



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

July 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, July 22, 2008 at 9:00 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: Letter from Town of Lakeview - 2008 RAC III Project
National Incident Management System Resolution-Sheriff
Business Manager Position
Oregon State University (OSU) Audit discussion
County Flag discussion

9:00 a.m. – Industrial Park

Argren Incubator Facility Request

Mr. Pardee explained the request from Argren. Rachel Thompson and Ron Black with Argren were present to explain their business plan. Ms. Thompson explained what the company will manufacture.

Commissioner Shoun asked what the storage area would look like and what would be stored in it. Ms. Thompson stressed that she doesn't want the drop off site to look like a 'junk yard' and it would be kept tidy. Commissioner Shoun then asked what the future plan is with regard to a facility. Ms. Thompson indicated that the long term goal is for Argren to obtain their own facility.

Commissioner Winters also expressed his concern with the appearance of the outside of the incubator building with regard to the drop off site. He then explained the various funding options available for businesses like this. Ms. Thompson explained the cost structure related to the product and what market they will be targeting.

Discussion followed regarding the timeframe in which they would like to take possession of a bay in the Incubator Building. Mr. Pardee reported on the bays that will be coming available for lease. Commissioner Winters asked Mr. Pardee if he has discussed a monthly lease payment amount with Ms. Thompson. Mr. Pardee indicated that he has.

Commissioner Kestner asked if product that cannot be used will go to the landfill. Ms. Thompson indicated that it would. They would also chip some of the scrap product they receive.

Mr. Pardee stated that he could put together a draft commercial lease for the Board and Ms. Thompson to review.

Amendment to El Paso Natural Gas Agreement

Mr. Pardee reported that he doesn't have this amendment ready for the Board to review. He explained that this amendment is necessary due to the company inhabiting a different bay at the Incubator Building than listed on the original agreement.

9:30 a.m. – Community Parenting Organization – Stan Wonderly

Mr. Wonderly arrived to discuss this newly formed committee. Their goal is to work on prevention of juvenile misbehavior. He explained the grants that the committee would like to apply for. He then explained what he hopes the committee will achieve with regard to counseling.

Commissioner Shoun asked what the focus area of the group is. Mr. Wonderly indicated that the focus area is Lake County. Commissioner Winters asked Mr. Wonderly if he has discussed this committee with other County entities. Mr. Wonderly indicated that he has. Commissioner Kestner wanted to stress that this committee is not a County entity.

Commissioner Winters asked who the board members of this committee are. Mr. Wonderly read the list of members. Commissioner Winters then asked if anyone from North Lake has been asked to be a member. Mr. Wonderly answered that they have not due to travel expenses.

Commissioner Kestner asked what the dollars would be used for that this committee is requesting. Mr. Wonderly explained that the dollars would be used for applying for grants. Commissioner Winters explained other avenues where the dollars could be obtained.

Mr. Wonderly reported what the committee has done with regard to completing their bylaws and mission statement. Discussion followed regarding how dollars could be leveraged to get started. Commissioner Kestner indicated that he would like to see the bylaws and the mission statement. The Board agreed. Mr. Wonderly will bring these items back for the Board to review.

Break at 9:45 a.m.

Resume at 9:57 a.m.

Walk-in

Bob Rogers from Oregon Renewable Energy arrived to give an update on the renewable energy projects in the Lakeview area. He indicated that there is an entity interested in coming to Lakeview to begin a project.

Commissioner Winters explained the various groups that are working on similar projects. He would like to see these groups work together. Mr. Rogers stated that he assisted John Cogar with Sustainable Lake County with some grant writing.

Mr. Rogers indicated that he feels Lake County will suffer worse than other areas due to the cost of fuel. He suggested that the Town and the County get a working group together to stay on top of these projects. Commissioner Kestner agreed. Commissioner Winters discussed the Renewable Energy Task Force and when they meet.

Mr. Rogers explained the study that he did on various types of energy costs. Commissioner Shoun expressed his appreciation for all of the work that Mr. Rogers has

done and is doing. He then reported on the various meetings that he has attending regarding renewable energy.

Commissioner Winters indicated that he would like to have a designated Economic Development person within Lake County. Discussion followed regarding the knowledge that this person would need to have.

Mr. Rogers feels that the underground hot water source that Lakeview has is a 'winner'. He would like to see the focus on this project. He feels that this would be a sustainable resource. He explained that he is working on getting an estimate on how much this project would cost.

Other Business

Youth Investment – Shelter Care Services Contract

The Board discussed the Service Provider Contract for Shelter Services. Commissioner Winters will follow up with Eric Shpilman in the Juvenile Department on this. He will also find out if Legal Counsel has reviewed this. It was generally agreed that this item will be tabled to obtain further information.

Sex Offender Services Contract

Commissioner Winters indicated that he discussed this with Steve Berger from Community Corrections. The Board reviewed the presentation given by Mr. Berger regarding this contract. Commissioner Kestner asked Mr. Pardee if Legal Counsel has reviewed this contract. Mr. Pardee does not know if he has. It was generally agreed that this item will be tabled to ensure that Legal Counsel has reviewed this.

