

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.

February 18, 1992
9:00 a.m.

WORK SESSION
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners'
Conference Room

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

1. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Howe, 396 Talamino Drive, Cottage Grove, commented on Agenda item 4.a. regarding Oregon Hardwoods and asked the Board to endorse the grant proposal.

3. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

To be held at 10:40 a.m.

4. COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

- a. DISCUSSION/Letter of Support for a Grant Proposal for Oregon Wood Products Competitiveness Corporation Grant.

Peter Thurston, Community and Economic Development Coordinator, presented this item to the Board. Lane County can play a role in keeping the network alive between private industry and potential service providers when it is not in the best interests of private industry to do so. MOTION: Approval of support letter for the grant proposal for Oregon Wood Products - Competitive Corporation Grant. Roberts MOVED, Frazier SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

b. DISCUSSION/Legal Counsel Evaluation.

Roberts stated that he had submitted a written evaluation of Bill Van Vactor. He stated that Van Vactor had done a good job of providing creative solutions to problems faced by the County and that he appreciated Van Vactor's ability to distinguish between policy and legal issues. He would like to see Van Vactor take more opportunities to be a spokesperson for the County.

Cornacchia stated that he was supportive and appreciative of the efforts of Van Vactor and thanked him for his service to Lane County. Frazier stated that the County is well-served with Van Vactor and that she appreciated the work that he does.

Dumdi concurred with the rest of the Board that Van Vactor was doing a great job and added that she appreciated his work on the Clear Lake Watershed. She stated that there had been excellent comments from other staff as well. Van Vactor stated that he enjoyed working for Lane County Government and praised the hard work of everyone in his office. He suggested that he receive a cost-of-living increase only, if it is given to other employees; though he would prefer receiving a merit increase, rather than a COLA.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION as per ORS 192.660

None.

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

a. Announcements

None.

b. DISCUSSION/Financing Options, Courthouse HVAC Project.

Jim Johnson, County Administrator, and Jef Faw, Director of Finance and Management, presented this item to the Board. Cornacchia commented that he was uncomfortable making this decision in a vacuum and that he would like this issue placed before the appropriate body for a comprehensive discussion and/or analysis. Dumdi agreed that this should be done as a whole rather than piecemeal. Roberts stated that he would approve of borrowing the money if the County has a long-term financial plan; he suggested that this be folded into a Budget Committee discussion. Johnson stated that it may be appropriate to give direction to Faw to prepare an interfund loan Agenda item for RIS; the Board concurred. Frazier commented that RIS has \$105,000 in reserve for future years and wondered if that money could be used to offset part of the loan. Johnson will explore this possibility.

- c. DISCUSSION/In the Matter of Approving Submission of Assessment and Taxation Budget to the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Margo Drivas, Assistant County Administrator, reported that the County would submit information about the Assessment and Taxation budget, the Board of Equalization base budget, the reduction list for Assessment and Taxation and risk assessment. Cornacchia commented that there was a section in the statute which allows the County to make an argument to the Department of Revenue that the County cannot meet their requirements. He stated that there is a section in the Administrative Rules which allows the Assessor to propose a computer enhanced program for appraisals. He commented that neither of these seemed to have been taken into account in preparing this year's budget and he was not ready to approve this base budget prior to having a discussion with the Board. Drivas mentioned that there had been some preliminary discussions with the Department of Revenue. Jim Gangle, Assessor, stated that there was a computer program being used for personal property and residential property, but that it takes six years to build the data base. Johnson stated that acceptance of the recommendation to approve the base budgets and the reduction package will trigger discussions with the Department of Revenue. Roberts suggested that the order be modified to delete the third paragraph regarding compliance. Frazier asked Gangle about the end result of hiring three appraisers last year and Gangle stated that a better job had been done, though no extra work was accomplished.

- d. STATUS REPORT/Computer Architecture Work Group and Discussion Cost Allocation Study.

Rob Rockstroh, Director of Health and Human Services, presented this item to the Board. He, John Clague and David Suchart responded to questions from the Board and stated that computer decisions cannot be made without the cost factors which will come from this study. Johnson recommended that Lane County's share of the cost of this study be \$3,000 from CAO Opportunity Fund, \$8,000 from BCC Contingency Fund and \$4,000 from other Lane County departments. MOTION: To approve a contract for \$30,000 with Coopers & Lybrand with \$15,000 from Lane County, \$10,000 from the City of Eugene and \$5,000 from RIS. Roberts MOVED, Cornacchia SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0. Johnson stated that Mike Gleason, City Manager, was concerned about the RIS partnership. Johnson felt that there should be some policy direction from the Board in the near future. Clague suggested that these issues be discussed when the consultant's report is done. Cornacchia added that he would like some discussion of city use of the jail and fees, as well.

3. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roberts announced that he had testified before the Legislative Committee last week; they do not want the County to cut appraisers or go out for exotic revenue sources, such as an income tax.


Dumdi announced that there will be a press conference at 11:00 a.m. regarding the Lane Leadership Alliance presented by the area high schools. The Lane Leadership Alliance is geared toward community service projects and high school projects.

