



NOTICE OF BOARD ACTION

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.

May 12, 1993
1:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Harris Hall
Main Floor

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

12. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Dumdi discussed an editorial from an outlying community newspaper which said the County had worked at reducing logging on County lands and also claimed the Noti bypass had been stopped by the Commissioners. She had discussed both those issues with the editor and will follow up with a written response.

Dave Williams, Assistant County Counsel, told the board the same options were available that they had had in the Armitage Park situation. Trespass on public land is a criminal violation as well as a civil trespass and they could proceed either way. He suggested providing notice by posting, and individually if necessary, to campers that camping was impermissible. He suggested the options as to what the consequences would be for failure to leave could be left open. The draft notice that Mr. Williams prepared basically asked them to move immediately and cited that the County may exercise its rights, both civil and criminal.

Commissioner Rust said Dave Wilde had gone to the site and talked to the campers. He suggested giving them this weekend and felt they would be gone by Monday.

It was agreed to give notice and for Commissioner Cornacchia to discuss the status with the County Administrator on Monday.

#13. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. PUBLIC HEARING/ORDER 93-5-12-19/In the Matter of Leasing the McKenzie Hatchery House in a Manner Consistent with ORS 275.330.

Commissioner Frazier said this order was to turn that area and one of the buildings into an informational center to enhance tourism and recreational opportunities. It is required under statute to use this process and have a public hearing to see if there are any objectors.

MOTION: Approval of the order. Frazier MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE 4-0.

- b. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING/Ordinance No. 3-93/In the Matter of Amending Chapter 6 of Lane Code to Extend the Prohibited Noise Exceptions Time Period from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for Specified Sounds (LC 6.520(1)).

Cornacchia opened the meeting for public comments. There being no one present to testify, Cornacchia closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Rust said the speedway at Cottage Grove was requesting a change in an ordinance to allow them to extend their hours. Commissioner Dumdi suggested it be extended to 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, and 10:00 p.m. on Sunday and week nights.

MOTION: Adoption of the Ordinance. Rust MOVED, FRAZIER Seconded. The Secretary polled the Board. Cornacchia, Dumdi, Frazier and Rust aye. VOTE: Unanimous.

- c. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING/Ordinance No. 4-93/In the Matter of Amending Ordinance No. 14-90D, as Previously Amended, to Extend the Sunset Date of June 1, 1993, to November 1, 1994, and Declaring an Emergency (Tree Cutting Ordinance).

Postponed to May 19, 1993.

- d. PUBLIC HEARING/Proposed Waste Disposal Fee Increase.

Mike Turner discussed overheads indicating the need for a proposed increase in tipping fees. He pointed out the operational costs plus capital and earned revenue. He said for the past three fiscal years, the County has operated out of reserves. He said this was a picture of a 10-year time span and did not represent any fee increase other than the \$40 proposed. One change proposed in the fee structure was the additional changes in the recycling credit. He said the staff recommendation differs from the RAC. Staff still recommends freezing it at \$1.50 per individual. Seventy-seven percent of public haulers recycle and he was concerned that altering that system could adversely impact the level of participation. An additional change has to do with the curb side recycling incentive. Staff was still recommending that it be frozen at a \$250,000 level per year. He recommended instead of having two separate incentives, just one common incentive be created that would include both the curb side providers and the providers of residential recycling depots and they

would all participate equally and in the same manner for the same \$250,000 of credit per year.

Commissioner Rust questioned continuing recycling credits since people are well used to recycling now.

Turner said staff recommends removing the incentive in stages. The average annual credit is around \$400,000 and taking it to \$250,000 reduces it substantially.

Turner also said he was not currently recommending charging an individual fee for appliances. He felt a \$5 fee would lose approximately 50 percent of the appliance recycling.

Cornacchia opened the meeting for public comment.

