

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.

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April 3, 1991
Following HACSA

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Harris Hall
Main Floor

Chair Jack Roberts presided with Steve Cornacchia, Marie Frazier and Jerry Rust present. Ellie Dumdi excused. Judy Haldeman, Recording Secretary.

1. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Roberts announced that item 10. D. 1) will be pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Pinnell, 3370 Gardenia Way, commented that he would support the realignment of Clear Lake Road for better traffic flow and safety. He stated that there is no built-in buffer to accommodate future increases in traffic or to separate the through traffic from the lake traffic. He commented that the market may lose business if it is placed on a side street as proposed with the curve A design. The disadvantage to the realignment would be the view loss to the residents on Orchard Road.

Susan Applegate, 340 North Grand Street, commented in favor of the wildlife sanctuary proposal at Alton Baker Park. She stated that plants which prevent soil erosion have been eliminated along the Greenway.

David Wagner, 1445 Bond Lane, representative of the Eugene Natural History Society and the Emerald Chapter of the Native Plant Society, stated that he is a botanist who appreciates the wild parts of Oregon. He stated that some of the wildness that people use on a regular basis is near by and one of the most valuable areas for seeing wild plants is in the undeveloped parts of the parks. He stated that he has conducted wild flower walks in Alton Baker Park for 15 years and that work crews have cut down some of the natural vegetation. He stated that he is hoping to restore this area of the park to how it used to look.

Hilde Cherry, 87 Rockridge, pleaded for wildness in the greenways and parks.

Robert Clark, 494 West 10th Avenue, #306, commented in favor of the proposal to set aside a portion of Alton Baker Park for a nature sanctuary. He commented that he had once counted 300 trillium in the Hendricks Park area and a few years later the English ivy had choked out many of those plants. He asked for the protection of this small section of Alton Baker Park.

3. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

To be held at 10:40 a.m.

4. COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

PRESENTATION/Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) Certificate to Richard Charleston, Lane County Assistant County Veterans Service Officer

- a. Roberts read the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs letter to the Board regarding the completion of training by Richard Charleston.
- b. ORDER 91-4-3-1/In the Matter of Designating a Nature Sanctuary in the Alton Baker Park

Rust commented that it would guide our management of the park to protect this area. He stated that this sanctuary would not interfere with any plans currently being considered in the park and could be added to the list of assets in Lane County. Cornacchia asked if the creation of a sanctuary would have any impact on the bike path or on Pre's Trail as they run through the sanctuary. Rust stated that there would be no impact and it was not the intent to impose restrictions on this use. Cornacchia asked if the formation of a sanctuary would prevent any road projects in the future by the City of Eugene. Bill Van Vactor, County Counsel, stated that he did not know the legal significance of a sanctuary. Cornacchia commented that he would like to be assured that all parties are at the table and that a situation is not created where there can be no other development. Rust commented that the City of Eugene must come to the County if they wish to change the Master Plan for Alton Baker Park and this sanctuary is consistent with the Metro Plan.

Roberts asked what this sanctuary would do and Rust commented that it would create a higher standard for management and natural vegetation would be given a higher priority. Roberts commented that nature sanctuary was not defined. Wagner commented that the intent was to name this area to bring attention to what is already there. Bob Keefer, Parks Manager, stated that the parks division supports this nature sanctuary.

Rust commented that there seemed to be a concern about the City of Eugene's formal approval of this proposal. Cornacchia commented that the definition of sanctuary needs to come back to the Board and he stated that he is concerned that the public not be excluded from this area. He stated that he would support this idea if it is done right and existing trails are left intact. Roberts agreed that this was a good idea but he would like a clear idea of what nature sanctuary means. Frazier commented that she would like to have a definition of sanctuary and would like to know the results of talks with other parties. Rust will come back to the Board in one month after talking with the University of Oregon and the City of Eugene about the type of volunteer commitment that the County might be able to expect on an ongoing basis and a definition of sanctuary.

5. RESOLUTIONS

- a. RESOLUTION AND ORDER 91-4-3-2/In the Matter of Supporting April 7, 1991, as World Health Day - "Should Disaster Strike - Be Prepared!"

Rob Rockstroh, Director of Health and Human Services, presented this item and announced that there will be a joint press conference on Friday, April 5 with Public Safety and Health & Human Services for World Health Day. John Clague, Lieutenant, commented that the hospitals will be invited to the press conference on Friday. He stated that there will be a community-wide disaster exercise May 9th.

