

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.

May 7, 1996

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Commissioners'
Conference Room

5:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Peter Bartel, Marie Bell, Ellie Dumdi, Bobby Green, Sr., Del Phelps (arrived at 5:52 p.m.), Bud Stewart (left at 7:00 p.m.) and Cindy Weeldreyer. Steve Cornacchia, Carol Jones and Jerry Rust excused. Sharon Giles, Recording Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Peter Bartel called the meeting to order.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Sullivan, 3674 Oxbow Way, stated that she represents a group of citizens interested in a sound wall along I-105 from Coburg Road to I-5 on the north side of the roadway. She indicated that they would be speaking at the CIP hearing tomorrow.

Mary Dutton, representing AFSCME, expressed concern about the Waste Management reorganization, stating that the plan seems to be keeping management personnel and cutting bargaining unit folks. She explained that there are 11.56 FTE slotted for reductions and the only managerial position in that group is a swap. Dutton summarized that AFSCME is asking that the Budget Committee not approve this budget until the Solid Waste Executive Group provides its review and recommends an equitable way to do reductions. Responding to Bell, Dutton indicated the budget is unfair in the way the cuts were taken.

III. BUDGET REVIEW

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Once again, as in previous meetings, there was the underlying recognition/understanding of the overall impact of implementation of the new indirect cost allocation plan and the new Information Services Department on all budgets.

General Expense, All Funds

David Garnick, Senior Management Analyst, briefly reviewed these budgets, indicating that the entire budget is basically status quo (see material on file).

Employee Benefits Fund

Ruth Larson reported on the Employee Benefits Fund, noting that employee benefit costs continue to remain flat. Bill Van Vactor, County Administrator, commended the bargaining units and Ruth Larson for this achievement.

Bartel asked for comparative data regarding workers' compensation claims.

Garnick briefly reviewed each of the following funds:

General Fund 24

(Discussion on the Children and Families Department took place at this time [see below] to return to this item upon its completion.)

Self Insurance Fund 12 Special Revenue/Service Fund 28

Stewart left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Juvenile Justice Center Construction Fund 54

There was a brief discussion regarding Weeldreyer and Green's desire for a preliminary model and/or time line presentation that they would like to have available for the public. Staff indicated that was not possible until Board decisions regarding the land acquisitions had been made.

Corrections Operations Fund 18 (New Serial Levy) Extension Services Fund 42 Capital Improvement Fund 35 Corrections Construction Fund 15 Debt Service Funds 10, 23, 33, 26 County School Fund 41

MOTION: Tentative approval of the General Expense budget, all funds, with adjustments indicated. Green MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. **VOTE:** 6-0. (Vote was taken after Stewart's departure.)

Department of Children and Families

(This item was actually discussed midway through the General Expense budget to accommodate Jeff Luke's meeting schedule.)

Tanya Heaton, Management Analyst, provided the review of this budget (see material on file), noting that it is totally grant funded.

Jeff Luke, Chair of the Commission on Children and Families, reported that the department is really a commission with an executive director. He reported that they are systems change agents, not service providers. He distributed a handout detailing the wellness model and described benchmarks related to prevention and early intervention.

Phelps arrived at 5:52 p.m.

Janet Carlson, Interim Director, distributed a handout with a graphic showing where the money goes. Carlson and Luke provided more detail regarding the juvenile justice, child care and capacity building funding allocations.

Responding to Stewart, Luke explained that the commission was attempting to "incubate" self-sustaining service providers.

Bartel indicated that he would have preferred more detail in this budget.

Weeldreyer asked for an explanation of the "salary offset" figure in the budget. Debbie Heeszel explained that changes have happened in staffing and the amount in the budget is set aside to respond to that. Responding to Weeldreyer, Luke reported that the provider professional group was disbanded during the original planning phase, but the commission hopes to reinstate that type of group for upcoming issues. Luke explained that the internal staffing for the department is being reorganized, with the goal of spending less for administration.

Bell explained that it will be important to utilize this commission in assisting the Budget Committee in funding priorities. She suggested that there be a representative from the commission on the Domestic Violence Council and remarked that there should be a provision for counseling for children who have viewed domestic violence in their home. Bell asked for more detail on any Lane County funding toward domestic violence.

Responding to Green, Luke explained "best practices" guidelines, indicating that the University of Oregon is utilized in this community. Bell suggested that students in Lane Community College's grant funding class be used as interns for grant promotion.

MOTION: Tentative approval of the Children and Families budget. Green MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. **VOTE:** 7-0.

This meeting recessed at 7:18 p.m. to reconvene at 7:29 p.m.

Public Works, All Funds

Tanya Heaton provided an overview of this department's budget (see material on file), explaining that only 0.93% of their budget is discretionary General Fund. She reviewed the following funds:

Parks & Open Spaces Fund

Motor & Equipment Pool Fund

General Fund- Land Management & Surveyors

There was recognition that an 11% fee increase would be the amount necessary to make up the \$267,731 shortfall projected for FY96-97, noting that the shortfall results from the indirect implementation. Phelps suggested that the Board be requested to follow up again with the goal of getting Land Management/Surveyors off the General Fund.

General Road Fund - Road Fund

Heaton explained that this budget was built with a "zero growth" goal, but with no major reductions.

Solid Waste Disposal Fund - Waste Management

Heaton briefly explained the efforts to mitigate the \$1.8 million revenue decrease, which has resulted from the private sector's entry into the recycling market.

