

# MINUTES & NOTICE OF BOARD ACTION

APPROVED July 24, 1996

## 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.

April 17, 1996  
1:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners'  
Conference Room

Chair Bobby Green, Sr. presided with Steve Cornacchia, Ellie Dumdi and Cindy Weeldreyer present. Jerry Rust excused. Sharon Giles, Recording Secretary.

### 11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Sullivan, 3674 Oxbow Way, stated that she represents a group of Harlow Neighbors and was here to talk about a sound wall project along I-105 from Coburg Road to I-5. She indicated that there has been commitment from residents for a portion of the financing. Sullivan stated that she has 82 signatures from residents and has support from the state at a 50% level. She noted that this would be the only project requesting county Road Funds that has citizen participation. Sullivan urged the Board to include this project in the County CIP.

Betty Blatchley, 135 Ayres Road, asked what the research turned up on Ayres Road funding from the Road Fund, noting that this issue had been tabled for five to six weeks. Green recalled that the project was put on hold until after the Road Fund report. Ollie Snowden, County Engineer, indicated that he was planning to give an oral report on how that project might work.

Jim Gillette, 86340 Needham Road, stated that he has been working with staff on his property for the last few months, but expressed concern that he had requested a meeting to work on potential solutions, only to be served with notice instead. He emphasized that he

was trying to work out a constructive way to help the homeless situation. Gillette remarked that if he went to the state legislature, he would get nowhere; but if the County Commission was behind him, there might be an impact. Green pointed out that the homeless issue is secondary to the compliance issue. Gillette stated that he would like to gain some time until he can go to the legislature. Cornacchia told Gillette that he has followed the land use system in Oregon for 20 years and that he didn't believe Gillette has a chance of getting what is being asked for. He continued that Oregon has a basic premise that urban uses shall take place in urban areas and that the high density suggested for Gillette's site runs contrary to that premise. Cornacchia stressed that it would be fruitless for the County to go to the legislature in this case. Gillette commented that he thinks the political climate is right now to favor low income causes and suggested that it start here.

Don Norris, 1984 Kimberly Drive, indicated that he represents the late Edwin Cone family and was here to comment on the EDAP program. He stated that they have engaged in extensive development and need the assurance and backing of the County in the form of a low interest loan. Norris remarked that they are at the point where Eugene is set to approve the project, but can't do so without funding in place. He commented that the bank needs the County to step up and say it is backing the project.

Jim Edgar, 55 Ayres Road, commented that he has talked to all the landowners and suggested that the road be one-way to Gilham. He indicated that another suggestion is to make sure all construction is over with, so that any new road won't have to be fixed again.

Cindy Clague, 315 Ayres Road, expressed concern that they have a power pole on their property and Eugene intends to move the pole closer to their home. She indicated that the cost of moving the pole is \$10-\$20,000 per pole. Clague stated that the idea of a one-way road would work and that traffic patterns would support that. She emphasized that there are no benefits to adjacent property owners that are different than the general public, noting that the road will not benefit developability.

Chris Anderson, City of Eugene Public Works Director, stated that she is here on Eugene Councilor Jim Torrey's behalf. She indicated that the City Council met on April 8 and that Mayor Bascom sent a letter to the Board supporting the recommendation of the cities at the April 4 Finance and Audit Committee meeting (see copy of Bascom's letter on file). She read a statement from Torrey in support of Bascom's letter. Cornacchia stated that the County will be looking at the Road Fund considerations in light of what is best for it. He added that the willingness of Eugene to participate in partnerships will be gauged on the basis of its decisions, such as the one regarding the Short Mountain sewer line.

## 12. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

To be held later in the meeting.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

## a. REPORT BACK/Road fund Financial Plan.

Ollie Snowden, County Engineer, explained some background/history regarding revenues and budgeting for road work for the benefit of the public, highlighting the declining timber revenues and briefly reviewed the agenda memorandum (see material on file). He added that a key issue is the 1997 legislature and what they do regarding highway user fee increases. Snowden summarized that the Finance and Audit Committee has recommended that their two preferred alternatives, Option B and Option E, be considered by the Board.

Snowden explained that lines 25 and 26 of Option B and lines 14 and 15 of Option E refer to road partnership "capital" and road partnership "maintenance." He noted that the current road partnership agreements do not make any distinction about whether the funds are to be used for capital or maintenance, noting that the cities can use them for whatever they want. Snowden indicated that the terminology of "Fund 1" and "Fund 2" could be used instead.

Rick Schulz, Management Analyst, provided detail (see material on file) with regard to Option B and Option E. He explained that Finance and Audit liked the idea of linking state highway funds with operations, maintenance and preservation; and linking federal funds with modernization and capital projects and that is reflected on both options. Green explained that these two options came forward from F&A, but there are other options that can be considered. Cornacchia commented that different options can be integrated to arrive at a model. Schulz provided specific examples to show some of the reasoning behind the models. Responding to Cornacchia, Snowden explained that the \$350,000 figure was used for assisted housing projects based on the estimated sum needed for one large project based on former uses. He commented that the thought process behind Option B is that it is an interim to long term problem, not immediate, and the legislature may play a role in the long term.

## b. REPORT BACK/Economic Development Assistance Program.

Roy Burns briefly reviewed his memorandum regarding the economic development loan fund options (see material on file). He outlined the policy considerations as detailed in the memo.

## c. ORAL REPORT BACK/Assessment Deferral Program.

Snowden explained that this is the Ayres Road issue. He stated that a key issue is that the County cannot make loans to private individuals, so would have to pass the money to the city. He indicated that staff interpretation is that under existing city code, there

Bell expressed concern that the total figures give the impression of a large revenue increase, suggesting that the Parole and Probation figure should be placed in the Sheriff's budget. There was consensus to leave this figure in place as a "placeholder," noting that it will probably be moved to another department upon finalization of the planning phase.

MOTION: Tentative approval of the Board of Commissioners and County Administration proposed budget. Phelps MOVED, Bell SECONDED. VOTE: 9-0.

**c) County Counsel, All Funds**

Schulz briefly reviewed the three funds within this department, including the self insurance fund, the law library fund and the general fund (see material on file). He discussed the impact of changes related to the indirect cost plan, the Information Services implementation and the restoration of an Assistant County Counsel 3 position.

MOTION: Tentative Approval of the County Counsel proposed budget for all funds. Cornacchia MOVED, Weeldreyer SECONDED. VOTE: 9-0.

**VI. NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, April 30, 1996  
5:15 p.m.  
Commissioners' Conference Room.

**VIII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.



Sharon Giles  
Board Secretary