacchia, Rogers and Scherer dissenting.

MOTION: To include \$500,000 in the CIP for gravel roads. Cornacchia MOVED, Roberts SECONDED for one year. VOTE: 6-4, Bartel, Laney, Rogers and Rust dissenting.

MOTION: To adopt Parks Supervisor at \$36,941. Rust MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE: 6-4, Cornacchia, Rasmussen, Rogers and Scherer dissenting.

MOTION: To approve the dues reduction in General Expense at \$35,000. Scherer MOVED. Motion dies for lack of a second.

MOTION: Approval of \$25,000 for Veterans Services. Rust MOVED, Cornacchia SECONDED. VOTE: 5-5, Counard, Dumdi, Rasmussen, Rogers and Scherer dissenting. Motion fails.

MOTION: To approve Food for Lane County grant of \$50,000 to help purchase food. Cornacchia MOVED, Rust SECONDED. Rust asked Steve Manela, Senior Program Services Coordinator, to help oversee this by taking a look at their books prior to the transfer and after the transfer. VOTE: 8-2, Roberts and Rogers dissenting.

MOTION: To reduce level of assistance to Metro Partnership to \$35,000. Bartel MOVED, Rust SECONDED for discussion. Bartel commented that the performance of the Metro Partnership has not been more than minimal and he is not convinced that there have been accomplishments. VOTE: 1-9. Motion fails.

MOTION: Approval of \$78,784 for Public Safety training package. Cornacchia MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. Rust suggested that there be a budget note on this item regarding interagency cooperation and consolidation. Scherer concurred that there should be coordination. Cornacchia stated that he would expect this to be a one-year program

with coordination as the goal and with a report on the progress.  
VOTE: 9-1, Rasmussen dissenting.

MOTION: To approve the Competency Group Coordinator and the Research and Development positions in Youth Services. Rust MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE: 9-1, Scherer dissenting.

Cornacchia commented that there are resources available from the Justice Courts to cover a salary increase for the East and West Lane Justices of the Peace. The Committee discussed the proposed compensation board and the class/comp study with regard to setting these salaries. No formal motion was made on this item though a vote was taken. VOTE: 3-7, Bartel, Counard, Dumdi, Laney, Rasmussen, Rust and Scherer dissenting. Motion fails.

MOTION: To approve the Office Automation enhancement in County Administration. Rogers MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE: 7-3, Cornacchia, Counard and Scherer dissenting.

MOTION: To approve the DP applications in Finance and Management. Rogers MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE: 8-2, Cornacchia and Scherer dissenting.

MOTION: To deny the \$85,000 for public assistance in Land Management. Cornacchia MOVED. Motion dies for lack of a second.

MOTION: To approve one staff person for Land Management. Rust MOVED, Bartel SECONDED. VOTE: 2-8, Bartel and Rust assenting.

MOTION: To approve two staff persons for Land Management. Dumdi MOVED, Rogers SECONDED. Rogers commented that there is a waiting period developing in Land Management. VOTE: 6-4, Cornacchia, Counard, Rasmussen and Scherer dissenting.

MOTION: To approve \$750,000 for the homeless housing program. Cornacchia MOVED, Rust SECONDED. VOTE: 8-2, Laney and Rogers dissenting.

MOTION: To approve the technical adjustment for the Springfield Health Clinic and two nursing supervisors. Cornacchia MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE: 9-1, Scherer dissenting.

MOTION: To approve a technical adjustment in Youth Services removing \$67,000 in revenue from anticipated sales of dp services. Cornacchia MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE: 10-0.

MOTION: To transfer \$35,000 accounting clerk from Solid Waste to the Road Fund. Cornacchia MOVED, Rust SECONDED. VOTE: 10-0.

MOTION: To recommend the Lane County Budget Committee actions in totality to the Board of County Commissioners for action. Cornacchia MOVED, Counard SECONDED. VOTE: 10-0.