Liquor License Application – BJ's Mercantile

The Board reviewed that application. Commissioner Winters declared a conflict of interest as he owns this business. He explained that the person applying for this is leasing the business from him.

Upon motion by Commissioner Shoun, seconded by Commissioner Kestner with Commissioner Winters abstaining; the Lake County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Liquor License Application for Glenn R. Meyer at BJ's Mercantile as presented.

Right-of-Way Permit Applications

The Board reviewed the to right-of-way permits.

By Consensus of the Board, Chairman Kestner is authorized to sign Right-of-Way Permit #2008-20 for Gale and Maureen Plato and Permit #2008-21 for Centurytel as presented.

Treasure Valley Community College (TVCC) – Contract Out of District Agreement

Mr. Pardee referred to the presentation given by Linda Simmons last week. He then reported on the payments that the County has made to TVCC in the past. He asked for direction from the Board on this.

Commissioner Winters explained his misgivings regarding Ms. Simmons presentation. Commissioner Shoun feels that the County can't afford to put dollars toward something that isn't proven effective for the County. Mr. Pardee suggested that the Board of

Commissioners go directly to the TVCC Advisory Board to discuss this. The Board agreed. The Board also agreed that there is an obligation to pay the invoice from the previous year. Commissioner Shoun feels that there should be firm communication with TVCC regarding the timeliness of billings.

It was generally agreed that the Board will ask the TVCC Advisory Board to come before the Board for discussion prior to the new agreement being signed.

Meeting Minutes – 6/30, 7/1, 7/2, 7/8

The Board agreed that all minutes will be tabled until next Tuesday.

Business Manager Discussion

Commissioner Kestner wanted to discuss putting an interview panel together as there have been some applications received. Discussion followed regarding how long this position will be kept open.

Commissioner Winters indicated that he thought the Board, Business Manager Robin Drinkwater and Interim Chief Deputy Ann Crumrine from the Treasurer's office would be the interview panel. The Board agreed.

2008 RAC III Project – Town of Lakeview

The Board discussed the letter from the Town of Lakeview regarding the Bullard Canyon Watershed Restoration and Recreation Area project. Commissioner Kestner suggested that this item be tabled until Commissioner Winters can discuss this further with Town Manager Ray Simms. The Board agreed. Commissioner Winters will discuss this with Mr. Simms.

National Incident Management System Resolution - Sheriff

Sheriff McDonald arrived to discuss this resolution. He explained the process and training that will need to take place. Discussion followed regarding how and when this training will occur. Commissioner Winters feels that it might be appropriate at this time to approve this due to the recent lightening strikes.

Upon motion by Commissioner Winters, seconded by Commissioner Shoun and carried unanimously; the Lake County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts Resolution #2008-07-22 In the Matter of Adopting the National Incident Management System in Lake County contingent upon typos corrected and review by County Legal Counsel.

Liaison Updates

Commissioner Kestner wanted to discuss the land issue in Christmas Valley. Mr. Pardee explained his discussion with the land owner. Commissioner Winters updated Commissioner Shoun on what had been decided at the last meeting regarding this issue.

Commissioner Kestner reported that he had a citizen asked him if there is a County flag. It was generally agreed that there is currently not a County flag. Commissioner Winters indicated that he is not interested in pursuing a County flag. He would be fine with a group putting this together but feels there would be controversy.

Commissioner Shoun discussed the South Central Oregon Economic Development District (SCOEDD) meeting that will be taking place in Lakeview. He has another meeting that he will be attending out of town on this same date.

Commissioner Shoun expressed his frustration with there being so many groups working on similar topics.

Commissioner Winters reported that there was another derailment within the railroad involving six cars. The railroad is currently up and running again. The cause of the derailment was a sun kink in the track. There may have been some other factors.

Commissioner Winters gave an update on the Backscatter site and the conference call he had last week.

Commissioner Winters then expressed the concerns that land owners are beginning to have with the Ruby Pipeline project. He indicated that the public relations person from Ruby Pipeline has not returned his call. He feels that the County should be getting some kind of royalty for this company coming through County land. He suggested having the Ruby Pipeline group come before the Board to discuss this and give an update. Mr. Pardee explained the other locations where this group is present. He suggested contracting these other areas to see how they address this. Commissioner Shoun suggested that the Board get information from Legal Counsel or someone else that would have knowledge regarding the laws pertaining to these concerns. Mr. Pardee indicated that he can make a phone call to see who within Ruby Pipeline should be contacted. Mr. Pardee and Commissioner Kestner will gather information on this.

Commissioner Kestner then discussed the potential audit regarding the OSU Extension office. He is suggesting that OSU go with a review versus an audit.

Mr. Pardee reported that the paving at the Airport has been completed. He encouraged the Board to visit the airport and see the work that has been done. Commissioner Kestner indicated that the Airport Advisory Committee is working on ground lease changes including a new fee scale. Commissioner Winters reminded the Board of the verbage changes they agreed on with regard to the Airport Manager contract.

There being nothing further to come before the Board, the Lake County Board of Commissioners Work Session adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Cobian
Clerical Assistant

Board Approval,

Ken Kestner
Chairman

Dan Shoun
Vice Chairman

Bradley J. Winters
Commissioner