Public Land Corner Preservation Fund - Corners Fund

At this time, Public Works staff provided reviews of their divisions, highlighting additions requested:

Bob Keefer, Park Manager, provided a report on the **Parks Division**, as detailed beginning on page 351 of the budget detail, explaining that their funding is self-sustaining. He reviewed the add package for \$15,000 for a campground directory. Phelps suggested the use of monitoring methods at outlying parks to deal with vandalism, etc. Keefer explained various techniques that are being used in that regard.

Ben Wilson, Land Management Manager, provided a brief review of the **Land Management Division**, explaining some of the improvements that have been implemented over the last year. He distributed a handout outlining a \$35,000 add package that was not included in the agenda packet that would allow for public access via the Internet to permit processing information. He suggested

that the source of funds be the excess revenue anticipated from the current budget. Green asked about the potential for "how-to" videos. He also offered support for the Internet concept and mentioned the possibility of a charge to the customer for using the Internet.

Heaton pointed out that the \$100,000 carryover is already budgeted as revenue for FY96-97, thus the add would increase the proposed shortfall. Weeldreyer offered her support for the Internet project and also suggested that any compliance civil penalty fines might be returned to the compliance portion of the budget. Weeldreyer indicated that she was not in support of raising Land Management fees again so soon. Phelps observed the possibility of inequity for those in the outlying areas without Internet accessibility.

[There was discussion regarding keeping the tally of proposed adds for all departments for decision at the end of the entire process.]

Ollie Snowden provided an overview of Engineering and distributed a handout outlining the funding percentages within the Road Fund. He referred to the budget document beginning on page 313 and reviewed the six sections within Engineering: Design Engineering, Road Bridge Maintenance, Field Engineering, Real Estate/Right-of-Way, Engineering Administration and Transportation Planning. Snowden also explained the Support Services section. He commented on the adds included in the agenda packet, stating that the source of revenue for these would be operating reserves. Snowden also discussed an add package for striping that is not included in the agenda packet, explaining that with money from the state, the net impact would be a \$100,000 benefit to the County. He distributed a handout reviewing road fund revenues (timber receipts [actual and anticipated] and highway funds) beginning with the year 1981 and continuing through with projections through 2004. This handout also included a chart with road fund cash flow projections based solely on continued spending and no new revenue. Responding to Phelps, Snowden noted that tentative Board direction is for Public Works to plan on funding operations, maintenance and preservation from gas taxes. He explained that under that scenario, modernization/special projects would be cut way back by the end of the century. Responding to Phelps, Green agreed that the Board will be the one to deal with policy regarding the Road Fund. Bartel expressed concern about continued funding for affordable housing road projects, noting that many non-profits simply file their taxes another way. Weeldreyer explained the potential concept of setting aside a specific sum and allowing the Housing Policy Board to recommend priorities for that amount.

Responding to Bartel, Snowden distributed a handout with detail on the capital program, explaining that approximately \$23 million has been used for capital projects over the last ten years.

Craig Starr provided the information related to Waste Management. He distributed a handout showing the disposal site locations. The back side of the handout provided revenue/expense comparisons, historically and projected forward, as it would have been without response to the MRFs and then with the Division's proposal/recommendations. Starr reviewed the proposed adds, indicating that the \$2.7 million for capital improvements would be funded from division reserves

built up for that purpose. He distributed a handout detailing two additions not included in the packet material: 1) for miscellaneous purchases/activities including interim tarping, erosion control, leachate management and de-watering the old lagoons (totaling \$73,410), and 2) for the use of Sheriff's work crews at the Short Mountain Landfill and other solid waste sites (\$42,370). Bill Van Vactor, County Administrator, spoke in favor of the add for construction and operation of a permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at the Glenwood Central Receiving Station, observing that it would pay for itself in four years. He stated that he was not in favor of the two newer adds on Starr's handout based on the direction for dealing with the \$1.8 million shortfall and the need to see the true impact of the MRFs over the next year. Starr particularly stressed the need for the interim tarping item due to compliance requirements. Van Vactor indicated that he feels the department should find the money needed for that item somewhere else in their budget. Bartel stated that he was not in favor of even tentative approval of the Solid Waste budget, citing continuation of the Solid Waste Executive Group review and the ability of the Board to finalize this at a later date. Van Vactor received direction that County Administration staff should go through the Waste Management budget to find other cuts to balance the \$57,440 for interim tarping, with a statement of the new impact being provided. Responding to comments from Dumdi, Van Vactor suggested that administrative items dealing with personnel matters should be dealt with at the Solid Waste Executive Group and Board level.

Dale Wendt and Jan Sandusky spoke about Support Services and discussed their portion of the Road Fund adds - office machine replacement fund and roofs at the Delta Complex. Van Vactor cautioned Public Works not to duplicate efforts with the new County financial system(s). Wendt also reviewed Fleet Services, explaining that the hourly shop rate has reduced to \$39 per hour. He briefly reviewed the three adds listed in the agenda material.

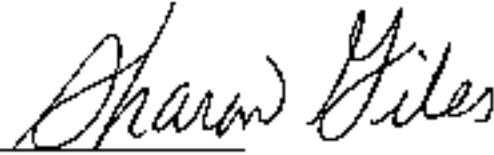
MOTION: Tentative approval of the Public Works budgets, all funds except Waste Management, with the first adjustment listed in the agenda packet (the second was determined as unnecessary) and direction that Waste Management's budget figure will be dealt with at a later Budget Committee meeting, and finally dealt with by the Board following recommendations from Solid Waste Executive Group, with approval of all additions except those for Waste Management and Parks. Phelps MOVED, Dumdi SECONDED. VOTE: 6-0.

IV. NEXT MEETING

May 9, 1996
5:15 p.m.
Commissioners' Conference Room

V. ADJOURN

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.



Sharon Giles
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Board Secretary