

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.

December 8, 1993
9:00 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners'
Conference Room

Steve Cornacchia presided with Marie Frazier, Jerry Rust and Jack Roberts present. Ellie Dumdi, excused. Beth McAllister, Recording Secretary.

1. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

District Attorney Doug Harclerod will present an item to the board under Emergency Business.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Evelyn Anderton, 1659 E. 23rd, Eugene. Anderton is one of the chairs of the Human Services Providers Forum and also the Director of Womenspace. She urged the board to look seriously at the alternative funding options for human services in Lane County, stating that Lane County needs funding that is more secure than what it currently has. She commented that the committee that completed the report did a good job at looking at all possible options and the first option they have chosen in the report seems like the best one.

Laurence Hamblen, 1882 Happy Lane #44, Eugene, Executive Director of the Lane County Legal Aid Service, voiced support for Anderton's comments. Hamblen stated that the report is very thorough and he favors a dedicated source of revenue to human services and the concept of the three political jurisdictions maintaining some form of commitment to human services.

3. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

To be held later in the meeting.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION as per ORS 192.660

To be held later in the meeting.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- a. Announcements: None.
- b. REPORT BACK/Work Plan of the Task Force on Issues of Diversity.

Van Vactor stated that at the previous meeting the mission of the task force was discussed and that George Russell was elected as chair. Continuing, Van Vactor stated the Task Force will meet again this month and two times in January and once in February; and a progress report will be presented to the Board by the first of March.

George Russell stated that at the last meeting it was decided to use a facilitator to assist in establishing a work plan. Russell added that the Task Force is focusing on areas that can be accomplished by the County. Russell also stated a the Task Force discussed the work and a time line for completion; concluding that the Task Force will be focusing on four key areas of Lane County government: Lane County as an employer, service provider, funder and as a public body (appointing boards and commissions). Russell added that the task would be to recommend goals and an action plan to identify specific issues that should be referred to the Human Rights and Affirmative Action Committee or the Management team for action. Russell asked if the task force is headed in the direction intended by the Board.

Roberts attended the previous meeting and stated that he felt that the charge of the group was to look at issues that were raised at the Communities of Color meeting and to work out an action plan. He added that the task force had a good discussion and is off to a good start and he hopes an action plan will be developed that can be divided among the appropriate groups and become a more permanent part of how the county does business. Rust stated he felt that the group is in perfect accord as to what the board's expectations are. He commented that the four areas to look at are important and that this is a very motivated task force. Cornacchia stated that he is supportive of the progress of the group.

6. PUBLIC WORKS

- a. ORDER 93-12-8-1/In the Matter of Appointing Three Members to the Resource Recovery Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Approval. Rust MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Minutes: None.

B. Public Safety

1. ORDER 93-12-8-2/In the Matter of Authorizing Renewal of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Siuslaw National Forest, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

C. Public Works

1. ORDER 93-12-8-3/In the Matter of Executing the Purchase Option on the Lease Agreement with Pape Bros. Dated July 25, 1988 for One (1) Push-Pull Scraper.

2. SUBDIVISION PLATS
 - a. Pioneer Park
City of Veneta
17-05-31

MOTION: To approve the Consent Calendar. Roberts MOVED, Frazier SECONDED.

VOTE: 4-0.

8. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- a. DISCUSSION/Reviewing Alternative Options and Recommendations for Human Service Funding From the Intergovernmental Human Services Committee.

Rust commended Steve Manela for giving his heart and soul to this project. Rust also stated he would like the board to consider the concept of having a dedicated source of revenue for human services. He reminded the board what happened in the past with the Parks Division. Roberts stated that, in addition to having a reliable and dedicated funding source for human services, is the notion of providing services on a countywide basis that are funded in a way which insures that everyone participates. Roberts remarked that the board should talk about this as a concept and not get too bogged down with the specific proposal, because this proposal marks a beginning point. He continued, stating that the two main issues to focus on are a dedicated source of funding and broadening the county's scope, eventually providing countywide services that everyone pays for.

