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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 9, 1993
Following HACSA

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners'
Conference Room

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

1. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

It was noted that there was an item of emergency business and that Executive Session would be held at 10:30.

#2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Doug Heiken, 909 West 10th, Eugene, commented that he represented the Friends of Buford Park and Mt. Pisgah. He distributed a handout to the Board and noted that the group was supportive of the new grazing plan for Buford Park that was to be presented to the Board by Bob Keefer. He said their only concerns were 1) proper review and approval at the state and federal levels; 2) protection of the western pond turtle; and 3) that this was an interim plan that will lead to the eventual end of grazing altogether.

Bill Morrisette, Mayor of Springfield, 348 G. Street, Springfield, stated that he wanted to discuss the 2% room tax increase. He noted that Springfield has a contract through the end of July with the ESCVB. He asked that the County consider dedicating the money raised between February and July towards the Oregon Rivers Museum and the Springfield Museum.

Cornacchia responded that the County will be assuming the responsibility for all tourism marketing within the County and will need to have dollars to set up the new program to begin in July. He indicated that determinations were being made on costs and that staff was looking at different scenarios. He told Morrisette that the Board was placing the request from the Oregon Rivers Museum was being placed with the Economic

Development Committee for consideration of funding by video lottery proceeds.

Jesse Curry, stated that he represents the people living at the homeless camp across from Armitage Park. He distributed a handout to the Board which listed the campers' requests, which he read into the record. Rust noted that SaniPac was providing a dumpster and Lane County was waiving the dump fee, so that was taken care of. Roberts suggested not making a commitment regarding the final vacation date, but to review the site on April 1 to check on progress. Roberts expressed concern regarding the discouragement of new people moving into the camp as he did not want to put the campers in a position for any physical confrontations that would cause law enforcement problems. Rust suggested getting comments from Steve Manela regarding the third request(s), with Roberts stating that a mailbox/address at the camp would imply permanency and Cornacchia suggesting that the campers could use coin-operated laundry facilities as many other people do. With reference to a ban on alcohol, Cornacchia stated that the Board did not intend for the campers to have authority to enforce a no-alcohol ban. Roberts summarized that the condition of the site with regard to clean-up and the behavior and conduct of the campers was the primary concern. Cornacchia stated that there was a basic understanding and that the Health and Human Services people would look at the requests in Paragraph 3. Bill Van Vactor, Acting County Administrator, reminded the Board that if an arrangement were worked out, the campers would then be on the property with permission and a formal eviction process would then be required if needed.

3. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

To be held later in the morning.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION as per ORS 192.660

10:30 a.m. Time Certain.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

a. Announcements

None.

b. ORDER 93-3-9-1/In the Matter of Approving the 1993-95 Biennial Community Corrections Plan.

Donna Lattin, Justice Services Analyst, reviewed the packet material with the Board. Roberts noted that the Plan is an attempt by the CCAC to respond to the direction indicated by the Governor's budget and does not mean an endorsement of what the state is doing. Bob McManus, Sheriff, indicated that there needs to be flexibility in the Plan because it is integrated in the state's plan. He proposed a cover letter be sent indicated that the Plan was not a tacit

endorsement of the state's strategic plan and that Lane County realizes there may be changes at the state level and would then need to be reflected in the County's plan. Cornacchia indicated that he would draft and send such a letter. Rust requested information about the profile of the potential 600 new early release offenders that Lane County would be getting. Lattin responded that there was great concern that 20% of the Lane County offenders currently in prison at this time are sex offenders. MOTION: Approval of the Order, with addition of cover letter to be attached to Plan. Roberts MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

6. PUBLIC WORKS

- a. DISCUSSION AND ACTION/Integrated Vegetation Management Program Direction and Staffing.

