

# 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.

November 21, 1991  
1:30 p.m.

BCC INTERVIEWS  
SENATE SEAT 21

Commissioners'  
Conference Room

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

1:30 P.M. - REPRESENTATIVE BILL DWYER

**Bill Dwyer**

Dwyer presented the Board with a brief summary of his interests and accomplishments in the legislature (see material on file). In response to questions from Dumdi, Dwyer stated that he would have recaptured \$22 million for Lane County with his bill if it had been acted upon by the legislature. He stated that he had a good chance of being on the Agriculture and Water Committee and that he would advocate preservation of the family farm. Rust asked Dwyer to comment on higher education and Dwyer responded that higher education was critical and that no long-range plans had been created for growth. He would hold the universities fiscally responsible and would support a sports action lottery bill for sports. Frazier asked Dwyer what his top priorities would be as a senator and he responded that he would support an equitable tax policy for the state; he had concerns about displaced timber workers and the need for family wage jobs. Cornacchia asked why Reuschlein and Beyer would be good choices and Dwyer stated that Beyer was a moderate person who reaches for the middle ground and Reuschlein, though intelligent, would have a lot to learn about the system. Cornacchia asked Dwyer about the allegation that timber was being cut prematurely and sent overseas. Dwyer commented that this amounted to selling the future for short-term gain and suggested that the severance tax be tripled for timber under 40 years of age. In response to a question from Cornacchia regarding secondary lands, Dwyer said that this was a sensitive issue, that progress was being made toward resolving the conflicts and that there was room to grow while protecting the resource base. He stated that he would not favor an urban reserve at this time. Dwyer commented that he would promote his bill to cap industrial and commercial accounts at 3 percent and homeowner accounts at 1.5 percent with a surcharge on income above \$90,000 as a means of providing revenue to the state. Roberts asked Dwyer if he would continue to attend the local intergovernmental

meetings and Dwyer responded that he would and that he supported the County priority that it would accept no mandates without funding. Cornacchia asked about the Pioneer Parkway extension and Dwyer stated that he would like to get the neighbors involved, suggested that there may be long-term community benefits and stated that he would work for state funding on this extension. Dwyer commented that he is not planning on changing his style, that he will remain open and accessible, resolving problems as they come.

2:30 P.M. - BOB REUSCHLEIN

### Bob Reuschlein

Reuschlein presented the Board with a biographical history of his interests and accomplishments. Dumdi asked Reuschlein about his position on bills which support agriculture and he stated that he supported a compromise on the field burning issue and would like to see new products developed. Dumdi asked about water issues which are being faced by the state and Reuschlein commented that he had studied 100 years of precipitation and concluded that rain will come back in the next decade and that his knowledge of long-term water trends would be useful in the Senate. In response to a question from Dumdi regarding solutions to Ballot Measure 5, Reuschlein advocated a partial or full reversal of the ballot measure. Rust asked about the role of higher education in Oregon and what solutions there might be for funding sports. Reuschlein stated that there is public support for elementary, secondary and community colleges and that it was harder to get higher education on the list. He stated that he was open minded with regard to sports funding and suggested that the public would rather cut programs. In response to a comment from Rust regarding peace economics, Reuschlein commented that more military spending means less economic growth; he tied economics to the weather cycle, as well. Frazier asked for Reuschlein's top two or three priorities and he responded that revenue issues, Ballot Measure 5, prison reforms and transportation were priorities for him. He stated that governments should provide schools, opportunities, a safety net system, protect workers' rights and provide health care. He suggested that government stay out of the way of business except to provide infrastructure. Cornacchia asked why Dwyer and Beyer would make good senators and Reuschlein stated that Dwyer has experience and Beyer has business connections. Cornacchia asked about the age of the trees being cut on private lands and if that was a concern to Reuschlein. Reuschlein stated that he would like to see a restriction of exports and that he is concerned about cutting younger trees. Reuschlein stated that there may be appropriate uses for secondary lands and that he would support income tax as an alternative revenue source along with reversal of Ballot Measure 5. Roberts asked Reuschlein if he would participate in the breakfasts for the Lane County delegation and if he supported the position regarding no further mandates from the state without funding. Reuschlein stated that he would attend the breakfasts and that it was reasonable to expect funding to accompany mandates. He stated that he would focus on the pork barrel, infrastructure and transportation. Cornacchia asked about the Pioneer Parkway extension and Reuschlein stated that this may serve the community as a whole though he is more interested in a 30-30 connector.

3:30 P.M. - LEE BEYER

Lee Beyer

Beyer explained his interest in and qualifications for this position. He stated that Dwyer would be a good choice as he had been a good representative and has earned the right to serve. He stated that Reuschlein had good intellect, a broad scope and commitment to the community. Cornacchia asked Beyer about his feelings on cutting young timber and exporting logs off private lands. Beyer stated that he is opposed to the export of logs and suggested that tax advantages be withdrawn if young timber is sold. Regarding secondary lands, Beyer stated that he was an advocate of land use planning and of confining growth to the urban areas. He stated that the issue of secondary lands is worth pursuing. Beyer stated that his personal choice for an alternative revenue source would be one that the public would support. Dumdi asked Beyer how he would deal with agriculture and water issues for the state. Beyer stated that he was not up to speed on water rights; he suggested that the statewide policy on agriculture needed to be supported. Beyer suggested a reduction in some services to deal with the effects of Ballot Measure 5 and stated that more revenue was needed to fund higher education adequately. He stated that salaries must keep pace with other states and that he would support athletics. Frazier asked about his top two or three priorities and Beyer stated that resolving the government finance issue is the top priority, with educational quality second and housing third. Beyer stated that he would attend the breakfasts for the Lane County delegation and would support the priority of no mandates without funding when asked about these issues by Roberts. He stated that he did not have enough information to comment on urban reserve areas. Roberts asked about the expansion of Pioneer Parkway and Beyer commented that there was no need to build this road in the near future.

There being no further business, these interviews adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

  
Judy Haldeman  
Recording Secretary