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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.

September 14, 1993
1:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners'
Conference Room

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

6. YOUTH SERVICES

- a. DISCUSSION/Impact on Lane County of HB 2004 and County Responsibilities Under the Legislation.

Susan Sowards, Youth Development Coordinator, presented some historical background on this issue for the Board and distributed and reviewed additional material: a copy of HB2004 and a table describing the effects of the bill on Lane County. Bill Van Vector, Acting County Administrator, observed that if the bill requires that the local staff director make appointments, that may require an amendment to County policy, as only department directors are appointing authorities. Although Sowards indicated that the legislative intent was to follow existing county systems, Van Vector stated that the Board could designate Steve Carmichael and he could subdelegate to Sowards. In response to a question from Frazier, Sowards indicated that the statute is unclear as to "transferring responsibility," but that the concept is the transfer of planning and coordination functions. Responding to Van Vector, Sowards stated that the plan would include Health & Human Services department services to children. Looking at a date of July 31, 1994 for an update of this year's plan, Sowards indicated that existing plans from other departments could be incorporated into the main plan. She noted that a lot was still unclear as there is not yet a State Commission and Administrative Rules have not yet been modified. Cornacchia expressed concern about the impact of possible budget cuts on annual plan amendments. He noted that participants will need to be cognizant about dedicating staff resources into a product that is subject to changes due to budget adjustments. Sowards indicated that

there will need to be an integrated, coordinated effort, working with worst/best case scenarios. Cornacchia commented that the County Administrator will need to act as a central figure in bringing all the players together. Roberts remarked that department resources will need to be inventoried and try to get them integrated to work together as effectively as possible. Cornacchia observed that there will be a need to provide a timeframe which will allow for the public review and comment which is referred to. Responding to Rust, Sowards indicated that the new standard for monitoring and evaluation has been put into effect for all State services as well. Van Vactor asked Sowards to contact Rob Rockstroh, Health and Human Services Director, to see if any of his advisory committees need/want this briefing.

- b. ORDER 93-9-14-3/In the Matter of Approving a Plan Amendment to the Lane County Youth Development Commission Comprehensive Plan for 1993-95.

Sowards reviewed this agenda item for the Board. Roberts noted that the Executive Committee's original recommendation was to take the full \$108,000 (increased administrative budget) and put it back into programs (which have been reduced by 12.3%). He stated that the full YDC Commission proposed the current recommendation (set aside the entire amount to see if additional staff support, etc. is needed - if not used, restore to program budgets). He presented a letter from Steve Carmichael, Director of Youth Services, whose recommendation was to use half of the additional dollars to hold the reduction in programs in the first year to 5.5%. The other half of the additional dollars (\$54,166) would be set aside for either required implementation activities of HB 2004 or eventual distribution to YDC programs in year two. Roberts recommended adopting Carmichael's recommendation and asking the YDC at the joint meeting next week to reconsider their recommendation. MOTION: Approval of the Order, changing attachment to reflect Carmichael's budgetary recommendation as noted above. Roberts MOVED, Rust SECONDED. VOTE: 5-0.

- c. ORDER 93-9-14-4/In the Matter of Appointing 5 Members to the Youth Development Commission.

Sowards reviewed this item for the Board. Cornacchia expressed concern that the recommendation does not include Steve Carmichael (whose term recently expired) and Jim Forbes (who resigned amid concerns regarding the impression of impropriety). Cornacchia stated that it would be injurious to children to lose the expertise of these two people. He suggested seeking the continued involvement of Carmichael and Forbes, either in a membership slot or as ex-officio members. Roberts agreed that it was a good idea, but suggested holding off discussion until the joint meeting, noting that Carmichael continues to serve until his slot is filled and Forbes will continue to be involved otherwise. Cornacchia also expressed a concern regarding the appointment of Alfonso Cabrera at this time,


until a current Hispanic community conflict is resolved. He also noted that he would like to see the appointment of Beverly Davis, the only Native American applicant, as either one of the five appointments today or to one of the nine vacancies. Rust indicated that Cabrera has met the criteria and that he was ready to accept the five recommendations today. Roberts stated that Davis was originally on the list of recommendations, but removed over concerns regarding professional/lay membership. He noted that there is that leeway now. He indicated he was prepared to support all five recommendations plus Davis. Dumdi remarked that she would like to see Greg Evans, Joe Riviera and Mark Harris considered for future appointments. Sowards observed that the Board could add the sixth appointment, but it would not be final until Judge Hargreaves concurs with it. MOTION: Approval of the Order appointing Allidees Beckham, Pam Berrian, Alfonso Cabrera, Thomas Coley, Beverly Davis and Allan Hughes, and recommending the Davis appointment to Judge Hargreaves. Rust MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. Frazier indicated that she will be looking in the next round for appointees with a balance of academics and practical experience working with youth. VOTE: 5-0.

7. EMERGENCY BUSINESS

None.

Rust spoke briefly regarding the upcoming Fair Board appointment and asked Board members to forward their preference for applicants to be interviewed to himself and Frazier.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.



Sharon Giles
Recording Secretary