



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2008

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, January 22, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chair, Ken Kestner, Dan Shoun and Bradley J. Winters. Also present: Administrative Assistant Bob Pardee and Clerical Assistant Nicole Cobian.

Additions: Lake County Mental Health Amendment #11 to Intergovernmental Agreement #119937 with the Department of Human Services
Christmas Valley Property Sale (1997 Quit Claim) Discussion

Unfinished Business

Temporary Part-time Facility – Mr. Pardee and Commissioner Winters answered questions relating to Mr. Pardee's request for an additional custodial position through the end of the fiscal year.

Commissioner Shoun asked that if this position is approved, that there be a measured approach to this person's productivity, including work that needs to be done at the Christmas Valley Annex.

Upon motion by Commissioner Winters, seconded by Commissioner Shoun and carried unanimously; the Lake County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the temporary part-time custodial employee, with a sunset date of June 30, 2008. The department head will be tasked to monitor Fund 101/105 to keep it within budget.

Other Business

Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Commissioner Kestner, seconded by Commissioner Shoun and carried unanimously; the Lake County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Meeting Minutes of 01/16/08 with corrections as noted.

General Penalty Ordinance Proposal

Commissioner Kestner asked Building Inspector Tony West to outline the concept of a penalty to be imposed if a citizen is not complying with any specific County Ordinance. This would only occur after appropriate notification and documentation that the citizen has not complied with the ordinance. This is inclusive of all County Ordinances, not just the Building Department.

Discussion followed regarding why this might be necessary, and how it would be implemented. It was then discussed how this would be enforced, and what method of collection would be implemented.

Mr. West explained that in other jurisdictions, Lane County for example, that if a penalty was not paid there would be a threshold of some predetermined dollar amount that would result in a lien on that person's real property. Discussion followed regarding the notification process and the expected results.

Library Update

Amy Hutchinson, Library Director presented the Board with a copy of the letter that was mailed to Library Patrons in December 2007 summarizing the progress to date for updates in the Lake County Library District. Ms. Hutchinson reported that as of January 15, 2008 the Library has raised \$1,777,770 which is 63% of the goal for the new library. She then indicated that the total cost is anticipated to be \$2.8M. The new Library will be a 10,000+ square foot facility.

Ms. Hutchison suggested that additional applications for funding totaling nearly \$870,000 dollars have been submitted. There also efforts and communication underway to pursue funding opportunities through arts and historic review agencies. She then indicated that applications for building permits are forthcoming, and it is hoped to have a general contractor hired before the end of 2008. The goal is to occupy the new facility by 2010.

Commissioner Winters suggested that Ms. Hutchinson speak with Betty Riley at the South Central Oregon Economic Development District (SCOEDD) to see if this facility would qualify for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Ms. Hutchinson reported that there are efforts underway to begin collecting items to be staged for the new facility, including the use of historic brands from the area, and a 'Tile' project with input from local youth.

Commissioner Kestner asked if the Architect will interface as the project manager. Ms. Hutchinson indicated that there is an effort underway to have local experience represented.

Commissioner Kestner asked what input or interaction there has been with the local museum(s). Ms. Hutchinson indicated that she has not had any direct interaction with either the Schminck or the Lake County Museum. She did indicate that there is a plan to have dedicated space in the new facility for rotating displays from both museums.

9:48 – Break

10:00 – Resume

Tanks, LLC

Nobody arrived before the Board.

Other Business

Planning Commission Vacancy

The Board reviewed the letter of interest from Robert P. Latham of Silver Lake.

Commissioner Shoun indicated that with the experience listed in Mr. Latham's letter of interest, it appears he would be well qualified. He also indicated that it is a positive to have this interest from the Silver Lake area.

Commissioner Kestner will follow-up with Ken Gerschler regarding how much interaction there has been with Mr. Latham.

Mental Health Advisory Board

The Board acknowledged that Joleen Albertson now represents the Commission on Children and Families as Chairperson, replacing Lucinda Nolan.