Steve Manela stated research on this project began last spring and that the state of Oregon is unique in how it funds human services compared to other states across the country. Manela opined that the growth concept is an important issue and added that other states looked at population growth in planning for human services. Manela stated that Lane County should be looking at this, being the only one of the five most populous counties in the state that relies on timber receipts for basic governmental services. Manela noted that Lane County has the second largest metropolitan area in the state and one of the only metropolitan areas whose governmental services are

financed through three separate governmental entities. Manela stated that the Intergovernmental Human Services Committee is presenting a regional recommendation based on a livability pact. Manela asked the board to consider priorities ethical leadership for governments in the future. Manela summarized the handouts he gave to the board. (See material on file).

Rust thanked Manela for the work he did on the report and noted that this was a very diverse group that met and agreed on the principles. Rust explained that the next step would be to have a series of focus groups convene in various parts of the county. Rust stated his desire to see this presentation given to the city councils of Eugene and Springfield within the next month with public hearings when a route has been chosen and to also include this concept into this budget cycle.

Roberts remarked that it is critical to receive feedback from the other jurisdictions and if they are all in agreement, focus groups and public hearings are appropriate. Roberts feels that Lane County first needs to get its fiscal house in order and deal with its existing budget then if the county wants public to support it will probably involve a year-long process. Roberts stated that the people need to understand the concept before it is tied to specific revenue sources and it is important to make it clear that it is money from the general fund; that the county is not expanding it's role. Roberts stated that more discussion needs to happen with the school districts and to work on a partnership with them and that until the county talks to the other jurisdictions to see what their level of interest is, there cannot be a commitment made as to a specific course of action. Roberts emphasized that this will not happen immediately, it will take awhile to implement.

Frazier concurred with Roberts' comments and added that the full implications of House Bill 2004 are still unknown. Continuing, she stated that from a service point there are a lot of needs in Lane County, and to look at one in isolation is premature.

Cornacchia agreed that input from all the jurisdictions is vital and expressed his interest in who the players are. He stated he has questions regarding the county as an entity providing service for everyone and the shifting of responsibility away from the state and the cities to the county. Cornacchia declared he is not ready to buy into the vacation of responsibility from both entities and wants to know what the outcome of all of this will be. Cornacchia remarked that he appreciated Manela's report.

Roberts remarked that traditionally counties have been looked at as the provider before the federal government got involved. He noted that the level of need is greater in the metropolitan areas and that is why Eugene and Springfield have participated. Roberts declared

that how the three jurisdictions work together will be as important as the ultimate funding source.

Rust stated he is willing for the county to assume responsibility, but only if the funding source is clearly identified and secure. He added that the bulk of the money will come from businesses or individuals in the two cities, where most of the service needs are. Rust said he does not see a problem if the cities and the county collect the money and pool it as they do now, but there is always a struggle with the general fund. Rust stated he does not feel that this is an equitable arrangement; it is not a fair share formula and if the county would take the responsibility for being the human service provider, this has to be a much more equitable vision. Rust emphasized taking a look at what the Parks Division was able to do. In addition, Rust agreed with Roberts that this will be a lengthy process and that he would not like this put on the shelf, it is a priority economically, in terms of compassion and livability. Rust stated that he plans to find ways to push this agenda and is anxious to see how the two cities respond. Rust commented that it will eventually come back to the county and some action plans will need to be decided and that it should be integrated into the following year's budget.

Frazier asked for clarification on poverty levels and the general fund budget information in the handout. Manela will provide that information for her after the meeting. She asked about progress in the profile work. Manela stated that they are looking at outcome of services and prevention strategies. Roberts stated that the profile work has not progressed not very.

9. REGIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

- a. ORDER 93-12-8-4/In the Matter of Establishing Two New Classifications and Adopting Salary Ranges for the AIRS Manager and AIRS Technical Supervisor, and Establishing 1.0 FTE for the AIRS Manager Position.

