



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

November 27, 2007

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

County of Lake County
State of Oregon

WORK SESSION

The Lake County Board of Commissioners met in Work Session on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chair, Bradley J. Winters and Dan Shoun. Also present: Clerical Assistant Nicole Cobian and Administrative Assistant Bob Pardee.

Deletions-Reclassification of Chief Tax Deputy Position
IGA with the Department of Justice

No additions

Eric Shpilman arrived and indicated that he and Ken Gerschler would like to discuss an idea for the Juvenile Department. Commissioner Winters indicated that that would be acceptable. Mr. Shpilman departed to ask Mr. Gerschler to join the meeting.

Special Transportation Advisory Committee Appointments

Mr. Pardee indicated that there are currently no members appointed. He then indicated that the Committee has specific requirements for representation including senior & disabled citizens and a representative from a provider of services.

Commissioner Winters asked if the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) applies.

Mr. Pardee indicated that it does not but indicated that a representative from the Veterans office should be involved in this committee.

Mr. Pardee feels that a representative from the Veterans office should be involved in this committee.

Discussion followed regarding the how to solicit members for this committee.

Mr. Pardee feels that members from North Lake need to be involved.

Commissioner Winters indicated that there is an assisted living center in Fort Rock that may possibly have interested parties.

Mr. Pardee indicated that he would like to have non-County employees involved. He then suggested some parties that may be interested. He then suggested that he would like input from the Board on how to get members for this committee.

Commissioner Shoun agreed that this is a different type of committee and membership should be solicited in a different manner than standard newspaper advertising.

The board agreed that Mr. Pardee will contact the North Lake Health District to solicit input with regard as to how to get members and if they know of any interested parties.

Mr. Pardee explained that at the next meeting, the Board would be presented with copies of bylaws with regard to the Special Transportation Fund (STF). He then explained that there will be representatives here in January from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to attend the STF Committee meeting. He is hopeful that this will be of some help.

Juvenile Center

Mr. Gerschler and Mr. Shpilman arrived to discuss economic development with regard to the Juvenile Department.

Mr. Gerschler presented the Board with a draft "Plot Plan Template" as a visual aide. He and Mr. Shpilman have been working on this idea and thought that it would be a possibility to get grant monies for the funding of this Juvenile Center.

The property in question for the proposed facility is near the geothermal site and the railroad.

Discussion followed with regard to how this facility would be used in relation to its location.

Commissioner Winters indicated that the railroad is currently leased out so some of the ideas that are being presented would not be possible.

Mr. Gerschler feels that this facility would be a unique and useful idea that would be beneficial to the County in many aspects.

Mr. Shpilman feels that this is a great alternative to restorative justice. He then indicated that part of the failure in the Juvenile Department is that the offenders have to leave Lake County for treatment. They do well until they return here to their families. He gave several examples of how Juveniles end up failing after treatment. He feels that the problem is the "disconnect" between sending the juveniles out rather than being able to keep them here to be closer to their counselors and families.

Commissioner Winters feels that these same situations happen in other communities as well. He then indicated that some of these individuals will most likely continue their offences whether they return to Lake County or not.

Mr. Pardee asked for clarification on the differences between the labor that can be done by juveniles and adults in relation to labor laws.

Commissioner Winters feels that a Justice Center is one of the top ten priorities for Lake County at this time. He also discussed the potential revenue in relation to this facility and the funding avenues that could be taken when the time comes to take action. He explained how a "lease back" works and he feels that this could be a good way to fund this project.

Commissioner Shoun agreed that this would be a great idea for other projects that the county needs to take on as well.

Commissioner Winters asked Mr. Shpilman to figure rough estimates on the potential cost and revenue in relation to this facility. Commissioner Shoun agreed that this is an important consideration.

Discussion followed on how monies would be saved by having this facility in Lake County rather than having to transport individuals out of the County for treatment.

Discussion followed with regard to the employment of these individuals after they have been through the juvenile system.

Mr. Gerschler indicated that he would like to continue to be a part of this project even after he leaves County employment. He agrees that there are many components that need to be addressed.

Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Winters indicated that he would like to carry the minutes forward to the next Regular Session meeting.

Right-of-Way Permits

Commissioner Winters indicated that Right-of-Way permit #2007-40 for Ken Hoglan will continue to be carried forward.

Office Updates

Copier Request for Proposals - Mr. Pardee discussed the items that need to be addressed in the different areas of the Courthouse in relation to the copiers. There are different needs that need to be addressed so that the offices have more capabilities. The current leases are due and he has been working to solicit bids. Discussion followed as to why there is a copier in the Clerk's office and one in the main hallway. Discussion then followed as to the cost related to having both of these copiers.

Commissioner Winters had several questions with regard to the costs of paper, the machines, and the "going paperless" idea that had recently been presented.

Mr. Pardee indicated that he is gathering data and he will continue to look into the numbers related to this.

Commissioner Winters would like to have efficiency and cost addressed in the best possible manner.

Mr. Pardee discussed the presentation that was given at the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) conference by Tillamook County with regard to going paperless. He feels that there are other items that can be addressed to be more efficient.

Commissioner Winters asked if we are able to tell by department how the copiers are being utilized. Mr. Pardee indicated that there is no way to track this at this time.

Liaison Updates

Commissioner Winters discussed the "lease back" as a funding option for projects.

Railroad – Commissioner Winters indicated that Mr. Pardee is still working with Don Blansett with Modoc Northern Railroad on various railroad matters.

Commissioner Shoun discussed public lands meetings and indicated that he will be participating by conference call on the next meeting rather than traveling to Salem. He will be in touch with Judge Grasty with regards to this. He then discussed the open positions that are available on this committee.

There being nothing further to come before the Board, the Lake County Board of Commissioners Work Session adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board Approval,

Bradley J. Winters
Chairman

Ken Kestner
Vice Chairman

Dan Shoun
Commissioner