Ollie Snowden, County Engineer, reviewed this item with the Board. Cornacchia stated that he agrees with the recommendation and the reaffirmation of the commitment to Integrated Vegetation Management as created. He indicated his support of the second Lead Worker as there is a need for a daily decision maker. With regard to the Coordinator position, Cornacchia noted his agreement that one is needed for awhile more, especially to work with the advisory committee. He stated that there needs to be some analysis done sometime in the next several years on whether or not to continue the position. MOTION: Approval of the recommendations. Roberts MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

- b. ORDER 93-3-9-2/In the Matter of Issuing a License to Lee Downing for Grazing at Howard Buford Recreation Area and Authorizing the Acting County Administrator to Execute the License.

Bob Keefer, Parks Manager, reviewed this item with the Board. Rust asked about the status of the western pond turtle on the site. Keefer stated that there may need to be adjustments to grazing in the south pasture area. He stated that cattle already would be kept out of the riparian areas and that Downing was installing more fences. Cornacchia commented that he was interested only in preventing environmental degradation, not aesthetic/subjective degradation. MOTION: Approval of the Order. Roberts MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

- c. ORDER 93-3-9-3/In the Matter of Appointing One Member to the Lane County Planning Commission.

MOTION: Approval of the appointment of Margie Sherman. Roberts MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Minutes: February 16, 1993, Work Session 9:00 a.m.
February 16, 1993, Work Session 1:30 p.m.
- B. Human Resources and Management Services
- 1) ORDER 93-3-9-4/In the Matter of Authorizing Selling Surplus County-Owned Real Property to Leonard Rhodes, 22618 Vaughn Road, Veneta, Oregon (Map/Tax Lot #18-06-08-00-00802).
- C. Public Works
- 1) ORDER 93-3-9-5/In the Matter of Awarding a Contract to Morse Bros., Inc. for Oil Rock and Sanding Production - Various Stockpile Sites, Contract No. 92/93-12.
- 2) SUBDIVISION PLAT
- a. Peters I
City of Eugene
18-03-07

MOTION: Approval of the Consent Calendar. Rust MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED.
VOTE: 4-0.

8. COUNTY COUNSEL

- a. ORDER 93-3-9-6/In the Matter of Amending Chapter 21 of Lane Manual to Adopt a Policy Regarding the Donation of Tax Foreclosed Property for Low Income Housing, Social Services or Child Care (LM 21.430).

MOTION: Approval of the Order. Roberts MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED.
VOTE: 4-0.

This meeting recessed at 10:03 a.m. to reconvene at 10:10 .a.m.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY

- a. REVIEW/Levy Programs - Public Safety Patrols

After introductions of Deputy Superintendent of the Oregon State Police, Lee Ron Howland and other guests, Sheriff Bob McManus expressed his appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to present to them a comprehensive picture of Lane County's law enforcement assets. To this end the Deputy Superintendent was asked to come to Eugene to inform the Board of staffing levels of the Oregon State Police as it relates to Lane County. He then turned the meeting over to Captain Eric Langford to explain the Sheriff's Office staffing levels, after which Deputy Superintendent Howland would explain the state police situation.

Handouts were distributed to the Board (see material on file) and Langford then proceeded to review them. After explaining each program in the Police Services Division which is the most visible part of law enforcement, Langford said that although there was a total sworn staff of 76 FTE, the number available for County law enforcement, after other obligations, is the 39 FTE in the budget program 210. Continuing, Langford said of the 39 FTE, 26 were funded by the General Fund, the remaining 13 are funded by the serial levy, which means that one out of every three officers assigned to County law enforcement is funded by the levy.

Langford then reviewed the duties of staff and General Fund positions in the Eugene office (main office). Twelve positions provide 24-hour a day, seven days a week law enforcement services to Lane County. This service could not be staffed without the seven positions funded by the serial levy. Criminal investigation is assigned a total of nine FTE, of which two are levy funded. The level of service provided by these nine positions is far less than that of the Cities of Eugene and Springfield and most Oregon counties. Without the levy, it would be necessary to prioritize those investigations which were considered essential. Of the nine resident deputies who serve the rural areas of the County, four are funded by the serial levy.