MOTION: Approval. Roberts MOVED, Frazier SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

3. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frazier announced that at the Oregon Farm Bureau meeting she attended last week, members remarked on how they have noticed a dramatic change in the process and service in the Land Management Department.

Rust clarified that at a previous meeting he had received incorrect information from Public Health stating that there were 30 deaths from AIDS in Lane County. Rust stated this should have been 30 new cases, not deaths.

10. EMERGENCY BUSINESS

Van Vactor reported that the District Attorney met with him last week and has a request regarding the HVAC project. Van Vactor commended Mary Dutton for informing everyone of the status of the project and working with the contractor. Van Vactor noted that there is still a year to a year and a half until completion and at this time, due to a series of factors, the project is approximately \$75,000 over budget. Van Vactor explained that this is the cost of moving the employees, which was more than anticipated. Van Vactor stated that Harclerod has three requests: skylights in the reception area, replacing lights, hallway and four offices, which were not on the original plan, and new lighting. Continuing, Van Vactor said this entails abating and removing the existing asbestos in the ceilings and providing new ceilings, which is quite costly. Van Vactor noted that he had a tour of the department last week and feels that if these adjustments are made, this appears to be the best time.

Harclerod distributed a handout of the proposals to the board.

Bill Seider, consultant on the project, explained the three items on the proposal. Rust asked about the energy efficient issue. Seider stated that there would be minimal energy savings in changing of the lights.

Rust asked if the courts' needs were being met, and added that he would like to know that when the project is finished if there will be an opportunity for painting and to increase livability. Seider responded that this is an HVAC project not a cosmetic project and nothing will be done to make the physical area of the courts look better. Seider noted that everyone would like more room, new carpet, etc., but there just aren't enough funds available.

Harclerod replied that it is more than cosmetics, it is the level of performance from the employees and that when an environment is provided that is conducive to working well, people will perform. Seider stated that, from a construction standpoint this is the best time to do this because the staff is out of the area and the contractors are on site under contract to work in the area. Seider stated that he feels that these additional items would not impact the schedule too much. Harclerod remarked that the Forest Work Camp has been helping with most of the moving, which has been a cost saving to the county and has worked out well.

Van Vactor commented that the skylights will not be able to be placed where staff wants them and he would like to know how functional and beneficial they will be; also, if there is any guarantee that the skylights will not leak. Seider stated that the skylights are in the central area, but he would hope that the light would be diffuse, due to their north orientation. Seider added that these are not really skylights, but a vertical pane of glass more like a window, and less

likely to leak. Seider said he cannot provide a 100 percent guarantee that they won't leak.

Rust stated he would like to find a way to respond in a positive manner to these proposals. Cornacchia stated that he was struck by the somewhat bleak working conditions in the central receiving area and his concern is if this is given to the District Attorney, then the judges will wonder what they will get. Cornacchia stated that he is, however, supportive of the District Attorney's proposal, but the board needs to discuss how it will be funded. Roberts voiced support for the proposal and commented that it is important to keep in mind the connection between productivity and the working environment. Roberts said he shares Cornacchia's concern regarding the judges, but feels that the board should deal with that issue when it comes up. Frazier concurred with previous comments.

Van Vactor stated that if the project was not in the red, he too would agree with the proposal of the skylights, but he would not recommend that; but since the members of the board have included that in their support a way to fund this will be figured out. Van Vactor stated that in order to fund this he will try to partner with the D.A. and see if his budget could absorb a third of the cost. Van Vactor added that the balance would have to be added to the deficit next year and it would have to be part of the fiscal planning of the 1994/95 budget.

The board recessed at 10:30 a.m. with Executive Session scheduled for 10:40 a.m.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION as per ORS 192.660

Held at 10:40 a.m.

Their being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.


Beth McAllister, Recording Secretary