



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2008

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

County of Lake County
State of Oregon

REGULAR SESSION

The Lake County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chair Kestner, Dan Shoun and Bradley J. Winters. Also present: Administrative Assistant Bob Pardee and Legal Counsel Jim Bailey via conference call. (Executive Session only)

Additions: Work Session Meeting Minutes 12/16/08

Public Comment

Jules Gilpatrick asked if the lease fees from BLM/USFS go into the Airport fund.

Commissioner Kestner explained that all revenue generated from the Airport operation comes into the Airport fund, and there is an administrative fee paid to the general fund based on an established formula for all special revenue funds.

Airport Advisory Committee

Commissioner Kestner explained the role of the Airport Advisory Committee, and that this group currently has a sun-set date of 12/31/08

Jules Gilpatrick, Chair of the Airport Advisory Committee, indicated he has spoken with each committee member, and all have indicated they are interested in serving in this volunteer capacity for another 12 months.

Commissioner Winters indicated he was ready to consider making this a permanent advisory committee with staggered terms.

Mr. Gilpatrick indicated it might be more appropriate to consider an extension of this group on a temporary basis until it can be demonstrated there is a real need for a permanent group.

Commissioner Winters indicated he is OK with seeking a one year extension of this group, with the idea that by the end of the year a plan is in place

Commissioner Shoun agreed, indicating "the idea of having an advisory committee in place permanently to ensure the future economic viability and health of the Airport would be a good idea."

Mr. Gilpatrick indicated the Airport has progressed farther and in a more positive manner under this Board of Directors than any Board he has had experience with in the last 20 years. He will discuss this with the group at tomorrow's meeting.

Mr. Pardee reminded the Board that this advisory committee was given a specific number of tasks to perform. They have done this admirably with good feedback and a productive approach. He further suggested this might be the approach for the next year, with a goal to develop a set of by-laws to determine what the future role will be of a permanent advisory committee for long-term planning, and possibly include all County Airport business. (referring to the Paisley airport)

Commissioner Shoun moved to extend the sun-set date for the existing advisory committee until 12/31/09. The active existing committee consists of: Jules Gilpatrick, Lissa Webbon, Ray Simms, Allen Matthews and Grace Newton. Commissioner Winters second. Motion carried.

Discussion: Winters asked if this group will be provided a 'project' list. Shoun suggested the Advisory committee could compile a list of suggested improvements and projects for their attention in the coming year.

Mr. Gilpatrick suggested the '800 pound gorilla' is money. There are a number of items in the existing 20 year plan (Airport Layout Plan) that need to be addressed.

Mr. Shoun suggested that in the next couple years he believes the economic stimulus approach from the federal level may well have a very positive impact on the future opportunities for municipal governments that have a plan already in place to find funding streams for improvements. Hopefully this will include airport.

Commissioner Winters indicated he feels "an active committee is a productive committee" and this group has certainly been productive. Commissioner Winters also suggested there may be opportunities for advertising the services and capacity of the airport through the Chamber of Commerce, Southern Oregon Visitors Association and other avenues.

Mr. Gilpatrick indicated this will be a step to follow. There is a need first to determine what the direction is at the airport, and have something to advertise.

Mr. Gilpatrick also indicated that Burt Young, airport manager, has done a commendable job providing excellent service to transient traffic and existing airport users.

Business Department

Business Manager Doug Smith reviewed the O.R.S. 294.336 regarding rules pertaining to the Budget Committee. He elaborated there are no specific requirements regarding solicitation of Budget Committee members. What is critical is that there be an equal number of citizens and elected officials.

Commissioner Winters moved to appoint Jon Jones from Paisley to a second term on the Budget committee, Commissioner Shoun second. Motion carried.

Discussion: Commissioner Shoun indicated there is a need for future policy regarding committee appointments and solicitation. He suggested that if a Board appointed committee member wishes to serve a second term on a committee that his not governed by a set of by-laws, that upon written request from that person, they can be appointed by consensus of the Board. If there is not consensus, or if a committee member has already served two terms, then there should be an advertisement to solicit throughout the County.

Commissioner Shoun further suggested creating an awareness of what Board appointed committees there are in the County, and posting this data on the County website and Chamber(s) of Commerce websites, etc.

Board of Property Tax Appeals

Commissioner Kestner summarized the letter of recommendation from County Clerk Stacey Geaney.

Commissioner Winters moved to appoint Ora Temple, Barry Grey and Ken Kestner to the Board of Property Tax Appeals as presented in writing by the County Clerk. Commissioner Shoun second. Motion carried.

Lake County Fairboard

Commissioner Shoun moved to appoint John Taylor to replace director George Jaska on the Fair Board effective January 1, 2009 as presented in writing by the Fair Board. Commissioner Winters second. Motion carried.

Discussion: Commissioner Winters indicated the Fairboard has done a good job extending communications with the Round-up Board.

Court Facilities Summary Report

Mr. Pardee reminded the Board that there is an opportunity to provide feedback to the Joint Committee on Court Facilities, and he hopes to have the opportunity for Lake County to have a voice in future Legislative efforts for funding.

The Board reviewed the document in-depth, and agreed this is an opportunity to have a voice in this process. The Board instructed Mr. Pardee to coordinate with the Circuit Court Judge and the Sheriff to attend a Work Session to discuss this matter further.

Minutes

Commissioner Winters moved to approve minutes from December 16, 2008 as corrected. Commissioner Shoun Second. Motion carried.

11:00 a.m. – Break
11:05 a.m. – Resume

Legal Updates

None

11:08 a.m. – Adjourn to executive session 192.660 (2)(h) possible litigation.

11:50 a.m. - Resume to Regular Session. No decisions were made.

Other Business

Commissioner Kestner reported that this afternoon he will be meeting with Town Manager Ray Simms, Town Counsel John Bogardus and County Counsel Jim Bailey (via teleconference) so the two Legal Counsels can discuss the Intergovernmental agreement between Town of Lakeview and Lake County to provide 911 dispatch services.

11:55 - adjourn

There being nothing further to come before the Board, the Lake County Board of Commissioners Regular Session adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board Approval,

Ken Kestner
Chairman

Dan Shoun
Vice Chairman

Bradley J. Winters
Commissioner