



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 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, May 13, 2008 at 9:06 a.m. The following members were present: Chair, Ken Kestner, Dan Shoun and Bradley J. Winters. Also present: Clerical Assistant Nicole Cobian and Administrative Assistant Bob Pardee.

Additions: IGA #1939 for Map Maintenance-Assessor
Mental Health Site Supervisor/Budget Discussion

9:00 a.m. - North Lake Recreation Plan Overview-Rich Kehr & Larry Hills

Mr. Kehr with the Fremont- Winema National Forests presented a power point presentation on this project (see docket). He distributed a handout that was prepared by Erica Hupp with the Fremont National Forest titled 'Recreation Facility Analysis'. Mr. Kehr clarified that this project is separate from the Travel Management Plan that the Forest Service is currently working on. He then explained what this project focuses on and what this plan proposes. This is a 5-year program for work on recreation sites.

Commissioner Winters asked if the Forest Service is proposing fees for usage at recreation areas within the Fremont National Forest. Mr. Kehr answered that this is part of the proposal.

Commissioner Kestner asked Mr. Kehr to expand on 'dispersed recreation.' Mr. Kehr explained that this refers to non-developed sites.

Commissioner Shoun wanted to know if this proposal would conflict with the Travel Management Plan. Mr. Kehr indicated that this is a possibility. He explained that the Forest Service is running into land lock issues with regard to these plans. Commissioner Winters asked if the Forest Service is progressively seeking right-of-ways to these properties that are locked. Mr. Kehr indicated that there are obstacles that the Forest Service runs into in gaining access to these areas.

Discussion followed regarding 'flyways' and what this group includes. Commissioner Kestner explained that this group includes migratory birds in addition to water fowl.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed fees at certain sites. There are certain sites that may be removed but would still be available for use. Discussion followed regarding the various sites that would receive improvements, repairs, replacements and reductions. Commissioner Winters explained how he feels the public will perceive the decommissioning of these sites. He is concerned that people will feel that 'this is the beginning of the end' regarding the use of the forests. He then expressed his concern about these sites possibly 'going away'. Discussion followed regarding the proposed fees and

what sites would be affected. Mr. Kehr explained what the collected fees would be used for. He indicated that there is plenty of time to obtain feedback from the public regarding this project. He then explained how this feedback can be submitted.

Commissioner Winters asked Mr. Kehr if the Forest Service has considered the use of Title II dollars to maintain some of the sites that they are considering decommissioning. Mr. Kehr indicated that this has been considered. Commissioner Winters again expressed his concerns with sites being decommissioned versus upgrading these sites.

10:00 a.m. - Summer Lake Caspian Tern Project-Craig Foster with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) & the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Mr. Foster arrived and introduced Geoff Dorsey and Kitia Chambers with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Dorsey presented the Board with a handout titled "Draft Environmental Assessment Caspian Tern Nesting Islands Constructions Project Summer Lake Wildlife Area" (see docket).

Mr. Dorsey then gave a brief history of what has forced these birds to leave the area in the past. He explained that they are looking at constructing three islands in Summer Lake for these birds.

Commissioner Winters asked if these birds destroy other species. Mr. Dorsey indicated that these are strictly fish eating birds. Commissioner Kestner asked if these birds are a threat to any of the fish in Summer Lake. Mr. Dorsey indicated that there is more research that needs to be done with regard to this. Mr. Foster gave a brief history on the Warner Sucker fish and how the got introduced to Summer Lake.

Mr. Dorsey explained the order in which these islands would be constructed and how they are funded.

Commissioner Kestner asked about the vegetation control on these islands. Mr. Dorsey explained how this will be addressed. He then explained how these islands will be maintained with regard to erosion.

Mr. Dorsey explained which County roads would need to be used for this project and how some of the roads will need to be reconstructed due to 'soft spots'. Commissioner Winters indicated that the Road Master will need to be notified ahead of time before this project begins. He then suggested that the group meet with the Road Master again after the project is completed.

Commissioner Winters asked if Mr. Dorsey foresees any issues that will affect the County. He also wanted to know if these islands can be used for hunting. Mr. Dorsey indicated that he doesn't see a problem with public use of these islands. He also doesn't foresee any future problems for the County.

Mr. Dorsey explained the type of trucks that will be used for construction of the islands. Commissioner Winters again stressed the importance of notifying the Road Master. Mr. Dorsey agreed. Discussion followed regarding the location of rock pits in proximity to the project.

Ms. Chambers had a question regarding the speed limit on these roads. Commissioner Winters suggested that this is a question for the Road Master. Discussion followed regarding how the use of these roads will affect the residents in the area.

