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# 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.

December 23, 1991  
9:00 a.m.

BCC Interviews  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 42

Commissioners'  
Conference Room

Chair Jack Roberts presided with Steve Cornacchia, Ellie Dumdi and Jerry Rust present. Marie Frazier on speaker phone. Sharon Giles, Recording Secretary.

### 1. Interviews

With regard to procedure, Roberts asked the candidates to introduce themselves and explain why they want to be the representative. Then each Commissioner would ask one question which each candidate would answer. The candidates would then offer a summary, after which the Commissioners would have discussion and vote.

**Lee Beyer** - Beyer indicated he has a continuing interest in representing Springfield, having been involved in municipal government for 13 years and currently is still a member of the City Council. He stated his primary reason is that he is interested in issues currently before the legislature. He was not pleased with the legislature's handling of the aftermath of Ballot Measure 5. He also has a concern for education, kindergarten through higher education. Other issues of concern are affordable housing, young buyers being able to afford homes, and the availability of health care to everyone. He feels his experience in local government has put him in contact with citizens.

**Bill Kittredge** - Kittredge thinks Measure 5 is a reflection of the credence people give to government promises. He has mainly been involved in the Springfield Utility Board, and has also served on the Metro Wastewater Commission and the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Powerline Siting. He was involved in implementing cost controls and allowing public input in the utility. He believes this is also necessary in state government. He is also concerned with education and housing.

**Chris Matson** - Matson stated that he shares Kittredge's concerns regarding criticism of government. He is currently chair of the Metro Wastewater

**Question from Jerry Rust for each candidate:**

What are your top issues with respect to jobs and economic development?

**Response from Lee Beyer** - Beyer felt there needs to be more encouragement of industrial groupings and state investment in small companies. The governor needs to let it be known that Oregon is open for business and that there should be more marketing, such as agriculture has done. He thinks work needs to be continued on secondary, value added, wood products industries.

**Response from Randy Rawson** - Rawson said the recession has hit hard in Oregon. He said emphasis needs to be put on small businesses. He also felt more emphasis needs to be put on retraining the unemployed for specific jobs.

**Response from Chris Matson** - Matson feels that the government cannot solve all problems, but needs to provide the right environment for business locations and help provide infrastructure. He is not happy with economic development from the lottery. He feels job training is important and that small business needs to be stimulated. Time for planning is over - now is time for action.

**Response from Bill Kittredge** - Kittredge says the standard of living has been dropping since 1973. Old solutions, such as cutting the discount rate, don't work. He stated there are no financial incentives for investment. He feels small businesses are over-regulated and face too many expenses, such as problems with SAIF.

**First Question from Steve Cornacchia for each candidate:**

1. Regarding Regional Strategies: Should it be eliminated and those dollars used to fund schools instead?

**Response from Randy Rawson** - Rawson stated that he has not seen much success in the Regional Strategies program. He feels people are dissatisfied with it. He thinks that it should be disbanded at this time and given to schools.

**Response from Lee Beyer** - Beyer commented that the lottery cannot be changed easily, as it was enacted as part of our Constitution, so it would require a vote of the public. Legislature would need to refer a constitutional amendment to the public. He stated that the problem is that the lottery does not involve that many dollars and it's not very much to spread around to schools, so it is not the answer to meet schools' budget shortfalls. Also, it is not a stable funding source. He feels that lottery dollars are best spent on construction projects. He is frustrated by the State's administration of the Regional Strategies program. His bottom line is that he thinks the

dollars should be used for infrastructure improvement and that it has a place in economic development, but that it is not working well.

**Response from Bill Kittredge** - Kittredge said the success of Regional Strategies has been to create jobs in the public sector. He says that is a problem. He is not supportive of the lottery. He doesn't see that it has done any good.

**Response from Chris Matson** - Matson noted that last year's lottery revenue was almost even with higher education's budget shortfall. He feels that the idea of financing higher education through gambling sends a bad message to youth. He said that the concept of Regional Strategies is good. He thinks that five-year planning is sufficient due to changes in economic climate. He does not think that using the money for schools will solve the problem. He favors retaining Regional Strategies awhile. He expects lottery revenues to decline with economy, so they should not be used in a budget.

