

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.

March 2, 1993
9:00 a.m.

WORK SESSION
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners'
Conference Room

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

1. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tina Engebretson, 2424 Willakenzie, #4, commented that she has previously lived at the Armitage homeless camp and was finally able to acquire a low-income house for herself and her two children. She stated that the campers at Armitage need a place to go.

Georgette Moore, P.O. Box 573, Marcola, stated that she has four children and is homeless again. She noted that she has a school bus, is living in the woods and has no place to go. She commented that she got a \$100 ticket from the Forest Service, during the recent snow, for cutting wood. She stated that the Autzen parking lot is not good as it would put her children on display. She asked what they were supposed to do. She urged the Board to let the homeless stay at the Armitage site.

Marion Malcolm, commented that she is the chair of the ad hoc committee for homelessness that put up the city's car camp. She asked the Board to work with the people at the Armitage camp and create a partnership to meet their needs.

Bob Fauvre, 2979 Maranta Street, Santa Clara, suggested that the Board let the campers live unsupervised and inspect them periodically.

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. PUBLIC WORKS

a. REPORT BACK/Goal 10 LCDC Discussion Paper - Housing Opportunities.

Jim Mann, Planning Supervisor in Public Works, reviewed the agenda material with the Board. In summary, he noted that the obvious need is for low cost housing for the homeless. He stated that it appears the only flexibility, after complying with state land use laws, may be in the "public facilities zone". Rust observed that state regulations do not seem to allow any latitude at the local level and added that he thought some state issues should be challenged; for example, redefining "hardship", with relation to mobile home placement, to include homelessness/poverty. In response to questions from Rust relative to flexibility in the developed and committed area, Roy Burns, Land Management Manager, observed that DEQ rules also had to be complied with. Rust also suggested that "residential purposes" could be expanded to include temporary shelter for emergency purposes and he urged the Board to quarrel with existing language. He also noted that perhaps some property could be rezoned in the Public Facilities Zone. He reiterated the Lane County idea of state reform to allow for a "Lot of Record".

Roberts observed that land use planning promotes compact urban growth which raises housing prices. He stated that he agreed that there could be more flexibility with regard to mobile homes on rural lands; but expressed concern about the issues of urban services, i. e. schools, jobs, etc. in the rural areas. He questioned putting resources into a Goal 10 fight. Roberts stated that he has difficulty with unsupervised camping, as a few bad people can drive out the good ones and any camping effort needs to be supervised. With regard to the Armitage site, he remarked that it has deteriorated and needs to be taken care of. He suggested choosing a specific site and dealing with the land use issues around it.

In response to questions from Frazier, Steve Manela, Senior Program Services Coordinator in Health and Human Services, stated that the low income population has increased from 12.8% in 1979 to 14.5% in 1989. Manela also responded that 20 of the 28 people at the previous camp on state property had been placed and that the other people in the current site across the river are new. Frazier concurred with Roberts with regard to looking at a specific site regarding its land use and the need to close the Armitage site in use now. Rust asked the Board to issue an invitation for the campers to take the next 30

days to find alternatives, with the County helping to facilitate options. **MOTION:** Commissioner Rust's office attempt a policy change at the local level to broaden the definition of "hardship" under ORS 215.213(1)(k) to include homelessness and/or poverty. Rust **MOVED.** Roberts **SECONDED,** with a friendly amendment that research be done regarding bills currently in the legislature which may make this amenable to statutory change. **VOTE:** 4-0.

Roberts stated that he would prefer to ask people to leave the Armitage site within two weeks as the situation was serious. He suggested that Health and Human Services could help facilitate the movement. Roberts also proposed the possibility of waiving dump fees relative to the Eugene car camp site. Rust concurred.

This meeting recessed at 9:57 to reconvene at 10:05 a.m.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY

- a. **PRESENTATION/Inmate Forest Work Camp/Highlight Some of 219 Projects Completed by Work Camp Crews**

Bob McManus, Sheriff, indicated that he would present a "report card" on the Forest Work Camp. He noted that it was an alternative program that was an integral part of the system, stating that it cuts down on the number of matrix releases. He observed that it was funded by a serial levy in 1987, which was renewed in 1990, and was coming up for a vote again in March. A handout was distributed summarizing the work projects for the camp in 1992. McManus presented a 7 1/2 minute video depicting highlights of the camp and its work. Highlights of the video included the camp's 3 1/2 mile location from the nearest residence, inmates who are chosen carefully, and inmate work on jobs that do not take jobs away from the private sector. McManus summarized that: 1) the camp eliminates overcrowding at the Lane County Jail; 2) the inmates perform community projects for the public good; and 3) the camp is good for the inmates as it provides self-esteem and job experience.

