

# MINUTES & NOTICE OF BOARD ACTION

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## 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.

June 23, 1992  
1:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners'  
Conference Room

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

### 9. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

### 10. HUMAN RESOURCES

- a. REPORT BACK/In the Matter of Directing the Department of Human Resources to Conduct a Comprehensive Compensation Survey and Analysis Utilizing the Services of a Qualified Consulting Firm to Assist the Human Resources Department Staff and Delegating Authority to the County Administrator to Engage a Qualified Consulting Firm in an Amount not to Exceed \$15,000.

Jim Johnson, County Administrator, presented this item on behalf of George Russell. He reported that a meeting was held with some of the union leadership and it was agreed not to conduct a joint study. MOTION: Approval of the Order. Roberts MOVED, Rust SECONDED. VOTE: 3-1, Cornacchia dissenting. Frazier absent during vote.

### 11. PUBLIC WORKS

- a. DISCUSSION/Building Permit Backlog.

Jacqlyn Mikalonis, Senior Administrative Analyst in Land Management, introduced this item, indicating that a temporary plans examiner had been hired to help alleviate the backlog but he was leaving soon. Roger McGuckin, Building Official, distributed a handout comparing building permit activity during the last five years. He indicated that this year's backlog had been as high as 173, but was down to

126 at this time. Dumdi questioned the need for plans checking for plans which already have an engineer's stamp and Cornacchia asked why their stamp was required on the plan if the plans were rechecked anyway. McGuckin explained the requirements of the state statutes in this regard and that these statutes are subject to a strong lobby in Salem. He also expressed a need for a legislative initiative unlocking the 1979 fee formula ceiling. Roberts discussed possible consideration of funding building and planning on the basis of full cost recovery through applicant fees and the balance from the general fund. Mann indicated that system would work better for building than planning, as a portion of the planning function is for policy development. McGuckin suggested a twenty percent fee increase allowing the addition of one plans examiner. Frazier asked about enhancements to the computer system that would help decrease workload. McGuckin responded that an integrated computer system would improve performance by roughly fifteen to twenty percent. The Board expressed appreciation for the report.

- b. DISCUSSION/Proposed Changes to Lane Code Chapter 16 Regarding the Provisions for Riparian Vegetation Maintenance, Removal and Restoration.

Kent Howe and Bill Sage, Planners in Land Management, outlined the packet material. They presented wall graphics to illustrate standards, modifications, enhancements, and restorations, focusing on drawings of a sample lot representing various scenarios. Frazier asked about the impact of the regulations on farm properties regarding access for water dependent use. Howe indicated that the plan should facilitate adequate use for farmers. Frazier also inquired specifically about access for irrigation. Sage replied that farm uses, such as cultivation and grazing, are exempt from the riparian standards by state statute. Howe remarked that staff will add farm use to exemptions on the written list. Cornacchia asked (in regard to 16.253(5)(a)(ii)) who defines "substantial adverse impact" and "significant wildlife habitat". Howe distributed handouts relating to Fish and Wildlife's Oregon Administrative Rules. He commented that Fish and Wildlife are the experts in that area and that the administrative rules keep ODFW within responsible parameters. Cornacchia also asked who determines "unduly restrictive burden" as described in 16.253(3)(c). Howe responded that the Lane County Board of Commissioners gave policy direction in 1990 which is embodied in an interpretation that is used. Frazier inquired as to whether enhancement plan requirements are such that the general public can do the plan work without having to hire outside help. Howe said yes. Howe distributed copies of a fee schedule. He stated these fees would be collected if a complaint proved to be legitimate and action was required. Johnson asked if Lane County has sufficient staff to handle the compliance questions. Sage indicated that planning staff was already involved as a second party in similar situations. Cornacchia questioned Lane County's ability to enforce. Van Vactor indicated this matter came under the

civil infraction process. Burns stated that upcoming code changes regarding compliance would additionally facilitate this. Cornacchia requested comments from Louise Bilheimer, representing the Oregon Rivers Council, who was seated in the audience. Bilheimer stated that she liked the approach and the concept of restoration plans. She asked whether small strips could be cleared instead of one continuous amount. Howe responded that the requirement is simply that total square footage removed does not exceed the limits. Burns requested that design variations be included in visuals for the public. Bilheimer also asked if the enhancement plan only applied to properties which are 400 feet or larger. Howe said that it applies to all properties and that the development plan applies only to 400 feet. Burns asked the Commissioners if three meetings in Florence, Cottage Grove and Leaburg, was enough. Frazier requested an additional meeting in the Oakridge or Lowell area and Rust suggested considering a wrap up in Eugene. Roberts asked for any comments from Marty Douglas from EWEB who was in the audience. He indicated that he was supportive of the revisions and the public education concept.

8. EMERGENCY BUSINESS

Mission Plat and Gracie Court Plat. MOTION: Approval of both plats.  
Robert MOVED, Cornacchia SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 3:17 for Executive Session.



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Sharon Giles  
Recording Secretary