Winters asked when this project would get underway. Mr. Dorsey answered that they are scheduled to begin on July 15, 2008. They hope to be finished by October 1, 2008.

Assessor-Contract #1928 & #1939

Phil Israel explained these two contracts for the Board. He first reviewed Contract #1939. This is a contract for map maintenance between the Oregon Department of Revenue and Lake County.

Contract #1928 is for the receipt of dollars from the Oregon Map (ORMAP) grant for map conversions. This is also an agreement between the Oregon Department of Revenue and Lake County. Discussion followed on how these dollars have been spent in the past.

Commissioner Kestner asked if there is a timeframe in which these need to be signed. Mr. Israel indicated that he would like to have these signed as soon as possible. Commissioner Winters asked if these contracts have been review by County Legal Counsel. Mr. Israel indicated that he has not forwarded these to Legal Counsel as they are the same from the previous year. Mr. Israel will fax copies to Legal Counsel for review.

Upon motion by Commissioner Winters, seconded by Commissioner Shoun and carried unanimously; the Lake County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts Contract #1939 for Map Maintenance with the Oregon Department of Revenue and Contract #1928 for the receipt of dollars from the Oregon Map grant for Map Conversions pending review by County Legal Counsel Jim Bailey.

Mental Health Budget Discussion

Vern Brown and LouAnn Choate arrived to discuss the current budget for Lake County Mental Health (LCMH). Mr. Brown feels that there is a positive trend going on with the budget. He presented the Board with several handouts containing the most current information with regard to the budget.

Commissioner Winters had a question with regard to dollars available for staffing. Mr. Brown explained how he perceives this and expressed some of the concerns that he has with regard to 'open cases'. He then reported that there is a need for a Master Level Therapist. There are certain services that only a Master Level Therapist can perform. Mr. Brown feels that it is his responsibility to update the Board on any 'trends' that he is seeing with regard to the finances of LCMH. He also feels that the recent negative financial 'trend' has been reversed and they are now 'heading in the right direction'.

Discussion followed regarding the location of the majority of the LCMH clients.

Commissioner Winters asked if the Quick Books system used at LCMH matches what the County system shows. Mr. Brown explained that there are some issues that need to be addressed with the County Finance Department, including payroll, to get the two systems to match.

Mr. Brown reported that the main concerns that he has had have been resolved. He then explained that he will have a business plan in place to present to the Board before he leaves LCMH. It was generally agreed that the concerns have been addressed.

Mr. Brown explained his concerns with the affects of the clinical staff being away from the Lakeview office when they travel to North Lake. He feels that services are lost locally when clinicians travel. Mr. Brown updated the Board on the changes that have been made with the delivery of services in North Lake. Ms. Choate clarified what the three clinicians do individually and what their responsibilities are. She then explained the problems that the local office runs into when the clinicians are out and there is a crisis situation. Mr. Brown explained the different avenues they have tried in getting North Lake clients to Lakeview versus having the clinician travel. There is a lot of 'brain storming' being done in resolving this issue.

Mental Health Site Supervisor Discussion

Commissioner Kestner gave a status report regarding the current Interim Director. He explained that the Interim Director is not able to be consistently present due to the fact that he has to travel. He then indicated that there are two applicants for the Site Supervisor position. These are applicants that have been through the interview process before. Commissioner Kestner expressed that he does not see the need to interview these applicants again. He would prefer to just contact them by phone. It was generally agreed that the Interim Director Chris Siegner needs to be involved in the hiring process.

Commissioner Winters reported that he recently traveled to Medford with Eric Shpilman and Debbie Utley. He feels that Ms. Utley represented Lake County very well. Commissioner Kestner asked that Ms. Choate convey the Boards appreciation to Ms. Utley. Commissioner Kestner also wanted to share his conversation with Mr. Brown indicating that Ms. Choate has really 'taken the reins' and done a great job at LCMH.

Break at 11:41 a.m.

Resume at 11:55 a.m.

Road Department

The Board reviewed Right-of-Way Permit #2008-10. Discussion followed regarding the Outback Retirement Center.

By consensus of the Board, Chairman Kestner is authorized to sign Right-of-Way Permit #2008-10 for the Outback Retirement Center as presented.

Other Business

Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2008.

