

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.

November 30, 1993
1:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners'
Conference Room

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

11. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roberts made a motion to reconsider the earlier vote on item 9.a., ORDER 93-11-30-13. He stated that is brother represents the purchaser of the property, which could cause a potential conflict of interest.

MOTION: To reconsider vote on ORDER 93-11-30-13. Roberts MOVED, Rust SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

MOTION: To accept ORDER 93-11-30-13. Rust MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

Dumdi commented that she had lunch with Mr. Pierpoint and he accepted the appointment to the Board of Regional Strategies.

Rust commented that he had an interesting lunch with officers of Real Estate regarding the Real Estate Transfer tax.

Dumdi made a motion to reconsider vote on item 4.a., ORDER 93-11-30-1.

MOTION: To reconsider vote on ORDER 93-11-30-1. Dumdi MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

MOTION: To accept ORDER 93-11-30-1. Rust MOVED, Roberts SECONDED. VOTE: 3-1 with Dumdi dissenting.

Frazier remarked that Santa Claus was coming to the Cottage Grove Community Center the next two weekends. She also stated that she had just

received a video on Health Care and would make it available to the rest of the Board members and staff if they would like to view it.

12. PUBLIC WORKS

- a. ORDER 93-11-30-14/In the Matter of a Determination of Whether or Not to Consider the Appeal of a Hearings Official Approval of PA 0477-93 to Allow the Construction of a 123-space Recreational Vehicle Park Within the Impacted Forest Lands (F-2) Zone and Beaches and Dunes (/BD) Combining District (Applicant: Cyress Development Corp.; Appellant: Curtis Roth et al).

Roy Burns stated that if the Board hears this appeal, that it will most likely go to LUBA. Dumdi clarified that none of the building will take place inside the watershed. Rust indicated that there was a question regarding the timeliness of the appeal. Burns explained that the deadline was November 18th. The application, money and the signature of the representative was turned in by the 18th. On November 19th the representative sent a letter withdrawing his name as the representative and issued a new name and signature of the new representative in that same letter. According to Land Management, this was still timely.

Roberts stated that he is inclined to not hear the appeal. He feels that the Hearings Official adequately addressed all the issues related to this item. He also feels that LUBA could address the wetlands issue better than the Board. Dumdi supported Roberts' comments and also stated that Land Management and the Hearings Official had done a good job addressing the issues. Rust stated that he does not know what additional information the Board could contribute to this case. Frazier relayed and supported Cornacchia's comments that it is not necessary for the Board to review this application.

MOTION: To decline to hear the appeal. Rust MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED.
VOTE: 4-0.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

This meeting recessed at 2:05 p.m. to reconvene at 3:00 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

14. COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

- a. REPORT AND DISCUSSION/Scope of A&T Review by Department of Revenue.

Rick Main and Barbara Swanson from the Department of Revenue stated that next Tuesday they will begin their performance review of the

Lane County Assessment and Taxation Department. They came to meet with the Board to explain what they plan to do during the next 6-8 weeks. A staff of about twenty people will be working on and off during the month of December through mid January. They plan to look at the sub components of the A&T department, the tax side, the assessor's side, ratio review, Board of Equalization, appraisals of residential and commercial properties, personal property program, uniformity of late penalties, exemptions, applications on file, special assessments of open space, farm use and forest lands, new construction, review of overall staffing and the six year cycle.

Rust commented that he has a lot of faith in Assessment and Taxation department and their staff. Rust was interested in the cost of this review. Main stated that it will cost several thousand dollars to conduct this review. This is funded through the same source of revenue that is given back to the County through grant funds. Van Vactor voiced his concern regarding the impact on County staff. Main replied that at previous counties there was far less impact on staff than anticipated. They plan to put minimal impact on local staff. Frazier asked how many counties have been done and if there is an ideal county out there. Main responded that they have reviewed 22 counties and all have different issues. So far he can say that Douglas County is the best due to having good management and being adequately funded - these are the two key things to have. Overall, in the counties previously reviewed, the problems have been in commercial appraisals and personal property. Some counties have been adequately funded with poor management and vice versa.

Dumdi emphasized that this is a timber-dependant county and that we have no control over the timber. She feels that this should be taken into consideration. Dumdi commented that we have adequate staff and good management and if grant monies are taken away this will hurt our county even more. Main replied that the Department of Revenue has statutes that it has to abide by.

Rust asked if there is current information that suggests Lane County has a problem. Main responded that in 1988 a study was done which showed problems in Cartography and the 6 year cycle. Since that time Lane County increased its staff and has made progress. Main also agreed that Lane County has good staff and management, but feels that the progress may be reversing due to lack of money in the County's budget. Main stated that the main thing they are looking at is if Lane County's taxing system is fair and equitable. Rust commented that the County values their assessor and that it is bound by the state statutes to comply with this review.

Dumdi asked if there would be an improvement if the County would computerize the system more. Main stated that he has seen many ways that counties can become more efficient through data processing.

Barbara Swanson remarked that the Department of Revenue is consistent in what they look at in all counties. They do not pick and choose what they are going to review, depending on which county they are reviewing.

Jim Gangle mentioned that the Board received a memorandum in previous packet material from him regarding the procedure that will take place.

Items 8.B.2, 8.B.3, and 8.B.4 were pulled from Consent Calendar at the morning portion of meeting.

Van Vactor presented the Board with resumes from Herb Evans and George Derr. Roberts made a motion to approve the three board orders.

MOTION: To approve Board ORDERS 93-11-30-5, 93-11-30-6, and 93-11-30-7. Roberts MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 4-0.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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