

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.

September 21, 1993
9:00 a.m.

WORK SESSION
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

None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

To be held later in the meeting.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION as per ORS 192.660

To be held later in the day.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

a. Announcements

Bill Van Vactor, Acting County Administrator, recognized and thanked departments that had prepared and forwarded extensive forms requested by the National Association of Counties regarding unfunded federal mandates. He noted that a NACo press conference would be held on October 27.

- b. DISCUSSION/Adopting the 1993-94 Supplemental Budget #1 and Making Appropriations. (Public Hearing & Action, Wednesday, September 28, 9:00 a.m., Harris Hall Main Floor)

Margo Drivas, Assistant Director of Human Resources and Management Services, reviewed the agenda memo for the Board, noting that there had been extensive changes in the solid waste fund. She discussed the consolidation of Fund 29 (capital improvement fund) and Fund 30 (operations), noting that combining them would provide for greater efficiency. Mike Turner, Waste Management Manager, reviewed his memorandum of September 9 (included in the packet material).

Responding to Dumdi, Turner stated that none of the outlying facilities are open on Sunday. He indicated that the central receiving station is open on Sundays in the summer. Turner replied to Cornacchia that that decision is both administrative and budgetary. He explained that Sunday openings have been discussed many times previously, but have not been implemented due to cost. He indicated that most of the regional sites are open on a Wednesday through Saturday schedule for 40 hours. He noted that if the facilities were to be open on Sunday, then maintaining a 40-hour schedule would require that Wednesday or another day be eliminated. Turner stated that the hauler does not use the Cottage Grove site, but goes to Short Mountain. He indicated that in Florence, the haulers have a special Monday and Tuesday opening from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., being charged a 2 1/2 percent surcharge for that opening. The Board directed Turner to come back in 45 days with an analysis of the landfill sites regarding days and hours of operations versus users' needs.

Roberts questioned the benefits of combining the operating and capital budgets. He cited the example of the miscalculation regarding projected revenue resulting from the fee increase. He indicated the need to have accurate information for decision-making purposes and stated that combining the funds might make it easier to lose track of some items. Turner explained that the miscalculation had resulted from not taking into account, in the 10-year plan, that the effective tonnage collection rate is less due to volume versus tonnage charging and the recycling and senior credit programs. With regard to changing funds, Turner stated it would allow the program to be more streamlined in the budget process as it would make accounting simpler. He noted that operations and capital are coded separately. Drivas concurred, indicating that combining the funds would give the budget staff a better monitoring view. Roberts stated he just wants to make sure that there continues to be a measure of the amount of fees necessary to cover operating costs and what is needed to cover operating costs plus capital. He suggested proceeding with caution and monitoring the change carefully.

Responding to Cornacchia, Turner indicated that paving Short Mountain Road out of the road fund had not been addressed. Cornacchia noted

that if that were possible, it would help keep down future fee increases. Van Vactor and Public Works were assigned to check on road fund eligibility for this project.

- c. ORDER 93-9-21-1/In the Matter of Renaming the Solid Waste Disposal Fund and Broadening its Purposes.

MOTION: Approval of the Order. Rust MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. Van Vactor commented that it is understood that the language is broad enough to include, if necessary in the future, funding from this fund of the compliance program in the Land Management Division and funding Solid Waste help to pick up garbage in the parks program. VOTE: 4-0.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY

- a. STATUS REPORT/Sheriff's Office Fleet Status Report

Eric Langford, Captain, Sheriff's Office, presented a brief overview of his agenda memorandum, summarizing that the department believes it was a good decision and is working well. Responding to Rust, Langford observed that reduced maintenance costs and equipping vehicles to maximize resale value were areas of cost savings. He indicated that cost savings over the last year were between \$20,000 - \$30,000. Responding to Cornacchia, Langford stated that at least that much more in continued savings could be anticipated for next year's budget. He noted that savings have not kept up with reductions in the budget. He indicated that more substantial savings were anticipated in fiscal years 1995 and 1996 as the phase-in takes place. Roberts urged that some study be done to quantify the time savings for servicing and suggested changing the focus to try to get information to evaluate over time. He remarked that it is necessary to look at this as an on-going experiment. Langford noted that the next report will provide a two-year history.

7. EMERGENCY BUSINESS

None.

3. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roberts expressed his appreciation to Rob Rockstroh, Director of Health and Human Services, for the role that he and his department played in the recent Centro Latinoamericano controversy. Roberts noted that Rockstroh's department had responsibility for contract monitoring and that Rockstroh personally acted in a facilitating role to help resolve the situation.

Cornacchia concurred with Roberts and expressed his appreciation for having been kept abreast of the situation as it progressed. He commented

that this is the type of work that Rockstroh is good at and renowned for.

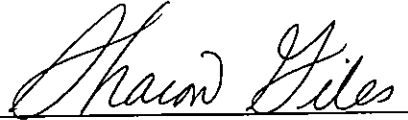
Rust expressed his concern that eggs were thrown at the OCA float at the Eugene Celebration parade. He commented that everyone has the right to march.

Rust stated that he had spoken with Richard Stach, Linn County Commissioner, who had spoken with Pam Folts, Benton County Commissioner, and both had expressed an interest in Lane County as a possible partner regarding Regional Strategies. Rust stated that they had urged Lane County participation in a meeting on October 8. He indicated that he had left a message for Stach that an October 1st date would be better for Dumdi, Frazier and himself. Rust suggested that perhaps the entire board could be involved. Cornacchia indicated that he was not available on October 1. Van Vactor noted that the Board would be discussing Regional Strategies on October 4 or 5. He indicated that he had spoken with Jim Zelenka who has coordinated Regional Strategies in the past and Van Vactor suggested that this meeting be coordinated through him. Van Vactor noted that the Regional Strategies requirement was that the process be done with a contiguous county and that perhaps the Board may want to explore counties to the south and east also. Rust suggested that perhaps the Economic Development subcommittee could help perform an assessment of those potential relationships. Dumdi noted that there is the possibility of doing three different strategies and that they could be done with different contiguous counties. She suggested looking at coastal issues with Douglas and Lincoln counties may be beneficial. Rust expressed concern over multiple strategies with multiple counties. Roberts suggested that the Economic Development subcommittee meet and/or do outreach with all the various counties, not precluding anything at this point. The Economic Development subcommittee was given that assignment and Rust and Dumdi were encouraged to attend the October 1 meeting with Stach and Folts.

Rust read excerpts from letters from his constituents concerning dogs being put to death by the Lane County Animal Regulation Authority. Rust suggested a broad level discussion regarding policies, goals and procedures at Animal Regulation, particularly in light of Eugene possibly pulling out next year. Dumdi and Cornacchia concurred with the need for a general discussion. Van Vactor indicated that there could be a brief discussion next week on the specific issues regarding Greenhill and then a broad discussion later regarding the status of Animal Regulation and the outlook for the future. Roberts noted that the facts regarding the current allegations are skewed and need to be kept in perspective, but agreed with a need to look at issues surrounding animal control overall. He commented that the Eugene City Manager has indicated that there are fewer complaints related to animal control in Lane County than any place he can remember. Direction was given that a brief report be scheduled for September 28 and a comprehensive discussion be scheduled for the first part of December.

Cornacchia reported that Judge Hargreaves had sent a letter concurring with the recommendation for the appointment of Beverly Davis to the Youth Development Commission.

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m. to go in to Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.



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