

Lane County Budget Committee Meeting  
Thursday, May 9, 1991  
5:20 -7:00 p.m.

SUMMARY

Present: Karsten Rasmussen, Chair; Ron Hanson and Rob Laney, citizen members; Commissioners Jack Roberts, Steve Cornacchia, Jerry Rust, and Marie Frazier. Citizen member Scott Bartlett arrived at the beginning of the HHS discussion.

Absent: Citizen member Peter Bartel, and Commissioner Ellie Dumdi.

Staff Present: Jim Johnson, County Administrator; Margo Drivas, Assistant County Administrator; Jack Lindstrom and Nancy Cameron, Management Analysts; Steve Carmichael, Youth Services Director and his staff; Rob Rockstroh, Health and Human Services Director and his staff.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

2. Timber Revenue Update: Commissioner Cornacchia reported on today's ruling by Judge Frye's, turning aside the plaintiff's (environmentalists) request for summary judgement. If the ruling had been for the plaintiff, it would have virtually stopped all sales. As handed down, the case now proceeds to trial on the merits.

3. YOUTH SERVICES GENERAL FUND (24) PROGRAMS

A. Overview: Jack Lindstrom gave a brief overview of the proposed budget for the department (see attached). The overview included mention of two reductions totalling 1.22 FTE, both in Administration.

B. Department Presentation: Steve Carmichael began by discussing the reductions. He stated that they selected their reductions based on the guidance they received in the last budget process, i.e. reduce Administration before direct service programs. Carmichael presented material addressing concerns raised earlier this week by the Board regarding the research and development position that was added last year. Commissioner Cornacchia expressed disappointment that the position had not generated the revenue that he believed it should have (the cost of the position + additional \$). Carmichael believed that grant money might be arriving in the near future. The process had been delayed due to the impact of Ballot Measure 5. Commissioner Roberts and Rob Laney stated that their recollection of the approval of the position last year was that it could not "pay for itself" because of restrictions that were inherent in grants. Commissioner Rust stated that he would like to see the position bring more "local community" dollars in to support Youth Services operations. Commissioner Cornacchia restated his interest in reducing support positions in the future.

The Committee voted to recommend approval of the Proposed Budget, 7-0.

C. County Administrator Jim Johnson raised two other issues to see if the Committee had an interest in receiving additional information.

a. Electronic Surveillance equipment

Youth Services had originally proposed an ADD package to acquire 4 electronic bracelets to continue a pilot program. Public Safety is currently loaning them the equipment, and providing the computer monitoring of the signals.

Because of a potential agreement with the Bureau of Prisons, Public Safety has now notified Youth Services that it will not have available bracelets. The purchase of four bracelets is estimated to be \$5,100 for one-time Capital Outlay. Commissioner Frazier believed a side issue to be resolved was the use of civilian monitors for the surveillance equipment rather than using sworn officers. The Committee stated that they could not make any decisions without additional information. The County Administrator agreed to have the necessary information prepared. [This topic will be scheduled for May 20th.]

b. Contract with the City of Eugene for \$20,000.

Youth Services anticipated the continuation of a contract with the City of Eugene for \$20,000. Youth crews perform clean up work in city parks for a fee, the proceeds of which are used to pay victim restitution.

Only \$10,000 is currently available in the City's proposed budget. The balance of the funds may be appropriate for use of SB1065 revenue. The County is required by the legislation "to consult" with the cities about the expenditure of these funds. The County Administrator will return to either the Committee or the Board with a proposal in the near future.

4. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

A. Nancy Cameron presented a staff overview of the proposed budget. The Committee agreed to postpone discussion of Fund 85 until the May 16 General Expense topic.

Rob Rockstroh gave an overview of the individual reduction packages and agreed that state funding will most likely be high enough to restore many, if not all, of the cuts.

Commissioner Rust moved tentative acceptance of Fund 24 base budget as proposed. Second by Commissioner Cornacchia. Passed 8-0.

B. The Committee discussed the individual reduction packages.

Commissioner Frazier moved to add back the .6 FTE office assistant for the Oakridge clinic. Second by Commissioner Cornacchia. Passed 8-0.

The Committee gave general direction to the department that if state funding levels will restore the ADO Program and the Mental Health Crisis Services reductions, that a request for restoring should be brought forward. Some Committee members expressed acceptance of the administrative services and environmental health reductions as proposed, but would be willing to listen to a department proposal for restoration in the future.

- C. The Committee discussed the add package for the programming support to rewrite the billing system.

Commissioner Rust moved that the add be authorized and funded out of the "opportunity fund". Second by Commissioner Cornacchia. Passed 8-0.

- D. Commissioner Roberts moved acceptance of Fund 26 Library Services proposed budget. Second by Commissioner Rust. Passed 8-0.

Jack Lindstrom and Nancy Cameron, Recorders