

April 15, 1991
7:00 p.m.

LANE COUNTY
BUDGET COMMITTEE

Harris Hall
Main Floor

PRESENT: Peter Bartel, Scott Bartlett, Steve Cornacchia, Ellie Dumdi, Marie Frazier, Ron Hanson, Rob Laney, Jack Roberts and Jerry Rust. Karsten Rasmussen excused.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roberts called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 1991.

MOTION: Approval. Frazier MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 9-0.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

MOTION: To nominate Peter Bartel for Vice-Chair. Bartlett MOVED, Laney SECONDED. VOTE: 9-0.

4. BUDGET MESSAGE

Jim Johnson, County Administrator, stated that there would be a significant service reduction in the base budget for the first time in his tenure and that there will be 25.5 FTE eliminated from the General Fund. The Budget Committee has established a spending limit for FY 91-92 of \$30,886,000. He stated that O & C timber receipts are approximately 50 percent of the discretionary revenue and will be reduced by \$1 million for FY 91-92 based on a 90 percent guarantee from federal legislation. The County remains cautious about actual predictions for future receipts from O & C and national forests. Johnson stated that the effects of Ballot Measure 5 are still uncertain, but estimates range from \$40,000 to \$350,000 in negative impact.

Johnson stated that Lane County is labor intensive and explained that labor costs are up seven percent, though personal services costs have been held to a slightly lower rate of increase than previously predicted. He commented that this budget follows the direction of the Budget Committee to significantly limit Discretionary General Fund spending by reducing personnel and services. Continued and deepened service disruption could occur for Lane County citizens if only the expenditure side of the budget is addressed; Lane County has nearly exhausted its ability to do more with less.

Johnson extended his appreciation to all of the County employees who have assisted in preparing this budget with special thanks to Nancy Cameron, David Garnick, Jack Lindstrom, Ann Simas, Word Processing staff, the Print Shop and Margo Drivas.

5. PUBLIC HEARING/Lane County FY 91-92 Budget

Bartell opened the Public Hearing.

Joan Rich, 2050 Madison Street, testified that she was a member of the Historic Resources Committee and that Committee efforts had been stalled for the past two years because of a lack of funding. She stated that there was money from the state historic preservation organization if there was a local match for those funds.

Kimberly Kauffman, 91740 Winnabago Street, testified that she was a member of Save Our Ecosystem and asked if there will be money for the predator control program for the coming year. She suggested that these funds be rerouted to non-lethal control to protect wildlife.

Ellen Knepper, 261 East 16th Street, testified that she was with Food for Lane County. She urged the Committee to fund the \$200,000 for the Intergovernmental Human Services Fund, as the need continues to grow.

Dorothy Sstrom, 3386 Loma Linda Drive, testified that she helps run the three Family Soup Kitchens and that the Soup Kitchens continue to feed 60-100 per night; the need is there.

Leslie Noxon, 3690 County Farm Road, testified in favor of the Historic Resources Committee. She stated that she was concerned that there was no ordinance to protect historic resources in Lane County and that there would be a significant loss if the houses on County Farm Road are torn down.

Wes Westphal, 88598 4th Avenue, Florence, testified that he was a realtor and a member of the West Lane Planning Commission. He commented that he was opposed to the reduction of the administrative technician position at the County Annex and urged the Board to reconsider cutting this position. He stated that Florence was a growing community with needs for septic and plan approvals on a daily basis.


Kevin Hayden, 2560 Augusta, testified in favor of historic preservation and encouraged the Committee to support the Family Soup Kitchens. He asked the Committee not to reduce mental health positions and encouraged it to fund at the front end and not at the back end.

There being no one else present who wished to testify, Bartel closed the Public Hearing.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE OPERATION

Cornacchia requested that members who cannot attend a particular subcommittee meeting be provided with thorough minutes of the proceedings to keep them up to date. Margo Drivas, Assistant County Administrator, responded that the analysts will do their best to brief the missing members, particularly on policy items.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Judy Haldeman
Recording Secretary