Commissioner Kestner will follow-up with the Mental Health Advisory Board Chair regarding this acknowledgment.

Correspondence

The Board instructed Mr. Pardee to prepare a letter of support for the hearing scheduled by the Town of Lakeview for Marubeni Sustainable Energy, Inc.

The Board then reviewed the letter from the Town of Lakeview regarding Attorney Fee's for the 911/Intergovernmental Council (IGC) group.

The Board reviewed the assignment of Lease with regard to CSN International for the property on Black Cap.

Commissioner Kestner explained that Amendment #11 to Intergovernmental Agreement #119937 with the Department of Human Services allocates the additional start-up funds to Lake County Mental Health in the amount of \$87,400.00.

Upon motion by Commissioner Winters, seconded by Commissioner Shoun and carried unanimously; the Lake County Board of Commissioners approves Amendment #11 to Intergovernmental Agreement #119937 with the Department of Human Services as presented. This Agreement allocates start-up dollars to Lake County Mental Health in the amount of \$87,400.00.

Public Comment

Dan Leffingwell, citizen, approached the Board with concerns regarding the Lake County Library. He indicated that he is concerned about the level of service and noise in the Library.

Commissioner Winters indicated that while the Commissioners can appreciate his concern, the Library is a taxing district. He then indicated that this would need to be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors for the Library District.

Liaison Updates

Facility

Commissioner Winters indicated that he is working with Mr. Pardee and McFarland Door to address security issues in the Juvenile Department.

Railroad

Commissioner Winters asked Mr. Pardee to report on his visit to Tulelake with regard to Modoc Northern Railroad (MNRR) on Friday. Mr. Pardee reported that he has reviewed expenses with MNRR regarding capital improvements on the Lake County Railroad (LCR). Mr. Pardee also suggested, with input from Don Blansett of MNRR, that he visit the MNRR office once per quarter to review capital expenses on the LCR, and meet on MNRR 'turf' where resources are available to answer questions that may arise as a result.

Commissioner Shoun asked Mr. Pardee what level on the 'comfort' scale he has with the operation. Mr. Pardee replied 'neutral', indicating that he is concerned about matters that are outside the control of the County, or the Lease of the line.

Commissioner Winters indicated that he is slightly more optimistic, indicating MNRR continues to invest money in the line and freight is moving.

Sheriff

Commissioner Winters reported that he will be spending more time and attention with the Sheriff's Department regarding space issues in the Lake County Jail. He will report more as available.

Klamath Lake Education Training Institute (KLETI)

Commissioner Shoun reported on his visit with The Oregon Consortium (TOC)/ Workforce Investment Alliance (WIA) regarding the potential \$2.6M liability that is being questioned as disallowed costs incurred by KLETI.

Commissioner Winters asked if the County or TOC/WIA insurance would cover any of these expenses.

Commissioner Shoun indicated that this is still unknown until other legal matters are resolved.

Public Lands

Commissioner Shoun indicated that there is a great desire on the part of the Public Lands Committee, chaired by Judge Grasty from Harney County, to proceed with pushing the concept of revamping how Public Lands are managed, and how they impact County Payments.

Commissioner Winters asked if there was discussion regarding the Travel Management Plan. Commissioner Shoun reviewed what discussion there was (not much).

Commissioner Winters indicated that he is still interested in this Board drafting a letter stating issues and concerns from the County perspective. The Board agreed that there needs to be more discussion.

Mental Health

Commissioner Kestner reported that there has not been any success in recruiting the Clinical Supervisor position. He will work with Robin Drinkwater and Randy Hart regarding options for recruitment efforts.

County Payments

The Board discussed the various communications that they have received regarding the future of the County Payments.

There being nothing further to come before the Board, the Lake County Board of Commissioners Work Session adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert R. Pardee

Board Approval,

Ken Kestner
Chairman

Dan Shoun
Vice Chairman

Bradley J. Winters
Commissioner