

MINUTES & NOTICE OF BOARD ACTION

APPROVED April 9, 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.

March 20, 1996
9:00 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Harris Hall
Main Floor

Chair Bobby Green, Sr. presided with Steve Cornacchia, Ellie Dumdi, Jerry Rust and Cindy Weeldreyer present. Lay Budget Committee members Peter Bartel, Marie Bell, Carol Jones and Del Phelps were also present. Sharon Giles, Recording Secretary.

1. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Green explained the process for an extended Public Comment period this morning. Lay members of the Budget Committee introduced themselves: Peter Bartel, Marie Bell, Carol Jones and Del Phelps. (Bud Stewart was not present.) [As the meeting progressed throughout the day, Items 4.a., 4.b., 6.b., 7.a., 7.b. and 7.c. were postponed to the next meeting. Van Vactor indicated he would ask Ollie Snowden to prepare an interim memorandum regarding the 30th Avenue slide.] The balance of the agenda was dealt with during the afternoon session.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Oaks, 134 Cross Place, stated that he is co-coordinator of Support Coalition, a local non-profit organization working on human rights and alternatives for people in psychiatric institutions and with mental disability disorders. He indicated that he works with a group called SAFE, a mental health consumer group that meets every Monday. Oaks remarked that they were promised a small drop-in center near Lane County's Mental Health facility on Garden Way, but that location didn't work out due to privacy issues. He reported that there was an emergency meeting yesterday with Rob Rockstroh, Steve Manela and Al Levine, during which they discussed that SAFE has found a storefront in Springfield for a peer-run drop-in center with a low budget of \$1,000 monthly. Oaks stated that there are several

possibilities for funding this, including Lane County Psychiatric Hospital aftercare funds or inclusion in the new levy. He stressed that programs of this type save the County money in the long run.

Georgette Moore, 94929 Marcola Road, stressed that she wants a food trailer in front of her home. She indicated that she wants more time to talk over her problems with the Board to discuss the situation and a possible zoning change. Green reminded Moore that she has already been before the Board and a decision has been made. Green indicated that he would direct the County Administrator to contact Moore to see if there is Board support to discuss the issue again. Moore emphasized that she wants to support her children in a healthy way from her home. Rust explained that this is a zoning and planning issue, and her proposal is in conflict with County zoning. He suggested that Moore go after expert advice in the area of planning and zoning, perhaps working with a land use consultant to find a way for the project to work within the law. Green remarked that Weeldreyer is the East Lane County commissioner and there is also Jane Burgess that she can work with. Weeldreyer indicated that she has met with Moore, and for many reasons she cannot support the project. Rust summarized that under current ordinance, the project doesn't work since this is a residential area and Moore is wanting to do a commercial venture.

Bob Richards, 3648 Plumtree, stated that he is with Willamette Family Treatment/Buckley Detox which operates a sobering station which is funded with part of the present sheriff's levy. He indicated that he wants to explain the potential impacts if the resources are not continued after the current levy expires. Richards reported that they serve approximately 5,000 people per year and work closely with law enforcement agencies in the county. He noted that they are able to keep folks out of other facilities. Richards remarked that if funding does not continue, there will be no option except to close. He indicated that as many as 30 intoxicated people enter Buckley per day and the facility saves police officers hours of booking time which is extremely cost effective. Richards urged the Board to be sure these resources are continued in the next levy.

Eben Fodor, 394 East 32nd, reminded everyone that the sheriff's levy was defeated by the public by 70%, but expressed concern that public input this time has been limited. He remarked that the same group who worked on the previous levy is now working on the next levy. Fodor suggested that the County include a public involvement process countywide to have a dialogue about the budget. He proposed the allocation of \$350,000 for a process to involve the public in a planning process for the next 10 to 20 years. Responding to Bell, Fodor stated that he was at the Budget meeting Monday night, but was not given the opportunity to speak. Bell observed that there had been an opportunity for public input later in the meeting after Fodor left. She remarked that it would be more helpful if Fodor would speak to the proposal that came out of Monday night's meeting. Fodor questioned why costs for the Forest Work Camp have decreased and costs for the 48-bed expansion seem to have gone up.

Steve Moe, P.O. Box 847, Springfield, indicated that he is here representing the Glenwood Community. He explained that the Board had received a levy proposal from Jan Clements, candidate for Sheriff, yesterday and he urged the Board to consider it seriously.

Donna Lattin, 876 Leigh Street, stressed that it is critically important to pass the upcoming levy. She remarked that it must be modest, simple and justifiable, offering support for a 2-year levy that renews the present levy and covers the deficit. Lattin noted that the original levy included the Forest Work Camp and she proposed that it be put back into the serial levy package. She stated that other issues that should be looked at include book-in problems, pretrial custody and funding for the Public Safety Coordinating Council. Lattin summarized that there are many worthy prevention efforts in the current proposal, but she suggested holding the line and asking the Department of Children and Families to try to address those items.

Emily Heilbrun, P.O. Box 50127, commented that she is coordinator of the Domestic Violence Council. She briefly reviewed the Domestic Violence Council programs and thanked the Board for including \$40,000 in funding for the program in its levy proposal. Heilbrun reported that Womenspace will be bidding on the contract.

