

MINUTES & NOTICE OF BOARD ACTION

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LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



This document, upon approval in a public meeting by the Board of County Commissioners, serves as official minutes of such meetings as required under the Open Meetings Law, ORS 192.650.

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 2, 1993
1:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners'
Conference Room

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

1. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

It was noted that Item 7.C.1. would be pulled from the Consent Calendar and that there was need for an Executive Session.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Mischkot, 2115 Ridgeway Drive, commented that he was a member of the Integrated Vegetation Management Advisory Committee. He spoke in support of the three recommended revisions to the IVM Program proposed by David Dunlap and emphasized specific support of the recommendation dealing with chemical treatment of cut stumps of hazard trees at the time of tree removal.

Ginny Osteen, 85392 Edenvale, Pleasant Hill, noted that there are many concerned registered and unregistered property owners in the County's "no spray" program. Regarding the 100 foot buffer recommendation, she urged the Board to support the recommendation. She did request that the Board vote against the policy which would allow the painting of hazard tree stumps with Garlon 4 without prior public posting.

Norma Grier, P.O. Box 1393, Eugene, 97440, commented that she spoke on behalf of the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides. She spoke in favor of 1) spray-free buffers around sensitive areas needing to be at least 100 ft; 2) prior notification for hazard tree removal and stump treatment, noting that there should be a distinction between "emergency" and "routine" tree removal; and 3) continuing with a full-time vegetation management coordinator position.

Glen Spain, P.O. Box 11170, Eugene, 97440, noted that he spoke on behalf of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, Inc., which represents the majority of commercial fisherman on the Pacific Coast. He stated that salmon are dependent on water quality and that if Garlon migrates, it is very dangerous. He commented that there are at least 134 salmon stocks that are at risk of extinction. He urged the Board to maintain the 100 foot buffer zone. Frazier asked Spain if he had looked at the OSU study which indicated that the 100 foot buffer was not important. Spain stated that he could present dozens of studies that would contradict that position. Rust asked Spain to prepare a list of the herbicides and pesticides that his organization feel are most harmful, and Spain replied that he would develop that list and forward it to the Board.

Jan Wroncy, P.O. Box 1101, Eugene, 97440, faxed her comments to the Board during the meeting and they are contained in the record. Her comments supported the need for a vegetation management director and the need to retain the 100 foot buffer zone, and urged the Board to require posting for any stump treatment.

3. PUBLIC WORKS

- a. REPORT/Integrated Vegetation Management Program Update and Discussion of Recommended Revisions.

Noting that this was Dunlap's last week of work for Lane County, Cornacchia presented Dunlap with a Certificate of Appreciation and a packet of Lane County photos to take with him to Germany.

Dunlap presented a slide show highlighting vegetation management - past and present, focusing on currently used techniques. He noted that the County has an enviable inventory of appropriate equipment and intelligent, motivated crews. He stated that coordination with other road maintenance agencies is resulting in use of the same signage. Dunlap observed that the goals are to put the County into a preventative posture, realize that need for patience as this is a long-term proposition, and to monitor, analyze and evaluate results.

With reference to **Buffer Areas**, Dunlap noted that due to the lack of public confidence, he recommended that the 100 foot buffer be maintained; although he suggested that non-spray-type applications, such as wick applicators or mechanical injections, be allowed within the buffer area. The Board concurred with this recommendation.

Regarding **Hazard Tree Stumps**, the majority of the Board concurred with the recommendation that stumps that cannot be ground out should be chemically treated by hand at the time of their cutting, and that the area be posted as having had an herbicide application.

By consensus, the Board agreed with the recommendation to continue to acknowledge "homemade" **No Spray Signs**, but encourage people to

join the County's sign program as mistakes can be made with homemade signs.

The Board asked for a work session regarding filling the Coordinator position or using a consultant, noting that there would be no February meeting of the Vegetation Management Advisory Committee. Dumdi thanked Dunlap for the development of a model program.

This meeting recessed at 3:08 p.m. to reconvene at 3:20 p.m.

4. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dumdi mentioned that the Student Achievement Convention would be held at the Lane County Fairgrounds May 18-20 and they were requesting monetary contributions and volunteers. She stated that she realized the County was not in a position to donate dollars, but that she was going to volunteer her time.

Rust presented an official letter from Lane County's sister county, St. Wendel, Germany. He stated the letter had been translated and he remarked that the highlight is the possible exchange of tourist agencies between the two counties.

Cornacchia stated that he had received a thank you from Oakridge/Westfir Chambers of Commerce regarding the Board's support of the Fat Tire Festival.

5. COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

a. DISCUSSION/Meetings with Small Cities.

Frazier stated that past meetings with small cities had been successful and suggested asking them if they desired the full Board or a Commissioner team instead. Dumdi noted that she firmly supports continuing the meetings, making them optional for the cities. Rust indicated he was a proponent of the meetings and suggested 1) perhaps a grouping of cities such as Oakridge and Westfir, Florence and Dunes City, etc.; and 2) the need for a sharp agenda. Roberts agreed that the agenda needs to be substantive and indicated the need for careful scheduling around the Budget process. Cornacchia agreed with the need to continue the meetings and said that he would take the suggested ideas back to Arlene and ask her to translate them into appropriate letters to the small cities.

