

October 3, 1990  
5:15 p.m.

LANE COUNTY  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Harris Hall  
Main Floor

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

- 1. Approval of Minutes of July 23, 1990.

MOTION: Approval. Roberts MOVED, Rogers SECONDED. VOTE: 8-0.

- 2. Facilities Project

Jef Faw, Director of Finance and Management, presented a video to the Committee regarding the condition of the HVAC system in the Courthouse. He distributed material to the Committee for discussion at a later date (see material on file). Scherer and Rasmussen requested a tour of the facility. Margo Drivas, Assistant County Administrator, will set the tour and contact Committee members.

- 3. PUBLIC HEARING: Supplemental Budget #1 1990-91

Drivas introduced the items to be covered by this Supplemental Budget and stated that the primary purpose is to propose additions to the Fairgrounds budget (see material on file).

Rasmussen opened the Public Hearing. There being no one present to testify, Rasmussen closed the Public Hearing.

Scherer commented that the expenditure summary on page 3 did not add up to the total. Drivas stated that the M&S figure should be reduced by \$1,186; the M&S total should be \$21,198. Scherer stated that he had called Jones and Roth and was satisfied with the answers he had received regarding the Fairgrounds. Laney stated that his contacts had confirmed that things were progressing well at the Fairgrounds.

MOTION: Approval of Supplemental Budget #1 with the noted correction in the summary figures. Roberts MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 10-0.

- 4. Report from Elected Officials Compensation Board

Drivas commented that the Compensation Board was composed of five members and had met four times over the summer. The Compensation Board has forwarded three recommendations to the Budget Committee: 1) to place the Sheriff and the Assessor on a particular step and range with the addition of a five percent increase as of July 1, 1990, and an increase similar to that of other County employees over the next two years; 2) to place the Justices of the Peace at range 25, step 2 and allowing them to reach step 7 at the conclusion of their first elected term; and 3) to raise the

compensation for the Board of Commissioners to \$45,000 on January 1, 1992, with a review prior to November 1992. Drivas stated that the Budget Committee must make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners regarding the elected officials. Jim Johnson, County Administrator, thanked Louise Bilheimer, Jeff Lynn, Chuck Kosinski, John Peterson and Tom Wildish for their time and effort in serving on this Compensation Board.

Cornacchia commented that employees needed a merit evaluation to advance through the steps and wondered why elected officials should start at step 4. Scherer stated that step 4 was a compromise in the subcommittee; he would support step 1. Roberts stated that he did not agree with steps for the elected officials and suggested a salary be set for them. Bartel agreed with Roberts and added that he would support a cost of living increase for the elected officials. Laney stated that the range and step system was used to keep the elected officials in line with the other department heads. Rust stated that he is troubled by the bottom line and that he is looking to freeze salaries in the organization.

MOTION: Approval of the recommendation for the Justices of the Peace at \$30,000 effective 7-1-90. Roberts MOVED, Cornacchia SECONDED. MOTION: To amend the motion to make it effective 1-1-91. Scherer MOVED, Laney SECONDED. VOTE on amended motion. 4-6, Cornacchia, Rogers, Rust and Scherer in favor. Motion fails. VOTE on main motion: 9-1, Scherer dissenting.

MOTION: To reject the recommendation on the Sheriff and the Assessor at step 7 with a five percent increase as of 7-1-90. Rust MOVED, Cornacchia SECONDED. Roberts stated that he could sympathize with the motion, but would support the recommendation. He stated that this is an attempt to compensate positions at what they are worth and stated that it was important that these positions keep up on an annual basis. VOTE: 3-7, Cornacchia, Rust and Scherer in favor. Motion fails. MOTION: To pass the five percent increase for this year retroactive to 7-1-90 for the Sheriff and the Assessor. Roberts MOVED, Bartel SECONDED. VOTE: 6-4, Cornacchia, Dumdi, Rust and Scherer dissenting.

Cornacchia stated that he could not support a seven percent increase for the Board of Commissioners when he did not support a five percent increase for employees. Bartel commented that, given the revenue projections, it is important to have the higher compensation for the Board.

MOTION: Approval of the recommendation for the Board of Commissioners' salaries. Rogers MOVED, Laney SECONDED. MOTION: To amend the motion to increase the salaries by five percent on 1-1-92 rather than a seven point two percent increase over the then current salary. Scherer MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE on motion as amended: 5-5 Counard, Rasmussen, Roberts, Rust and Scherer in favor. Motion fails. Rogers stated that he would continue to advocate for a good salary as this is a job that requires the kind of talent that we should be reaching for. VOTE on main motion: 4-6, Bartel, Laney, Roberts and Rogers in favor. Motion fails.

## 5. General Updates

## a. Timber Receipts

Cornacchia stated that the receipts are at \$14.3 million at this point and that the final check should bring it up to between \$16 million and \$17 million. Cornacchia discussed the projections for next year given the spotted owl, etc.

## b. Ballot Measure 5

Drivas stated that the Legislative Committee was discussing this ballot measure, but that a County position had not been announced.

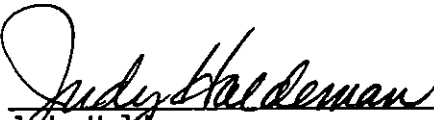
## c. Lane County Spending Limit

This item will be held over for discussion at the next meeting.

## d. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Lane County Budget Committee will be October 24, 1990, at 5:15 p.m.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

  
Judy Haldeman  
Recording Secretary