FRANK DRYSDALE, Resource Recovery Advisory Committee, supported the fee increase with some reservations. The increase recognizes the need for Lane County to come into compliance with SB 66 and EPA guidelines on continuing to operate landfills, close existing landfills, and monitor landfills. He would like to see more in the solid waste management budget for inventory of past landfills and monitoring of landfills so that environmental problems could be headed off. The proposed budget does not recognize the need for the replacement of Short Mountain which will only last between 20 and 25 years. The avoided cost of replacing Short Mountain would amount to several million dollars a year and he suggested to the commissioners that in the next development of a budget for solid waste, a shift away from the use of a near-term cost recovery system for setting fees and move to using the high end of fees that are charged in the northwest region.

JOHN HIRE, General Manager of SaniPac spoke in favor of the County disposal fee increase. He felt the impact of the new increases should be reflected in the rates so that the people who chose to bring their garbage to the transfer sites individually, feel the same impact as people who chose to have their garbage hauled by the area haulers. He supported the reduction of the curb side recycling incentives.

SAM MILLER, owner of Lane Garbage and Apex Disposal Service said losing the curb side credit could have a significant impact on the small companies. The credit his company receives now pays for one full time employee. He said a 48 percent increase in the rate for tipping fees will relate to about 15 to 18 percent increase in the overall bill of customers. His major concern was how the tipping fees are charged to all segments of the public that use the landfill. Commercial haulers bring in about 80 percent of the trash, but only 20 percent of the traffic and to him this implied that there are more costs in handling the noncommercial 80 percent of the traffic at each

ALEX CUYLER, General Manager of BRING Recycling said that as the value of recyclables has decreased BRING has gone to charging for recycling pickups and those accounts are extremely difficult to sell. With a tipping fee increase, he felt they would be able to indicate to customers that they will be paying more to dispose of material as garbage than paying to dispose of it as a recyclable. He also said RAC would be meeting with the City of Eugene to try to make up the difference in the fee decrease that the County will be giving. He felt the cities and the counties are on the hook in terms of SB 66 and it was time for the cities to step in and share some of the fiscal responsibility.

BILL SNIDER, current Chair of the Advisory Committee discussed establishing a fund for the eventual replacement of Short Mountain landfill and the need for increased education in the areas of reduction, reuse and recycling. His committee supports the increase in tipping fees, but differs with staff on the curb side recycling rebate. The RAC recommends eliminating this credit completely as well as the self haul credit. The committee also recommends the amount of revenue in the budget be increased for education.

Commissioner Cornacchia announced that another public hearing was scheduled to begin at 5:30 to accommodate those unable to attend today.

Commissioner Cornacchia had questions on the 10-year financial plan and there was a discussion regarding the \$2.4 million for yard debris. He was looking for clarification on whether that included revenues collected by the contractor or the County or whether it did not.

Turner said the \$2.4 is an estimate of what staff thinks it will cost and they had used the same figure for either the County operating a large yard debris composting program, or contracting it out.

Craig Starr said he had developed a lot of the cost estimates on the yard debris and part of it depends on how the RFP is put together and what kind of proposals are received. He explained the way it was envisioned to work was, a person brings yard debris to a County site and pays the fee. The County takes that, or has it picked up, and it is composted. The County then turns the money around and pays it out for the composting of the debris. If that same material is delivered directly to a composter, it would be a transaction between whoever delivered it to them and the site operator. He said the \$40 a ton is not paying for the costs for the part that goes to yard debris composting.

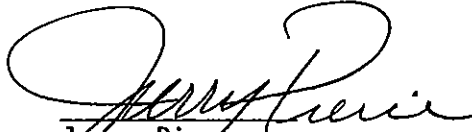
Cornacchia said the discussion would be coming back and requested that Turner supply the Board with the information and clarification on the 10-year financial plan without yard debris and/or North Transfer. He questioned the line item that is reduced on the second page for "without yard debris."

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Commissioner Rust said he would also be interested in hearing about having the replacement cost of Short Mountain built into this plan.

There was a discussion on the percentage of increase in the costs of the County's operations for the next 10 years. Commissioner Cornacchia expressed concern that the increase in service goes up 50 percent while the increase of cost goes up 200 percent.

There being no further business this meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.



Jerry Pierce
Recording Secretary