Dumdi announced that she had received a letter from a constituent congratulating the Board for the way a Public Hearing had been conducted, but suggesting that the microphones be used to a greater degree by some Commissioners.

Dumdi announced that the Board was invited to the breakfast at the Logging Convention at 7:30 a.m. Thursday.

Dumdi announced that there had been a meeting last evening at the Extension Service regarding the forestry agent position.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to reconvene at 11:30 a.m. for a joint meeting with the Fair Board.


Judy Hardeman
Recording Secretary

February 18, 1992
11:30 a.m.

JOINT BCC/FAIR BOARD
MEETING

Commissioners'
Conference Room

PRESENT: Chair Ellie Dumdi presided with Commissioners Steve Cornacchia, Marie Frazier and Jack Roberts present. Jerry Rust excused. Chair Star Wood presided for the Fair Board with Guy Di Torrice, Pat Hansen and Sid Voorhees present. Emerson Hamilton excused. STAFF: Jim Johnson, Teresa Wilson, Steve McCulloch and Vern Thompson present.

1. Expectations, Roles and Responsibilities of Fair Board Members

Roberts commented that the Fair Board is doing a good job of focusing on the issues which need to be developed fiscally and a good job of responding to the complaints of the users and neighbors. He stated that there had been progress with the livestock arena and that there was a new working relationship with the user groups. He added that public appearance was important; the credibility of Lane County is involved with actions of the Fair Board.

Cornacchia stated that there have been fruitful efforts made in the last three months, particularly with the horse barn. He stated that he continues to have faith in this Fair Board and thanked it for responding to the policy direction given by the Board of Commissioners. He suggested that the Fair Board members read the neighborhood newsletters.

Frazier restated the importance of open communication with the Board of Commissioners and the need to continue to have issues addressed constructively.

Dumdi encouraged the Fair Board to use advisory groups for the various areas of the fairgrounds; she wants people to feel involved and a part of the fairgrounds.

Wood stated that she appreciated the positive comments from the Board of Commissioners and stated that communication was important to her, as well.

Voorhees commented that each Fair Board member had been assigned a Commissioner to communicate with and that communication was the key. Hansen stated that the Fair Board had scheduled a retreat to clarify its roles. Hansen also stated that this is a proactive Board. Di Torrice stated that he is interested in finding ways to help people use the fairgrounds and in getting the fairgrounds off the front page of the newspaper. He asked the Board of Commissioners to let the Fair Board know if it has concerns about the fairgrounds and suggested that the Fair Board handle problems, when possible.

2. Master Plan/Parking Lot

McCulloch commented that Thompson was in charge of operations and that McCulloch was in charge of master planning at the fairgrounds. Voorhees stated that the dealings with the neighborhood associations had been

positive and that there had been discussions about holding up parking lot improvements until the master planning process was completed. McCulloch commented that neighbors were bothered by the 4H auction, the logging conference and the paging system for the livestock building and that these problems are being addressed. The Board of Commissioners and the Fair Board discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (see material on file). MOTION: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Westside Neighborhood Quality Project, the Jefferson Area Neighbors, the Lane County Fair Board and the Lane County Board of Commissioners. Roberts MOVED, Cornacchia SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0. Roberts suggested that Chair Dumdi be added to the list of signatures on the Memorandum of Understanding. MOTION: To approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the additional signature line. Voorhees MOVED, Di Torrice SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

McCulloch commented that the specs for the master plan are with County Counsel and the Fair Board should be ready to select a firm to proceed with the master plan within 30 days. Roberts commented that there was no representation for the Historical Museum on the master plan. McCulloch stated that this would be discussed at the next Fair Board meeting.

3. Livestock Arena and Results of Meetings with User Groups

Wood stated that there has been a "can do" attitude on the part of staff with regard to learning about the livestock arena, that this is a long-term commitment and will continue to go forward. Dumdi reported that the Celebrate Ag committee was moving forward and expanding for next year.

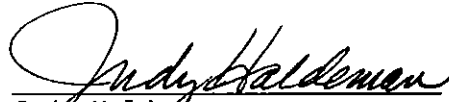
4. Other Business

Cornacchia noted that he had suggested in the past that more garbage cans be placed on the midway next to the lines for the rides. Roberts commented on the effects of the Americans With Disabilities Act and stated that people are anxious to get going on the improvements to the restrooms. The Fair Board is working on this issue, as well. Frazier commented that she is impressed with the strides of the Fair Board in working together and getting things done. Dumdi mentioned that she had received some phone calls over the years from groups who have applied to participate during the Fair and that she was concerned with the number of businesses being turned away. Wood stated that the Fair Board needed to address each one separately and consider a possible lottery system or some fair way to decide.

Voorhees thanked the Board of Commissioners for the recent appointment of Guy Di Torrice and reappointment of Star Wood and stated that the job description for the assistant manager was well written. He stated that Vern Thompson gives the Fair Board the information that it needs and is patient and trustworthy.

Dumdi and Wood will decide when the next joint meeting between the Board of Commissioners and the Fair Board will be held; approximately three months.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.


Judy Haldeman
Recording Secretary