

MINUTES & NOTICE OF BOARD ACTION

APPROVED May 3, 1994

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.

March 30, 1994
12:00 noon

JOINT BCC/FAIR BOARD
MEETING

Commissioners'
Conference Room

Chair Jerry Rust presided with Jack Roberts, Steve Cornacchia, and Elli Dumdi. Also present were Bill Van Vactor, County Administrator and Teresa Wilson, Legal Counsel. County Fair Board members Robert Mattson, Pat Hansen, Cleve Dumdi and Star Wood were present. Also present, Wesley O. Brustad, Fairgrounds Director, Vernon Thompson, Assistant Fairgrounds Manager and Jeri Kaufman, Fair Board Secretary.

1. Update of Master Planning Process

Fair Board Vice President Robert Mattson reviewed the Presentation Memo dated March 30, 1994. He turned the meeting over to Brustad to update the members on the Master Plan Process.

Brustad reviewed new business alternatives for the fair, which included (1) producing fairs and festivals, (2) seeking livestock events, and (3) concerts, ice shows, sporting events, tournaments and other entertainment events which cannot be accommodated elsewhere.

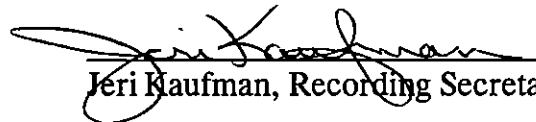
Brustad handed out an 11" x 17" colored map detailing the proposed improvements and maintenance needed on the Fairgrounds. He reviewed the list of Capital Improvements item by item and the proposed additions, improvements, maintenance that is necessary.

Discussion ensued regarding use of room tax monies. Brustad commented that due to the closure of the Albany Fairgrounds and Lane County Fairgrounds' desire to obtain some of that business, time is of the essence to improve the agricultural side of the Fairgrounds. Brustad reported that the 12 new multi-day horse shows that the Fairgrounds anticipate bringing in could have an estimated impact of \$7.0 million to our community. Comm. Rust stated his desire for the Consortium to meet again before any final decision is made. Brustad stated he would arrange for a meeting with the Consortium Committee. Discussion ensued regarding sources of funding for Fairgrounds improvements. It was the concensus of the members present that the Fairgrounds seek outside funding from private sources for the initial improvements of the agricultural center so that new livestock events may be secured for Lane County.

2. Question of County Policy

The Board members were provided with a memo entitled "A Critical Element: County Policy". Questions were raised regarding what are the priorities of the Fairgrounds. Comm. Cornacchia stated that he was "excited about the 3/30/94 Memo", but that the Fair Board had the responsibility of responding to the questions on page two of the memo. He stated that if it wasn't for the commitment that the Fair Board made to go back to the Consortium Committee for its final recommendations, that he would give his commitment on the proposal today. Comm. Roberts stated that his decision would weigh heavily on the outcome at the polls on May 17th. He stated that if the transfer tax does not go through, he will not support the proposal.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.


Jeri Kaufman, Recording Secretary