Upon motion by Commissioner Winters, seconded by Commissioner Shoun and carried unanimously; the Lake County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the May 7, 2008 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Information Sharing

Highland Metals

Commissioner Kestner gave an update on the Highland Metals situation. Discussion followed regarding the options that are available. Mr. Pardee updated the Board on the

email he received from Legal Counsel Jim Bailey. The total amount due from Highland Metals is \$10,200.00 as of May 1st. He then explained that the dollar amount owed is spelled out in the Addendum. At this point, the Addendum has been signed but the County does not have a copy. There have been no dollars collected at this time. Mr. Pardee updated that Board on the steps that have already been taken to secure the facility. He then recapped the direction that Counsel Bailey gave at the last meeting with regard to this situation. It was generally agreed that Randy Trogden with Highland Metals has been given ample opportunity to resolve this.

By consensus, the Board agrees to move forward with consolidating the goods into one bay in the building in question so that the vacated bay can be leased out to another party. The Board will continue with the motion that was made at the last meeting.

Jail Committee Discussion

Commissioner Kestner asked if there is a functioning Jail Committee. Commissioner Winters indicated that there is not. He then explained that he has not had the time to address this. He gave an update on what other Counties have run into with regard to their bonds. Commissioner Kestner feels that there is Public Relations (PR) that needs to be done before the County can go out for a bond.

Liaison Updates

Commissioner Winters asked Mr. Pardee to give an update on County Parks. Mr. Pardee reported that he has ordered a new double vault facility for Egan Park. Commissioner Kestner asked what area of the Park this new facility would be located. Mr. Pardee explained. Commissioner Shoun asked if we have a permit for placement of this. Mr. Pardee indicated that this is in the works.

Commissioner Winters and Mr. Pardee then discussed the boat dock at Lower Cottonwood. Commissioner Winters has had a discussion with Ken Hamlington with Community Service on the repair of this boat dock.

Mr. Pardee indicated that if Community Service will be working on boat docks, he will have to go another route in getting the nuisance issues addressed on two of the parcels on the Land Sale list. Commissioner Winters recommended getting an outside source to accomplish this. Mr. Pardee agreed that he would try to get a contractor to take care of the nuisance properties.

Commissioner Winters reported that he communicated with Caro Johnson and let her know that the County rejected Agreement #24442 for the Outback Corridor Management Plan.

Mr. Pardee gave an update on Rural Renewable Energy Development Zone (RREDZ). He will be scheduling meetings and notifying the various Tax Districts once these meetings are scheduled. He is considering having one meeting in Lakeview and one in North Lake. The Board agreed that these meetings will be scheduled for the two Regular Session meetings in June.

Commissioner Winters gave an update on the Railroad meeting that was held last Thursday. He indicated that there will be weekly conference calls on Wednesday's with Don Blansett with Modoc Northern Railroad (MNRR) and the shippers. He then reported that the

shippers are looking at offsite loading options. He then explained the concerns that he has with regard to the affect this would have on the County.

Commissioner Winters reported that he heard from Mr. Blansett that the two new locomotive units have been released from Chicago. He has asked Mr. Blansett for documentation on this.

Commissioner Winters then discussed the Connect Oregon II grant and the fact that Lake County placed 15th on the list. He is very pleased with this.

Commissioner Winters then reported that there has not been a disruption in service since the recent derailments have been taken care of. Mr. Blansett did admit that the two derailments were human error.

Commissioner Winters then reported that he drove by the railroad yesterday and was not pleased with what he saw behind the depot. There were some junk cars that should not be there so he stopped and asked that they be removed. All have been removed but one. There are some other issues that need to be addressed but the railroad is up and running right now.

Commissioner Kestner explained what he understood from the shippers at the railroad meeting about a contingency plan. Commissioner Winters explained the purpose of the Connect Oregon II grant. The goal is to get more trucks off of the roads. He then indicated that he is optimistic with regard to this grant.

Commissioner Kestner updated the Board on the Bureau of Land Management Resources Advisory Committee discussion that he had on Friday. Karen Shimamoto with Fremont National Forest indicated that she wanted to see a sub-group formed to address the National Forests proposed Travel Management Plan. Commissioner Kestner has volunteered to serve on this sub-group.

Commissioner Winters discussed the recreation plan that was brought before them today by Mr. Kehr. He then asked if the Board wanted to compose a letter of support. Commissioner Kestner expressed his concerns regarding this plan; namely ensuring continuance of dispersed camp sites. Commissioner Winters then expressed his concern regarding the length of time that Forest Service employees stay locally before they move on and how this affects our forests. Commissioner Shoun expressed his frustration with there being several RAC groups, as a Forest Service and a BLM RAC verses one encompassing RAC. Commissioner Winters agreed.

There being nothing further to come before the Board, the Lake County Board of Commissioners Work Session adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Cobian
Clerical Assistant

Board Approval,

Ken Kestner
Chairman

Dan Shoun
Vice Chairman

Bradley J. Winters
Commissioner