

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.

May 4, 1993
9:00 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH

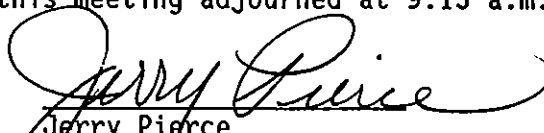
Commissioners'
Conference Room

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

1. SEMI-ANNUAL BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT.

Rob Rockstroh brought the Semi-Annual Board of Health Report to the Board. He briefly described the ADO Program and the attachments to the report laying out services to families and children. Rockstroh said HB 2004, the Children's Care Team approach which basically restructures CSD/AFS, local health delivery services and state services is hard to interpret since it is so comprehensive and broad.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.


Jerry Pierce
Recording Secretary

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May 3, 1993
7:00 p.m.

LANE COUNTY
BUDGET COMMITTEE

Harris Hall
Main Floor

Chair Rob Laney, presided with Marie Frazier, Jerry Rust, Steve Cornacchia, Marie Bell, Ellie Dumdi, Jack Roberts, Kate Jones, Bill Van Vactor, and Margo Drivas present. Beth McAllister as Recording Secretary.

1. PUBLIC HEARING/Lane County FY 93-94 Budget.

Bill Van Vactor, Acting County Administrator presented the "Proposed Budget" for the FY 93-94 year. Van Vactor thanked the Budget Analysts for their support and hard work. Departments were instructed to do reduction packages in 5%, 15% and 25% categories, with options to do 10% and 20% reductions. He said the services offered in this fiscal year will be reduced in all areas and with the uncertainty of federal and state revenues, reserves need to be maintained and new revenue sources pursued.

Commissioner Roberts requested clarification from Van Vactor regarding what the media had said about reductions in Public Safety. The media has been talking about 22 reductions in staff, Roberts understood that the real reduction is 19. Per Van Vactor, the proposed reduction is 19. Van Vactor is recommending that three positions be funded through the serial levy. Roberts also asked Van Vactor if his proposal does not recommend canceling the law enforcement contracts with Creswell or Veneta, does not recommend closing down any of the beds at the Jail, does not propose reducing any of the levy-funded programs that were approved by the voters in the March election. Van Vactor stated that all of this was correct; that when voters are told what the money will be used for, this cannot be changed. Roberts asked if it was also true that after the proposed reductions the total staffing for the department of Public Safety will still be slightly in excess of the staffing level in 1989-90. Van Vactor stated that this was also true and he believes that there are four or more staff people than there were in 1989-90. Roberts stated that he felt he was misquoted in Saturday's edition of the Register-Guard and would like to set the record straight that he did not mean to imply in any way that the Sheriff's department is "fat", "top heavy" or has excessive staffing at any level. He thinks that this department like all other departments is very lean. Roberts stressed that he does not want anyone to have the impression that only fat and inefficiency are being cut out. The muscle of County Government is also being cut.

Before the public hearing section, Rob Laney, Chair of the Budget Committee requested that in order to save time, since so many people signed up to give testimony, he would ask Sheriff Bob McManus to be the first speaker. If others who had signed up agreed they should assent, if not, then they could come up to the microphone and speak.

Bob McManus, 24787 Hwy 36, Cheshire, OR, Lane County Sheriff, asked that the Budget committee look at prioritization of government services supplied by Lane County. He would like to have the budget process put back in the hands of the Budget Committee (rather than the Administrator)

and allow the elected Sheriff to present his programs, service reductions and the impact of service delivery on the citizens to the Budget committee for its full decision throughout the entire Lane County government. The Sheriff would like to be allowed, uncompromised, to make the critical decisions of what will be cut from his department. He feels that he was elected to take on this assignment to make recommendations to the Budget Committee. He would like the budget reduction decisions in his department taken out of the hands of the County Administrator.

Max Schumacher, 1735 Tabor Street, Eugene, Harold Jole, 2045 Coventry Way, Eugene, and Mark Cosby, 38415 Wendling Road, Marcola all concurred with the Sheriff's comments.

Freddie Tryk, 1855 Olive, Eugene, requested that the proposed \$100,000 cut in IHSC (food for Lane County) not be cut.

Ruth Dull, 57 w. 20th, Eugene, and Delight Fisher, 05725 Nordahl Road, Florence both concurred with comments regarding proposed cut in IHSC funds.

Larry Jones, 2469 Canterbury, Eugene and Jeanne Havercroft, 4487 Cascade, Eugene: both support the Sheriff's comments

Shevah Lambert, 925 Fillmore, Eugene, turned in a petition signed by 100 people. Urged the Budget Committee to consider the many homeless families when making decisions on the budget.

Brandy McClure, 2181 Eastwood Lane, Eugene, was supportive of Sheriff's comments.

Anne Larson, 89253 Territorial road, Elmira, supported comments made by previous speakers.

Michael Connelly, 2625 w. 22nd ave., Eugene, counselor with the Alcohol & Drug division of Health & Human Service Department of Lane County stated he is against the proposed \$35,000 reduction in this department.

Ethel Martinson, 1520 Elkay Drive, was supportive of Sheriff's comments.

Kris Rush, 3820 Banner, Eugene, supported the comments of the Sheriff and Michael Connelly.

Laurence Hamblen, 1882 Happy Lane #44, Eugene, supports comments from speakers on the food shelters and the drug and alcohol rehab program.

Clark Percy, Whitmore street, Marcola, leader of Neighborhood Watch Group in Marcola stated that 50 members from this area and all other Neighborhood Watch Groups support the Sheriff's comments.

Norton Campbell, 3680 Thames Street, Eugene, does not want to see \$100,000 IHSC funds cut from budget.

Saralyn Brooks-O'Connor, 440 N. 9th, Springfield, protested the cut of \$100,000 from the IHSC budget.

Gwen Anderson, 432 Kingsbury, Eugene, Neil Halttonen, 2082 Ohio Street, Eugene, Bill Rogers, PO Box A, Vida, and Robert Bennett, 85334 S. Willamette, were supportive of the Sheriff's comments.

Joe Softich, 2612 Emerald, Eugene, recommended not cutting \$100,000 from IHSC funds.

Clint Heath, 32933 Elsynx Hollow Road, Creswell, spoke against the \$50,000 cut from Veteran Services Offices.

Gordie Albi, 550 E. 40th, Eugene, was against the proposed cut in IHSC funds.

Rich Cook, 379 Brookside Drive, Eugene, was against proposed cuts in Health & Human Services and Youth Services.

Eric Langford, 1586 Victorian Way, Eugene, supports Sheriff's comments.

Ann Aiken, 1790 Fircrest Drive, Eugene, was opposed to budget cuts in Youth Services.

Don Johnson, 2257 Harris, Eugene, was against the proposed cut in IHSC funds.

Cornacchia stated that the County has done the same budget process for years. The County Administrator proposes his recommended budget and the Commissioners invariably make changes to that budget. The County is not only cutting law enforcement. Cornacchia stated that the people also heard requests made to the Budget Committee tonight to not cut food, shelter, medical care, veterans, health clinics, A&T and juvenile services. Due to matters beyond the County's control with the timber harvest, all of these programs are in the recommended budget to be cut.

Cornacchia commented that he was hopeful that tonight's meeting had dispelled some of the rumors and misrepresentations that have occurred throughout the community about what is happening in Lane County. Cornacchia emphasized that the levy that was passed in March was not a referendum on the entire Sheriff's department; it only covers certain specific programs. Cornacchia feels that the Sheriff should make the decision as to where his cuts are going to be, but that this is a different issue of whether he should take any cuts at all.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8:45 p.m.

Beth McAllister
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