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

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION as per ORS 192.660

To be held at 1:30 p.m.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Standing Committee

- a. ORDER 91-4-3-3/In the Matter of Taking a Position on Legislative Bills Introduced During the 1991 Legislative Session

MOTION: To approve the recommendation of the Legislative Committee on all bills included in 7.a. Cornacchia MOVED, Roberts SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0. Cornacchia commented that HB2779 establishes a housing trust fund and the Committee would recommend support at a priority 1.

MOTION: To approve the recommendation of the Committee. Cornacchia MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. Roberts commented that the proponents of this bill say that it would be better target the relief to those who are most in need. VOTE: 4-0. Roberts commented that the Board should discuss the ability of the Legislature to constrain the County and recommended that the Board oppose the bill to allow a restaurant tax. MOTION: To oppose the restaurant tax proposal HB2949. Roberts

MOVED, Cornacchia SECONDED for discussion. Rust suggested that the County oppose this based on principle. VOTE: 4-0.
MOTION: Approval of the recommendations of the Legislative Committee. Cornacchia MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

Roberts reported on the meeting that was called by Dumdi regarding the cutbacks at the University of Oregon. He stated that it was learned that nothing can be done for this session and that the real issue is how to prevent the same thing occurring for next year. The Legislature must put an alternative revenue source on the ballot by May of 1992 in order to have a positive effect on the University next year. The group discussed trying to convince the Governor to form a task force or have a task force formed by AOC and LOC to look into the recommendation by local governments. He suggested that the Board request that AOC and LOC work on this approach. Cornacchia suggested that a letter be sent to LOC and AOC with a copy to Bonnie Hayes of the AOC Legislative Committee to request that this discussion be on the agenda for the joint meeting on April 22. The Board concurred.

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

a. Announcements

None.

b. ORDER 91-4-3-4/In the Matter of Establishing New Classifications and Appropriate Salary Ranges for Mental Health Supervisor and Family Mediation Program Manager and Abolishing the Classifications of Lead Mental Health Specialist and Family Mediation Coordinator

Jack Lindstrom, Management Analyst, presented this item to the Board. MOTION: Approval of the order. Cornacchia MOVED, Rust SECONDED. Roberts asked if there would be a reduction in the salary range for any future classifications and Cheryl McCawley, Personnel Analyst, commented that reductions were not expected. Roberts stated that he was concerned that this process is only one way--up. Roberts stated that the process is constantly reevaluating positions that are undercompensated, but does not address problems in the other direction. VOTE: 4-0.

c. ORDER 91-4-3-5/In the Matter of Proclaiming the week of April 7 through April 13 to be National County Government Week

Peter Thurston, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, presented this item to the Board. He stated that a newsletter and a video had been prepared to highlight what the County does for its citizens. Thurston suggested that copies of the video be distributed to libraries, Education Service Districts, community television and NACo. Roberts commented that the video was well done and Rust commented that it would be good to get this into the schools. MOTION: Approval of the staff recommendation to have 12 copies of

the video made for distribution. Rust MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0. MOTION: Approval of the production of 2,000 copies of the newsletter entitled "Lane County Government Today". Rust MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0. Rust commented that these were both good educational items which can be distributed at a modest expense and he thanked staff for the good work. MOTION: Approval of the resolution. Cornacchia MOVED, Rust SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0. A copy of the Lane County Atlas was presented to Cable 34 in appreciation of their work on the video.

This meeting recessed at 10:48 a.m. to reconvene at 11:00 a.m.

3. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frazier announced that she had a wonderful time in Washington DC last week.

Roberts commented that the Board had approved a process for setting up a task force or committee to deal with redistricting with the idea that there would be two at-large members and five individually appointed members. He asked that the individual appointees be on line by the end of the month and reported that Bob Moulton would be willing to be on the committee as an at-large member, but that Ann Aiken is too busy to serve. Emily Schue may be willing to serve on this committee.

Roberts commended Rust for successfully coming up with a plan that persuaded the University of Oregon to restore the Grateful Dead. He stated that he was an outspoken advocate of the initial decision made by the University of Oregon and he has not changed his mind about the problems that are associated with this concert, but the problems have been addressed appropriately by Rust and the group; therefore, he supports the decision to bring them back on a trial basis.

Rust announced that there will be a town hall meeting in Harris Hall on April 17, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. on this issue.