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

a. Announcements

Bill Van Vactor, Acting County Administrator, referred to a memo from John Goodson which he had circulated to the Board, and stated he would be communicating to Goodson that the change in the program

was only to raise the \$3 million to \$4.5 million and the other two programs referred to by Goodson were unaffected by that change.

- b. ORDER 93-2-2-1/In the Matter of Adopting Expenditure Controls for the Remainder of FY 92-93.

Van Vactor reviewed his memorandum with the Board, noting that Department heads can request exceptions from the Board. With reference to existing employment positions, Van Vactor recommended sending all of them, where no offer of employment had been made, to the Vacancy Review Committee. He also stated that travel would still be authorized if it was specifically part of the employee's job duties. He also mentioned the possibility of sending a letter to all employees regarding expenditure controls. The Board concurred sending a letter, under the Chair's signature, to all employees with their paychecks. The majority of the Board (Rust dissenting) agreed to send all existing and subsequent postings of vacant positions, with the exception of the newly created position of RCIC Coordinator, to the Vacancy Review Committee. MOTION: Approval of the Order. Rust MOVED, Frazier SECONDED. Roberts stated that he would vote for the Order, but didn't feel it did much and he expressed hope that the Finance and Audit Committee would present a proposal for next year that incorporated the "lapse" issue and allows for better budgeting. Cornacchia concurred. Dumdi suggested looking at bringing outside training in to the organization as opposed to employees going to outside training, thus saving travel costs, etc. VOTE: 5-0.

- c. DISCUSSION/FY 93-94 Budget Schedule and Targets.

Van Vactor reviewed the memorandum with the Board. With regard to scheduling, the Board concurred to accept the late schedule as described, with Roberts noting that Department Heads needed to be prepared to present their "best shot" in good faith. Cornacchia mentioned that labor negotiations and budget decisions need to go together this year. In response to a question from Roberts, Van Vactor indicated he would get more information to the Board individually regarding why there were no cuts listed for Justice Courts. Cornacchia stated that he is in favor of the recommendation of 5-25% increments as he was not interested in 10% across the Board. The rest of the Board concurred.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Cornacchia requested that Item 7.C.1. be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

- A. Approval of Minutes: September 3, 1992, Joint BCC/West Lane Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
September 15, 1992, Joint BCC/Lowell City Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
September 21, 1992, Joint BCC/Florence City

Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
November 6, 1992, Joint BCC/Community
Corrections Advisory Meeting, 2:30 p.m.
December 28, 1992, Leadership Team Meeting
9:30 a.m.
December 28, 1992, Informal Discussion/
Budget
Following Leadership Team Meeting
January 6, 1993, Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
January 6, 1993, Regular Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
January 7, 1993, Leadership Team Meeting
9:00 a.m.

B. County Counsel

- 1) ORDER 93-2-2-2/In the Matter of Amending Chapter 3 of Lane Manual to Establish the Rural Community Improvement Council (LM 3.549).
- 2) ORDER 93-2-2-3/In the Matter of Amending Chapter 3 of Lane Manual to Revise the Description of the Board of Equalization and Establish the Board of Ratio Review (LM 3.554 and 3.555).

C. Health and Human Services

- 1) ORDER 93-2-2-4/In the Matter of Accepting Amendment #34 to the 1991-93 Intergovernmental Agreement #20-001 with the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Services Division; Appropriating an Additional \$115,412 in Fund 24 in the Department of Health and Human Services; Establishing Three Full Time and One Half Time Additional Positions; and Delegating Authority to the County Administrator to Sign the Letter of Acceptance and the Subsequent Subcontracts per Exhibit A.

Pulled.

D. Human Resources and Management Services

- 1) ORDER 93-2-2-5/In the Matter of Award of Bid for Construction Contract for Lane County HVAC Modifications.
- 2) ORDER 93-2-2-6/In the Matter of Designating Debt as Reimbursement Bonds Pursuant to Section 1.103-18 of the Income Tax Regulations.

E. Public Safety

- 1) ORDER 93-2-2-7/In the Matter of Amending Chapter 60 of the Lane Manual to Add Certain Department of Public Safety Fees

Consistent with the Provisions of Lane County Home Rule Charter and State Law (LM 60.839).

F. Public Works

- 1) RESOLUTION AND ORDER 93-2-2-8/In the Matter of Vacating a Portion of County Road Number 38 (E. F. Smith Road), Without a Public Hearing and Adopting Findings of Fact (21-04-02).

G. Youth Services

- 1) ORDER 93-2-2-9/In the Matter of Approving a Contract with the Children's Services Division in the Amount of \$35,904 for Implementation of the Community Juvenile Justice Act Pilot Project.

MOTION: Approval of the Balance of the Consent Calendar. Roberts MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0.

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Cornacchia referred to a list of questions that had been developed regarding this item by Teresa Wilson, Acting County Counsel. Rob Rockstroh, Director of Health and Human Services, and Rick Ries, Program Services Coordinator, responded to the questions. MOTION: Approval of the Order. Roberts MOVED, Frazier SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0.

8. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- a. ORDER 93-2-2-10/In the Matter of Appointing One Member to the Mental Health Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Approval of the Order. Rust MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0.

9. EMERGENCY BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned into Executive Session
at 4:20 p.m.

Sharon Giles

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Recording Secretary