**Second Question from Steve Cornacchia for each candidate:**

2. How do you view the issue of secondary lands? What should the legislature do in the next session?

**Response from Randy Rawson** - Rawson doesn't care for LCDC. He has seen nothing positive. He thinks the state legislature should look at flexibility for homeowner.

**Response from Lee Beyer** - Beyer supports defining secondary lands. He thinks that statewide goals make sense and has seen benefits to land use planning. He feels uncontrolled growth creates problems. He commented that a balance is needed, especially on marginal lands.

**Response from Bill Kittredge** - Kittredge feels that if LCDC fails to come forward with the mandated definitions, then the legislature must do so. He thinks things have drug on too long.

**Response from Chris Matson** - Matson said he is generally supportive of LCDC goals and policies. He commented that he only has recent knowledge of secondary lands issue. LCDC needs to come up with some clear definitions.

**Question from Jack Roberts for each candidate:**

Simple question: If you were serving in the next session of the Oregon Legislature, are you willing to commit to make your best effort to participate fully in breakfast sessions with local government officials?

**Response from Beyer** - yes.

**Response from Kittredge** - yes.

Response from Matson - yes.

Response from Rawson - yes.

**Summary from Randy Rawson** - Rawson stated that he is a native Oregonian who has lived in Springfield for seven years. He said he wants to represent the citizens of Springfield because they need someone with perseverance, values and flexibility.

**Summary from Chris Matson** - Matson commented that he feels all the candidates are qualified and willing to serve. He said that if he is selected he will be happy to serve.

**Summary from Bill Kittredge** - Kittredge said that the status quo is not working. He feels he has a record of creative solutions that have been successfully implemented. He stated that the state is in a crisis. He commented that during his membership on the Springfield Utility Board, overhead has been reduced almost 38% while services have been maintained and increased.

**Summary from Lee Beyer** - Beyer indicated that he has a demonstrated willingness to serve, has knowledge of government on all levels and a track record of working with people. He said the common problem at all levels of government is credibility, and he feels Springfield has been successful in dealing with that.

This meeting recessed at 11:02 a.m. to reconvene at 11:12 a.m.

The Commissioners deliberated as follows:

Cornacchia stated that he appreciated Randy Rawson's willingness to come forth among the stiff competition for this position and said he hoped Rawson would continue to move forward in public service. Cornacchia commented that he has worked with the other three candidates on various issues. He said he is impressed with Beyer's ability to work with people and, while he felt it was hard to choose, he stated that he must take into account Beyer's experience and ability to keep his head in a variety of situations. He said that he felt Kittredge's style, thinking and determination were most closely related to his own. He said that Springfield would be well served by all four, but felt that Beyer is the best person to fill the position at this particular time.

Dumdi thanked all the candidates for their efforts and agreed with many of Cornacchia's comments. She said she had been associated with Beyer in various activities for years and felt that he is the best candidate. She stated that she hoped the other three candidates would continue to contribute to the community.

Frazier also thanked each for being willing to get involved and serve the community. She stated that she feels Beyer has an understanding of the

people he represents and would be casting her vote for him. She said she felt the other candidates have wonderful potential.

Rust said he echoes the other Commissioners' statements. He said he felt Rawson needed more seasoning and that Kittredge was on the cutting edge and had a lot to offer with his intensity. He stated he would support any Motion that included Matson, Kittredge or Beyer.

Roberts thanked the Democratic Central Committee for offering such good candidates. He said the other commissioners had covered the four candidates well. He said he felt Beyer was the outstanding candidate and would be a strong member of the Lane County delegation. He encouraged the other candidates to continue their interest.

ORDER 91-12-23-1/In the Matter of Appointing a Replacement to Senate Seat 42.

MOTION: To appoint Lee Beyer as the District 42 Representative to the House of Representatives. Dumdi MOVED, Cornacchia SECONDED. The Board was polled, all members signifying by saying "aye". VOTE: 5-0.

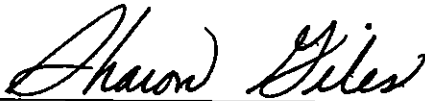
2. Emergency Business

ORDER 91-12-23-2/In the Matter of Ratifying the Attached Agreement Between Lane County, the Sheriff and the Lane County Peace Officers' Association.

Jim Johnson reported that the vote on the matter was 144-3.

MOTION: To approve the LCPOA Agreement. Rust MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. following Executive Session.

  
 Sharon Giles  
 Recording Secretary