Cornacchia announced that the Board had received a letter from the McKenzie River Guides regarding the McKenzie River Enhancement Plan. They requested that Lane County be a member of the group with a \$500 contribution. Bob Spencer of McKenzie River Guides stated that this was the fourth year of the McKenzie River Enhancement Plan and that the group will maintain the facilities on the entire river this year. Cornacchia commented that he appreciated this effort and the participation of EWEB. MOTION: To direct the County Administrator to discuss with EWEB and the other appropriate parties the County's participation in the 1991 McKenzie River Enhancement Plan and authorize the expenditure of \$500 as the County's contribution to the Plan. Cornacchia MOVED, Rust SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

The following item was pulled from the Consent Calendar.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

D. Public Works

- 1) ORDER 91-4-3-9/In the Matter of Authorizing Lane County to Apply for an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Grant for Linslaw Park

Cornacchia explained that this was the authorization for the County to apply to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for a grant to further enhance and develop a boat ramp at Linslaw Park. He stated that he would like to reinforce the fact that there are other resources for the County to use in concert with user groups. Tom Moore, Past President of the Northwest Steelheaders and Regional Director of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders, commented that one concern to the association is the poor quality of access to the rivers in Lane County and statewide. He commented that there was money available from the federal government which is earmarked for fisheries enhancement and state dollars through the Restoration and Enhancement Board. He stated that user groups need government agencies to help access these funds and that a 25 percent match from local governments or user groups will get 75 percent from federal and state monies. Cornacchia stated that there was a commitment on the part of the Board to assist within the means available to facilitate as much money as possible into Lane County for this purpose. MOTION: Approval of this order. Cornacchia MOVED, Rust SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

9. PUBLIC WORKS

- a. FIRST READING AND SETTING SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING/Ordinance No. PA 997/In the Matter of Amending the Rural Comprehensive Plan from "Rural" to "Industrial" and rezoning from "RR-5" to "M-2" for Tax Lot 2000, Map 21-03-08, and Adopting a Savings and Severability Clause (PA 3938-90; Pacific Yurts/Blair) (Michael Copely) (Second Reading and Public Hearing: May 1, 1991, at 1:30 p.m., in Harris Hall Main Floor)

Roberts read the ordinance into the record. MOTION: Approval of the First Reading and setting Second Reading and Public Hearing for May 1, 1991, at 1:30 p.m. in Harris Hall. Cornacchia MOVED, Frazier SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes:

February 27, 1991, Regular Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
 February 28, 1991, Joint Meeting BCC/Fair Board, 12:00 p.m.
 March 5, 1991, Work Session, 9:00 a.m.

B. Health and Human Services

- 1) ORDER 91-4-3-6/In the Matter of Accepting a Revenue Contract with Sacred Heart General Hospital; and Delegating Authority to the County Administrator to Sign the Contract

C. Public Safety

- 1) ORDER 91-4-3-7/In the Matter of Establishing a Sergeant Position in the Department of Public Safety for the Inmate Road Crew Program and Transferring \$12,828 in Operational Reserves from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Public Safety in Fund 25, the General Road Fund
- 2) ORDER 91-4-3-8/In the Matter of Contracting with US West Communications and AT&T Communications for Inmate Telephone Service

D. Public Works

- 2) ORDER 91-4-3-10/In the Matter of Releasing and Dedicating Parcel "A" of the Subdivision of Lot 11 of Zepher Ridge Subdivision, Book 26, Page 9, of Lane County Oregon Plat Records, Being a Parcel of County-Owned Real Estate, as a County Road (18-02-29)
- 3) RESOLUTION AND ORDER 91-4-3-11/In the Matter of Setting a Public Hearing on the Proposed Surrender of a Portion of County Road No. 65 (Rhododendron Drive) to the City of Florence (Public Hearing: May 15, 1991, at 1:30 p.m. in Harris Hall Main Floor)

E. Youth Services

- 1) ORDER 91-4-3-12/In the Matter of Accepting Funds from the Oregon Community Children and Youth Services Commission

MOTION: Approval of the balance of the Consent Calendar. Rust MOVED, Cornacchia SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

11. EMERGENCY BUSINESS


None.

This meeting recessed at 11:32 a.m. for Executive Session to reconvene at 11:53 a.m.

Roberts explained that the Board has the authority to exclude the press from labor negotiation discussions and he asked if the Board felt that there was a reason pro or con to consider doing this. Rust stated that he could not think of a reason for excluding the press and Cornacchia agreed that he could not think of a reason for excluding them. Rust stated that the burden should be on those that wish to have the press excluded.

There will be an additional Executive Session at 1:30 p.m.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.


Judy Haldeman
Recording Secretary