

May 19, 1992
5:15 p.m.

LANE COUNTY
BUDGET COMMITTEE

Commissioners'
Conference Room

PRESENT: Chair Karsten Rasmussen, Peter Bartel, Scott Bartlett, Steve Cornacchia, Ellie Dumdi, Marie Frazier, Ron Hanson, Kate Jones, Jack Roberts and Jerry Rust.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.
1. CALL TO ORDER
2. FINAL DELIBERATIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION FY 92-93 BUDGET.

a. Levy

David Garnick, Management Analyst, reviewed the serial levy reconciliation (see material on file). Rust stated that he was proud to stand up for this levy which addresses the core mission of Lane County government. Frazier asked if the adds were conditional on the levy passing and Jim Johnson, County Administrator, stated that the adds were dependent on the levy passing. Roberts commented that all items would be back on the table if the levy fails and the Budget Committee would not be obligated to keep the additions to the budget.

b. Technical Adjustments

Margo Drivas, Assistant County Administrator, presented the technical adjustments to the budget and stated that there had been a net gain of approximately \$100,000 (see material on file).

Drivas stated that there had been no change in outcome in the Appropriated Reserve, the Opportunity Fund and the \$200,000 add for emergency food and shelter. The new Reserve balance is \$3,347,663 (see material on file).

c. Reconsiderations

Bartel commented that he was interested in the other options presented for predator control and suggested that \$1,000 be taken from the \$16,500 to examine other options. MOTION: To use \$1,000 from the \$16,500 for alternatives to the current predator control program. Bartel MOVED, Bartlett SECONDED. Rasmussen commented that the \$16,500 was a matching fund from the state; Johnson commented that he was not sure that the County could get a contract with less than \$16,500. Rasmussen suggested that the \$1,000 should be a separate amount from the \$16,500. Rust commented that the real question is whether the County should be doing this at all; it is a private matter which should be borne by the private sector in their normal operations. Bartlett commented that a study regarding the alternatives is warranted. VOTE: 5-4-1, Cornacchia, Frazier, Rasmussen and Roberts dissenting, Dumdi abstaining. Motion fails.

MOTION: To use \$1,000 from Reserves to fund the study for alternatives for predator control. Rasmussen MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. Rasmussen stated that he would not like to jeopardize the program, but he would not object to looking at options. Cornacchia commented that this should not be an attempt to throw money out there with no direction and he commented that the private sector could participate in the separate study as well. Bartel commented that there are always alternatives and he encouraged the Budget Committee to see what is available. Bartlett stated that this contract should be with a highly objective source. Roberts commented that the Board of Commissioners should have final say about this contract and Frazier suggested that the information is probably out there and could be accessed by the study. Dumdi commented that the trapper provides many benefits to the people of Lane County. Cornacchia stated that he did not think that an answer could be obtained for \$1,000 and that he is not concerned about giving this help to agriculture. VOTE: 7-2-1, Cornacchia and Frazier dissenting, Dumdi abstaining.

The Committee discussed the levy and Johnson stated that the alternative plan for the County budget if the levy fails is revenue, reductions, use of reserves and restructuring of the HVAC remodel. Frazier stated that she was not in support of the levy. (Frazier excused from the meeting).

MOTION: Approval of the 1992/93 Lane County Budget as proposed with the following changes: reductions on attachment 1, additions on attachment 2, technical adjustments on attachment 3, the serial levy according to attachment 4 and the addition of \$1,000 for an alternative to the predator control program. Bartlett MOVED, Rust SECONDED. VOTE: 8-1, Cornacchia dissenting (Frazier excused).


MOTION: Approval of the 1992/92 tax levy as shown on attachment 5. Roberts MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. Bartel commented that he was impressed with this tax levy and that it was well crafted and thought out. Johnson commented that the Budget Committee was not approving the serial levy, but approving attachment 5 which is the Budget Committee's authority to levy property taxes as a whole. VOTE: 9-0.

3. OTHER BUSINESS: None.

4. NEXT MEETING

June 3, 1992.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


 Judy Waldeman
 Recording Secretary