Langford concluded by saying of the total commitment by Lane County to law enforcement services, one third is funded by the levy. The level of service currently provided would be seriously eroded without the levy and the ability to have 24-hour patrols would cease.

Howland then addressed Board. He stated that as an appointed official of the State of Oregon, he could not appear before the Board in support or opposition to a levy or anything that is on the ballot. He is here to provide information on three issues: 1) the effectiveness of Lane County law enforcement; 2) the impact of the state financial crisis on the Oregon State Police (OSP); and 3) current OSP staffing levels.

Howland complimented Lane County for what was recognized in law enforcement as one of the leading Sheriff's departments in the state. The Lane County Sheriff's Office has an impeccable reputation in the law enforcement community in this state and in the western United States. He said however, that the days of duplication of services by the OSP and Lane County Sheriff's Office are over. The resources are no longer available. Through the development of interagency task forces (city, county and state), the Sheriff's Office has worked with OSP to make sure that available resources are maximized.

Howland stated that under the current state budget being considered for 1993-95, OSP's budget would be reduced by approximately \$15 million. Originally a 20 percent cut was proposed but the Governor restored some funds to OSP which resulted in an 11 percent cut. He said because of this, the OSP would lose approximately 100 sworn

police officer positions and about 50 non-sworn positions. This will impact Lane County by a reduction in the number of OSP patrol officers assigned to the County. Howland explained that while 51 patrol officers were authorized for Lane County in the 1991-1993 biennium, the current strength is only 35, due to shifting of resources. He emphasized that if Lane County were to lose any deputy sheriff positions through failure of the levy, there was no way that the OSP could assume their duties in that vacuum. Howland stressed that OSP would continue to try to provide the most effective law enforcement to the County, but they do not plan to increase the staffing levels in Lane County, and if the Governor's budget goes into effect, there would be further reductions in staffing levels in the next two to three years.

Howland stated that under the Governor's budget, their Cottage Grove station and the Oakridge outpost would be closed. He said the troopers serving these districts are not dedicated entirely to Lane County and in both cases their responsibilities spread over to other counties. The same is true for the station in Florence.

Roberts expressed the appreciation of the Board to Howland for appearing before them and speaking so candidly of the law enforcement situation.

Howland commented that under the Governor's budget the staffing of OSP would be the same as 23 years ago, and that Lane County has the third highest crime rate in the State of Oregon.

McManus concluded the presentation by stating that OSP are active players in the discussions, cooperation and consolidation efforts of the interagency teams, to provide the best quality service that can be provided to the citizens being served. He again emphasized that the levy programs represent one-third of the entire County patrol force.

This meeting recessed at 10:37 a.m. to go into Executive Session.

This meeting reconvened at 11:08 a.m.

3. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dumdi stated that she had spoken with Janet Calvert of the Extension Service who would like very much for the Board to endorse the Extension levy. Dumdi MOVED approval of the endorsement, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0. Dumdi agreed to prepare a resolution for the chair's signature.

She also announced that Rob Laney has consented to serve on the Budget Committee and will be present at the meeting of March 10, 1993.

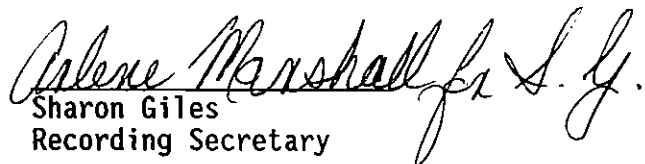
Cornacchia commented on an accident on Mohawk/Marcola Road this morning which resulted in a fatality. The accident most likely involves an off-duty deputy from the Sheriff's office.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. ORDER 93-3-9-7/In the Matter of Appointing Three Representatives to the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Partnership Inc.

MOTION: Approval of the appointments of Frederick Crinklaw, Richard Boyles and Kathryn Seymour. Roberts MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.


Sharon Giles
Recording Secretary