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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.

July 2, 1991
9:00 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners'
Conference Room

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

1. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Biggs, 601 Country Club Road, #141, commented on Alton Baker Park and asked if the County had been coordinating with the City of Eugene on the ornamental gardens proposed by Eugene.

Michelle Frankfort, 307 1/2 East 14th, commented on the 4th of July Parade. She stated that it was wrong to celebrate death and destruction and announced that Peace Works was planning an event at the Federal Building during the parade.

Pennie Mumm, Willamette Nature Center, commented that she would support a nature preserve at Alton Baker Park.

John Hubbard, 341 Van Buren, representing NEDCo, commented in favor of item 7. c. on the Agenda regarding a low-income development in Eugene.

3. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

To be held at 10:40 a.m.

4. COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

- a. DISCUSSION/Inviting Reactions and Comments Toward Designating a Nature Sanctuary in Alton Baker Park

Rust commented that he had prepared a letter for the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to sign regarding the intention of the sanctuary. He stated that this sanctuary would not affect the ornamental garden or the golf course project and does not change the master plan for the park. Roberts asked if the majority of the Board was willing to go forward with this project and Cornacchia, Dumdi and Rust commented that they were. Roberts asked to have the word "defined" replaced with "designated". MOTION: Approval of sending a letter to Eugene, Springfield and the University of Oregon as amended. Rust MOVED, Cornacchia SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0.

- b. DISCUSSION/Mid-Term County Administrator's Performance Review

Roberts stated that he had received written comments about the County Administrator from Steve Carmichael and Jef Faw.

Dumdi stated that Jim Johnson, County Administrator, had worked hard to develop better management strategies and to improve the financial situation for the County. She stated that she was concerned about his difficulties in dealing with unpleasant situations, but that overall he was doing an exemplary job as spokesperson for the County.

Rust stated that he did not believe that there was direction needed for Johnson at this time. He commented that finances will continue to dominate and he would like to have Johnson focus on finances with a plan for the General Fund and other funds by the end of the year.

Frazier stated that she would rate Johnson a five or successful overall. She stated that he exceeded expectations for his image to the public and that improvement was needed in budgeting; more implementation was needed with regard to the budget.

Cornacchia stated that he would rate Johnson as the best possible administrator in 13 of the 15 areas listed on the evaluation sheet. He stated that he was concerned about Johnson's lack of assertiveness in his management of the departments; two in particular. He stated that he has seen Johnson move forward with his work plan and commented that success is measured by the lack of problems. Cornacchia commented that the Board of Commissioners is part of the budget team and should assume part of the responsibility and blame for the budget. He stated that he has confidence in the County Administrator and feels that the County has been well served by Johnson.

Roberts stated that Johnson had lost some County focus when he was being considered for the position at EWEB, but that it was a tribute to the County to have someone as qualified as Johnson. He stated that the process for hiring the Human Resources Director had been exemplary and the budget process had been successful; the County was spending less money. He commented that the management team Johnson created was a good idea and that he would rate him a nine.

Johnson thanked the Board for the comments and the constructive criticism. He stated that he was proud of the fact that the majority of the items on his work plan had been accomplished or were well on their way to being accomplished. He stated that department directors and staff help him to do his job and that financial planning will be his focus for the next six months.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION as per ORS 192.660

To be held later in the meeting.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Standing Committee

a. ORDER 91-7-2-1/In the Matter of Taking a Position on Legislative Bills Introduced During the 1991 Legislative Session

Cornacchia thanked Marcia Morgan, Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator, for her hard work this past few months and stated that he had heard many positive comments about her performance. He commented that he was disappointed that the franchise on public utilities was pocketed; that the Secondary Lands issue was reduced to partisan wrangling over minutia; that school financing, homelessness and long-term financial retooling were not dealt with or were lost in the shuffle. He stated that the Lane County staff efforts were top flight and Lane County was being heard.

Dumdi commented that she would support the sentiments of Cornacchia. She stated that counties have been left out of the equation because they have not been visible and that Morgan had given Lane County visibility in a positive way.

Morgan commented that the gas tax was resurrected, the Justice Court was left intact, video poker is up in the air, the Department of Environmental Quality will be responsible for doing the cleanup of illegal drug labs, there will be a change in the way information is published in the newspapers which will be a cost savings for the County and there were three County bills which made it through the process. She stated that the details will be available in a report at a later date.

Johnson reported that there would be a debriefing with the Legislative Committee in August regarding the process and the computer system used.

Roberts commented that, overall, the County did well in this Legislative session. He stated that the Legislature did not meet the expectations of the Board in addressing school funding. He stated that the County cannot sit back and wait any longer for the state to take the first stab at the revenue picture, given the timber situation. He stated that the County was well-represented in Salem with Morgan and commented that nonpartisan representation has worked.

