

# MINUTES & NOTICE OF BOARD ACTION

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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.

April 30, 1996  
5:15 p.m.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Commissioners'  
Conference Room

**PRESENT:** Peter Bartel, Marie Bell, Ellie Dumdi, Bobby Green, Sr., Carol Jones, Del Phelps, Bud Stewart and Cindy Weeldreyer. Steve Cornacchia and Jerry Rust excused. Sharon Giles, Recording Secretary.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bartel called the meeting to order.

### **II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **III. BUDGET REVIEW**

#### **Justice Courts**

David Garnick, Senior Management Analyst, reviewed the Justice Court agenda document, which provided background on this issue (see material on file). He explained the funding mechanisms for the Florence, Oakridge and Central Lane Justice Courts. Responding to Bartel, Captain John Clague, Sheriff's Office, stated that approximately 12,000 citations were written last year. Garnick provided a more detailed explanation of the "hold harmless" concept for Bartel. He explained that the General Fund has been replenished by all amounts except for \$110,000, which is still due to be made up. Garnick also reported that year-to-date totals show that the "system" is over \$146,000 short.

Responding to Bartel, Bob McManus, Sheriff, reported that DUI's have decreased for a number of reasons, including societal changes. He indicated that the Traffic Team is very supportive of MADD and the Red Ribbon Coalition. Bell stated that it would be beneficial to know how many times the justices assess the unitary assessment fee. She indicated that if it is not being assessed often enough, a grass roots lobby could put pressure on the justices.

Responding to Phelps, Bill Van Vactor, County Administrator, discussed the implications of moving the Florence Justice Court into the new Florence Justice Center. He cautioned that current estimates on the capital side are about \$100,000, plus annual maintenance costs, noting that funds to finance this have not been identified. Garnick summarized that this is basically a status quo budget. McManus stressed that aggressive traffic enforcement has reduced traffic fatalities by 50% and is one of the biggest cost benefits that can be realized in law enforcement. Responding to Phelps, McManus stated that he expects that the system shortage will be made up by the end of the year.

MOTION: Tentative approval of the Justice Courts' budget. Phelps MOVED, Green SECONDED.  
VOTE: 8-0.

#### **District Attorney's Office, All Funds**

##### General Fund

Rick Schulz, Management Analyst, reviewed this item for the committee (see material on file), highlighting changes in revenue and expenses and explaining the consequences of the new indirect plan and creation of the Department of Information Services. Responding to Bell, Schulz explained that implementation of the new indirect plan is responsible for the difference in indirect figures for the upcoming year.

Paul Graebner, Felony Trial Team, explained that felony intakes have increased by 10% over last year. He stated that attorneys continue to be overloaded and that there is significant under prosecution of cases due to lack of staffing. Graebner reported that there have been six indictments of child homicides in the last year. He stated that Eugene's Rapid Deployment Unit is providing numerous new cases. Responding to Bartel, Graebner explained that there is a large increase in drug activity/indictments. Phelps expressed concern that society is not providing the funding for turning around the drug problems.

Bernadette Hainley reported that staff is down to three deputy District Attorneys in District Court. She explained that there is a caseload of 15-20 trials set per day per attorney, with two or three trial days per week. Hainley noted that there are more police officers generating cases, the number of judges remains stable, but the number of prosecutors decreases. She explained that there are 22 attorneys prosecuting criminal cases, but a large number of court-appointed attorneys, who can file to acquire investigative services; thus the defense has the advantage.

Lauralee McKee, Family Law, explained that support enforcement's caseload has increased from 850 per lawyer five years ago to 1250 cases per lawyer presently. She emphasized that these are mandatory cases and do not include violation of restraining order cases. McKee described a pilot program taking place with the Support Enforcement Division which utilizes the strengths of each agency.

**MOTION:** Tentative approval of the District Attorney's Office General Fund budget. Green MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. **VOTE:** 8-0.

#### Liquor Law Enforcement Fund

Schulz briefly reviewed this item. Bell asked if revenue from this fund could be stretched to include girls alcohol and drug treatment beds and was told that this could be researched. Bell questioned why the table shows juvenile girls' cases flat all the way across.

**MOTION:** Tentative approval of the District Attorney's Office Liquor Law Enforcement Fund budget. Green MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. **VOTE:** 8-0.

This meeting recessed at 7:05 p.m. to reconvene at 7:10 p.m.

#### **Sheriff's Office, All Funds**

##### General Fund

Schulz reviewed this portion of the Sheriff's Office budget (see material on file). He explained that the Sheriff's Office represents 42.3% of the Discretionary General Fund. Schulz reported that this is a status quo budget and reviewed the changes in revenue and expenses. Bell questioned why the Road Fund could not be charged more for the work of the inmate work crew. Stewart asked about revenue from the Concealed Weapon Permit fees and why there is a revenue decrease when it seems to be "a growth industry." Pat Dawley reported that the office is seeing one-third of the previous numbers, possibly because demand for permits has reached the saturation point. Responding to Bartel, Dawley indicated that the numbers in the budget document reflect earlier figures before the recent decrease. Bartel requested detail on the unit cost to provide a concealed weapons permit, questioning whether costs are exceeding the fee being charged. McManus observed that there are 7300 + gun permits and they will cycle in for renewal. Clague reported that staff in that area are utilized in other areas routinely as time allows. Van Vactor remarked that the issue has now been highlighted and can be finalized by the Board when the budget comes before the Board for approval.

Corrections Operations Fund

Schulz explained that this is where the levy funds are budgeted and that the use of the Corrections Operations Fund matches the amount of the A Levy. He noted that passage/failure of the upcoming levies may impact this fund. Schulz highlighted that if both levies fail, the result will be a decrease in over \$5 million in Public Safety.

General Road Fund

Schulz briefly reviewed this fund (see material on file).

Motor & Equipment Pool Fund

Schulz briefly reviewed this fund (see material on file).

Special Revenues/Services Fund

Schulz briefly reviewed this fund (see material on file). There was a brief discussion of the firing range and drug forfeiture programs.

Corrections Commissary Fund

Schulz briefly reviewed this fund (see material on file).

MOTION: Tentative approval of the Sheriff's Office budget, all funds, including the requested adjustments. Phelps MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 8-0.

**IV. HAND OUT MATERIAL FOR NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, May 2, 1996  
5:15 p.m.  
Commissioners' Conference Room

**V. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

  
Sharon Giles  
Board Secretary