Ron Hanson, City Administrator of Creswell, stated that the inmates had performed work for the city at a cost savings to the city of approximately \$12,000-\$15,000. The work included painting the community center, cleaning a drainage way and park maintenance. He indicated upcoming projects included painting the community library and the interior of the fire department bays. Hanson commented that behavior and work quality of the inmates was excellent.

Judge Ann Aiken commented that unless there is an array of alternatives, there is not an opportunity to make a difference. She stated that the work camp provides inmates a way to work their way out; and that for many, it is their first chance to be clean and sober and to learn good work habits. She observed that the camp helps build pride among the inmates which increases self-esteem. She

noted that she was lobbying for a drug and alcohol component at the work camp. She stated that the camp needs the support of the community. McManus remarked that the Sheriff's office was working with Health and Human Services regarding the alcohol and drug suggestion.

Bob Keefer, Parks Manager, stated that, due to parks' budget constraints, the work camp is vital to the parks' continued success. He noted that vegetation control and pick up is labor intensive. He estimated that the work camp labor equates to approximately 4.5 FTE or \$100,000 - \$110,000.

McManus stated that many inmates are getting jobs after learning skills such as cooking, carpentry and fire fighting at the work camp. Rust noted that this type of program illustrates that the County is not just interested in punishment, but in rehabilitation, too. Cornacchia noted that the City Council of Springfield had expressed unanimous support of the levy.

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Frazier commented that she is the Board liaison to the Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority and needs a Board member to be an alternate for her. Cornacchia suggested that she canvas her fellow Board members.

Roberts noted that he wished to be excused from the afternoon meeting on March 3 as he was going to the Legislature to speak regarding the Justice Courts.

Rust expressed his appreciation to everyone who had been supportive during his recent loss.

Cornacchia stated that he had received a Petition of Protest regarding the Marcola Road project. He commented that he had met with Kintzley and that the main objections to the project were the widening of the right of way beyond 60 feet (the clear zone) and the re-routing of truck traffic onto Marcola Road. The Board officially accepted the Petition and stated that it would be made part of the record for the hearing on March 17.

Cornacchia remarked that he had been approached by a staff person from Springfield regarding the 2% room tax issue and the contracts with the ESCVB. This person indicated that there was a feeling that the cities should get the money from the tax between February and June. He stated that he had asked that Margo Drivas be present to update the Board regarding the status of this issue. Drivas explained that the ESCVB was the sole bidder in response to a Request for Qualifications. She indicated that she and the ESCVB had met and were working on an April 1 timeline. She noted that while the tax was effective February 1, no dollars would be seen in the treasury until April. She indicated that a 15-month contract (April-June and the next fiscal year) was being looked at. Drivas remarked that to her knowledge the city still had a contract

with the ESCVB through June 30. Cornacchia asked that Bill Van Vactor, Acting County Administrator, convey a message to the Eugene and Springfield City Managers that the Board is still working on its component of the 2% tax and no decisions have been made. Drivas indicated that it was her intention to return to the Board shortly after the first of April with some alternatives and that the RCIC was working on the 10% rural issue.

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- a. DISCUSSION/Approving Submission of Assessment and Taxation Grant Budget to the Oregon Department of Revenue.

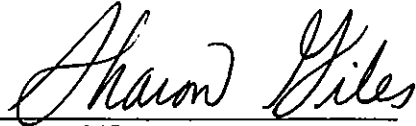
Drivas reviewed the Board of Equalization base budget in the packet material, noting that it was based on the premise of three boards. Van Vactor remarked that the initial target reduction for Assessment and Taxation had been 15% or \$750,000. He stated that at the first review, he was concerned about the number of reductions in appraisers dealing with appeals. At the second review, the present packet was developed which meets the requirements of state law and meets the County reduction requirements. He stressed the importance of having a package that would be defensible with the Department of Revenue. He noted that the strategy will be to attempt to convince the Department of Revenue to extend the six year physical appraisal requirement based on the County's financial situation.

Drivas reviewed the base budget packet material, commenting that Package #2 requires that the Department of Revenue agree that the methodology be changed. She stated that Package #3 would require Department of Revenue agreement to modify the present compliance plan. She remarked that one of the downsides to the reduction is that revenue for grant participation will probably decrease by approximately \$200,000.

Jim Gangle, Assessor, prefaced his comments with the fact that he is very concerned about the County's budget shortfall; but, as an elected official, he is concerned regarding compliance with state law. He reviewed his packet memorandum with the Board. He noted that the department will do everything they can to maintain compliance, but there is some risk. He asked the Board to look at coordination of "open hours" as related to counter and phone staffing.

Cornacchia stated that the Board would like to see the Assessor include in the package his written comments regarding his acceptance of his department's responsibility to the budget as related to the County's shortfall. MOTION: Approval of ORDER 93-3-2-1. Roberts MOVED, Rust SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0. Drivas indicated that she would include a statement of the County's financial position in the transmittal letter.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



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