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

a. Announcements

Johnson had no announcement. Roberts commented that the order numbers that are listed on the Agenda should be 91-7-2 rather than 91-7-3.

b. ORDER 91-7-2-2/In the Matter of Returning the FY/89 and FY/90 PILOT Payments to the Housing Authority and Community Services Agency of Lane County

Jim McCoy, Community Development Coordinator, presented this item to the Board. He stated that Lane County had entered into an intergovernmental agreement in 1990 with the City of Eugene, City of Springfield and the Housing Authority to establish the Housing Policy Board. Each jurisdiction agreed to consider the return of payments in lieu of taxes for the use of the Housing Policy Board. He stated that Eugene and Springfield had already returned their PILOT payments to the Housing Policy Board for FY 89. The total Lane County PILOT amount is \$6,112.20 for FY 89 and 90. The Board discussed whether it should return the amount for both years or just for FY 89.

MOTION: To return \$6112.20 to the Housing Authority and Community Services Agency to be used for low income housing development pursuant to the intergovernmental agreement. Rust MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0.

c. ORDER 91-7-2-3/In the Matter of Designating the Use of \$60,000 of Lane County Road Funds for the Construction of a Road and Related Services as Part of a Low-Income Development in Eugene, Oregon

Roberts commented that this was a project that was identified by NEDCo (Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation) and approval is recommended by the Housing Policy Board. MOTION: Approval. Cornacchia MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 4-1, Frazier dissenting.

- d. ORDER 91-7-2-4/In the Matter of Awarding a Contract to the Eugene-Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau for Year 3 Implementation of the Lane County Tourism Marketing Plan

Nancy Cameron, Management Analyst, presented this item to the Board. She announced that there will be a joint meeting with the Board and the Tourism Council in August to discuss Special Projects. Cameron introduced Linda Van Orden, Kathy Rutter and Linda Weston from the Eugene/Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau. Rutter stated that she was optimistic about the role of tourism as there had been increases even with the economic downturn.

Rust commented that this was generally a very good program, but suggested that the ESCVB get a good slogan to build the campaign on. Cornacchia commented that he would support a one year renewal, but that he was alarmed by the trends and the increase in the staff and administration of this program. He stated that he would not support further staff increases until the program is larger and the results are greater.

Weston commented that the rate of increase for the CVB has flattened out somewhat, but growth has plummeted throughout the nation. MOTION: Approval of awarding the contract to the CVB. Dumdi MOVED, Rust SECOND. VOTE: 5-0.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Minutes: June 12, 1991, Regular Meeting, 9:00 a. m.

B. Health and Human Services

- 1) ORDER 91-7-2-5/In the Matter of Delegating Authority to the County Administrator to Sign a Subcontract with the Lane County Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #144 Program for Fiscal Year 1991/93 in the Amount of \$175,000
- 2) ORDER 91-7-2-6/In the Matter of Accepting an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon Child Development and Rehabilitation Center, Oregon Health Sciences University; and Delegating Authority to the County Administrator to Sign the Agreement for Public Health Services in the Department of Health and Human Services

C. Public Safety

- 1) ORDER 91-7-2-7/In the Matter of Approving an OLCC License Renewal for Chester Lee Leonard dba: Coder's Corner Market, Elmira
- 2) ORDER 91-7-2-8/In the Matter of Authorizing Law Enforcement Agreement with Weyerhaeuser Company

- 3) ORDER 91-7-2-9/In the Matter of Authorizing Personal Services Agreement with John V. Allcott, MD, for Physician's Services at Lane County Jail
- 4) ORDER 91-7-2-10/In the Matter of Authorizing Award of Bid CP 90/91-13 for Construction Purchase of Forest Work Camp, Alma, Oregon, Bid Package #5, Septic System Waste Leaching Field

D. Public Works

- 1) ORDER 91-7-2-11/In the Matter of Awarding a Contract for Purchase of Geogrid Reinforcement and Authorizing the County Administrator to Execute the Contract

MOTION: Approval of the Consent Calendar. Frazier MOVED, Cornacchia SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0.

9. EMERGENCY BUSINESS

None.

3. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dumdi announced that she had written a letter to the Water Resources Board which was signed by Roberts in support of water being conserved in the Spencer Creek area.

Dumdi announced that she had received a request for snapshots of the Board of Commissioners for a collage being created by the Women for Agriculture display at the County Fair.

Dumdi announced that she had spoken at the Girl's State convention at the EMU ballroom last week.

Rust announced that he and Roberts had met with the Friends of the Museum. The Friends will prepare a short-term and a long-term plan for the Museum which may include a relationship with the Fairgrounds. The car rental tax and the transient room tax were discussed with no encouragement.

Frazier announced that she, Bill Sage, Kent Howe and a representative from EWEB had taken a trip down the McKenzie River yesterday in preparation for the riparian zone discussion which the Board will have at a later date. She stated that approximately 40 people had attended the meeting at the Leaburg Community Center last Wednesday on the riparian zone.

Frazier announced that she had met last Thursday with Roger McGuckin, Tom Lanfear and George Currin regarding the Federal Emergency Management Association regulations.

Roberts commented on the retirement of Thurgood Marshall as Supreme Court Justice. He stated that his time on the Supreme Court was a footnote to what was already an historic career. Marshall traveled throughout the country as the Chief Counsel for the Legal Defense Fund of the NAACP in the 1940s and 50s to challenge discriminatory laws. This culminated in Brown v. the Board of Education in 1954 which outlawed segregation in public schools.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.


Judy Haldeman
Recording Secretary