

MINUTES & NOTICE OF BOARD ACTION

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LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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May 2, 1996
5:15 p.m.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Commissioners'
Conference Room

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

I CALL TO ORDER

Chair Peter Bartel called the meeting to order.

II PUBLIC COMMENT

Green mentioned to the Board members that there is an emergency Board of Commissioners' meeting tomorrow (May 3) at 4:30 p.m.

Judge Darryl Larson spoke about the sex offender program. He stated that without treatment for sex offenders, there will be dramatic problems. Larson remarked that one of the benefits of treatment is a periodic polygraph which provides reassurance that things are going in the right direction and, if not, probation can be revoked if necessary. He stressed that it is unthinkable not to have a good treatment program available. Larson urged the committee to find some way to keep the sex offender treatment program active in Lane County Mental Health.

Pamela Miller, 2749 Jefferson, indicated that her family has been participating in the sex offender program and it has changed their lives. She stated that they know what to look for so that sex abuse doesn't happen in their lives again. Miller stressed that this program treats offenders as well as the families. She remarked that if victims are isolated and keep secrets, it often causes additional problems.

Glenn Parrott, 99 Hoyt Avenue, stated that he is a volunteer at Lane County Mental Health and is on the Mental Health Advisory Committee. He urged the committee to find other areas to cut as intervention is an important part of the alcohol/drug offender program.

Riley Grannan, 3179 Kinsrow Avenue, managing director of the Eugene Ballet Company, remarked that Lane County's image will be jeopardized if the levies fail as it will not be a safe place to be. He stressed the importance of the Convention and Visitors Association.

Gary Feldman, 70 West 24th, manager of AG Edwards and Sons and president of the Board of Directors of CVALCO, stated that their Board has voted unanimously to support the A and A Plus levies. He remarked that members in the industry were attempting to get out the vote and campaign for the levies. Feldman, acknowledging that there are many important programs which may be affected, urged the committee to maintain the integrity of the room tax.

Sister Barbara Haase, representing Sacred Heart Medical Center, mentioned their partnership with the County on health issues. She expressed concern that the maternal child health services cannot be cut any further, stressing that they actually need to be increased.

Marian Blankenship, representing Children First, advocated for prevention/early intervention services. She noted that there is a lot riding on the passage of both levies. Blankenship stressed that the maternal child health services have dramatic impacts on lives.

III. BUDGET REVIEW

Human Resources and Management Services, All Funds

David Garnick, Senior Management Analyst, reviewed this department for the committee (see material on file). He reviewed the services (Finance Operations, Personnel and Payroll, Finance Data Processing, Purchasing, Facilities Maintenance, Elections, Board of Equalization, Recordation, Deeds and Records, Animal Regulation, Real Property Management and the Historical Museum), highlighting that each of the funds/budgets is status quo. Garnick explained that the new indirect revenue implementation accounts for the difference in General Fund usage between past years and FY96-97. Stewart confirmed that the Historical Museum receives no funds from the General Fund.

David Suchart provided a brief review of the functions and staffing in his department. He stressed the major facilities problems located in County buildings. Suchart reiterated his belief that the function of animal regulation should be with the City of Eugene, with the County contracting with them. He explained that theoretically the Historical Museum will no longer be a County function as of July 1.

Responding to Bartel, Suchart remarked that due to other priority issues, he has not had an opportunity to do a complete facilities inventory of capital needs.

MOTION: Tentative approval of the Human Resources and Management Services budgets, All Funds. Green MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 6-0.

Department of Youth Services, All Funds

Tanya Heaton, Management Analyst, provided a brief review of this budget, stating that it is basically status quo. Responding to Green, Chuck Ryer, Assistant Youth Services Director, explained that as a result of front-loading a biennium grant, Youth Services will be losing two shelter beds.

Steve Carmichael used overhead projection to detail trends in juvenile criminal referrals and violent juvenile crime, noting that violent juvenile crime has risen dramatically from 269 in 1987 to 506 in 1995. He explained that crimes range from approximately 90% assaultive behavior to 10% sex offenses. There was a brief discussion on behavioral/causal issues, noting the widespread acceptance of violent movies, television and video games, resulting in the degradation of the value of human life. Carmichael explained that drugs/alcohol are a component in a large portion of criminal behavior. John Crumbley, Juvenile Intake, provided information on the competency portion of the program.

Carmichael observed the community's support, particularly in terms of the Juvenile Justice Center bond approval and the volunteer program. Responding to Bartel's question regarding operational funds for the Juvenile Justice Center, Carmichael reported that they continue to look for grants. Bill Van Vactor, County Administrator, noted, however, that straight operational dollars are very difficult to obtain. Carmichael explained that some of the bond money can be used for computers and other more permanent types of equipment, but not for staffing.

MOTION: Tentative approval of the Youth Services budgets, all funds, with a technical adjustment which will delete the two policy issues described on page 5 of the memo. Green MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 6-0.

This meeting recessed at 7:25 p.m. to reconvene at 7:35 p.m.

Health and Human Services, All Funds

Garnick provided a brief overview of the budgets for this department (see material on file), explaining that the department is primarily grant funded.

Rob Rockstroh, Director of Health and Human Services, gave a broad overview of his department. He distributed a packet entitled Heathy, Safe Communities, detailing programs within his department (see material on file). Rockstroh explained that events happening at the state level will/are having a large impact on counties.

Steve Manela, Intergovernmental Human Services Manager, distributed a handout detailing the

service level and service demand in the human service arena (see material on file). Weeldreyer emphasized that she would like to see any new shelter programs include a component for rural youth, suggesting that a program such as the Interfaith Night Shelter Program be looked into in terms of potential costs to coordinate services in cities outside the metro area.

Karen Gillette, Public Health Manager, reviewed the Public Health Fact Sheet on page 4 of Rockstroh's handout, highlighting the statistics in the communicable disease program, the teen pregnancy prevention/family planning program and the maternal and child health program. Weeldreyer observed the increase in population and the decrease in staffing that has dramatically reduced the staff/resident ratio since 1980.

Linda Eaton, Alcohol/Drug Offender Manager, provided detail on the Methadone Drug Abuse Treatment Program, the DUII Correction Unit and the Sex Offender Treatment Program. Dianna Rodgers gave a more in-depth overview of the Sex Offender Treatment Program.

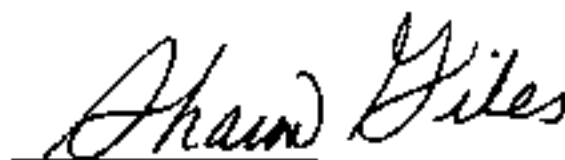
MOTION: Tentative approval of all funds of the Health and Human Services budget, including the adjustment listed on page 2 of the agenda document. Dumdi MOVED, Green SECONDED. VOTE: 6-0.

IV. NEXT MEETING

May 7, 1996
5:15 p.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room

V. ADJOURN

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



Sharon Giles
Board Secretary