Art Shapiro, 2742 Bowmont, indicated he was here to discuss process. He stated that it is discouraging to find there are five times each year to present a tax levy. Shapiro commented that if the County could manage on \$20 million rather than \$80 million, then why did it ask for \$80 million. He remarked that it is disgusting that the Board will not accept the view of the majority of the people. Shapiro stressed that if the original levy had been more moderate, it might have passed. He suggested that the Board find people who objected to the previous levy and bring them into the conversation.

Jim Hale, 1995 Theresa Avenue, stated his belief that the last levy proposal failed because people were concerned about taxation without representation and that the fixed rate allows for annual increases. He proposed that the Board be consistent and offer the rural area adequate police protection. Hale stressed that rural people should be able to vote independently on their police issues. He encouraged the Board to put out two levies, with one being a separate levy regarding rural patrol and let the voters know that the County will not enact the tax unless the majority of rural residents approve the matter. Hale summarized that the Board should downsize the proposed levy by about \$4 million to account for the Sheriff's current police services costs and put that money into a separate levy.

Kathy Baker, 37466 Jasper Road, encouraged the Board to deal with this issue as a simple law enforcement package, adding more deputies for patrol, increasing funding for the jail and adding back the Forest Work Camp. Responding to Rust, Baker agreed that she could make a case that the psychiatric hospital and drug/alcohol treatment are legitimate functions of law enforcement, but that she still believes it is necessary this time to focus on strict law enforcement issues.

Judy Collins, 547 Scott Avenue, Creswell, stated that she is appalled that the Board doesn't think it is necessary to add rural patrols to the levy. Collins emphasized that if something happened to her husband, who is a deputy sheriff, she would hold the Board responsible.

Green closed Public Comment. He gave 24-hour notice that the Board may reconvene at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow if today's business regarding the levy is not finalized. Bell expressed concern that the public has accused the committee of not listening, as the Budget Committee had made rural patrol a priority in the first levy. Rust explained that to add one more deputy per shift, with 3 shifts per day, seven days per week, costs about \$400,000; thus if the levy is loaded up with more rural patrols, the costs will go up significantly.

There was concurrence to suspend today's other Board business, recess and then reconvene this meeting as the Budget Committee in the Board Conference Room (see separate Minutes for March 20, 1996 Budget Committee Meeting).

Board Agenda Items 3, 5, 6.a., 8 and 9 were dealt with during the afternoon session of the Board meeting.

Items 4.a., 4.b., 6.b., 7.a., 7.b. and 7.c. were rolled over for two weeks.

3. **COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Held during the afternoon session.

4. **COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS**

- a. ORDER 96-3-20-1/In the Matter of Appointing One Member to the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission.

This item was postponed for two weeks.

- b. REPORT BACK/Policy and Procedures Standing Committee.

This item was postponed for two weeks.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION as per ORS 192.660**

Held at 3:42 p.m. following the afternoon portion of the Budget Committee meeting.

6. **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

- a. Announcements

Bill Van Vactor, County Administrator, made a brief announcement at the end of the afternoon session of the Board concerning his upcoming vacation.

- b. DISCUSSION/The Role of County Administration's Management Analysts.

This item was postponed for two weeks.

7. **PUBLIC WORKS**

- a. DISCUSSION/Governor's Transportation Initiative.

This item was postponed for two weeks.

- b. ORDER 96-3-20-2/In the Matter of Adopting Findings and a Final Decision on the Appeal of the Hearings Official Denial of PA 0518-93 for Confirmation of a Vested Right to Locate a Mobile Home Within an Impacted Forest Lands (F-2) Zone on Tax Lot 600, Assessor's Map 16-04-14 (Appellant/Applicant: Millard).

This item was postponed for two weeks.

- c. ORAL REPORT BACK/30th Avenue Slides and Possible Short Term Safety Measures.

This item was postponed for two weeks.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approval of Minutes: None.

- B. Assessment and Taxation

- 1) ORDER 96-3-20-3/In the Matter of Granting Property Tax Exempt Status Pursuant to ORS 307.475 (Vivian F. Wood).

- C. Human Resources and Management Services

- 1) ORDER 96-3-20-4/In the Matter of Award of Bid LCP 95/96-07 for Requirements Purchase of Printing Services.

- D. Public Works

- 1) ORDER 96-3-20-5/In the Matter of Releasing, Dedicating, and Accepting Lot "A," Fox King Hill Subdivision, Book 23, Page 30, a Parcel of County Owned Real Estate, as a Public Road (18-04-05) (Kellmor Street).

The Consent Calendar was dealt with in the Board's afternoon session.

9. **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

- a. PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION AND ORDER 96-3-20-6/In the Matter of Holding a Public Hearing; Accepting Plan/Amendment Approval Form 19 and Document D0139 to the 1995-97 Intergovernmental Agreement #20-001; Awarding a Subcontract to OTAC and Subcontract Amendments per Exhibit A; Reducing Appropriations of Revenue and Expenditure in Fund 86 by \$27,724; and Authorizing the County Administrator to Sign the Documents.

This item was dealt with in the Board's afternoon session.

10. **REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS**

11. **EMERGENCY BUSINESS**

This meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. to be reconvened as the Budget Committee at 10:17 a.m. by Bartel (see separate Minutes for March 20, 1996 Budget Committee Meeting). (The Board reconvened at 1:30 p.m. for its afternoon meeting.)



Sharon Giles
Recording Secretary