BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 2011

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, October 4, 2011 at 9:02 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Dan Shoun, Vice Chair Bradley J. Winters and Commissioner Ken Kestner. Also present: Administrative Assistant Denise Thorsted.

Additions: CC&F Board Member Recommendation
Land Conservation Easement Support Letter
Oregon PUC – Solar Projects Waiver Telephone Conference call

Deletions: None

9:00 a.m. – Professional Services and Contractor Agreement, Director Jack Breazeal

Mr. Breazeal explained that this contract was with NW Telepsychiatry, PC to provide psychiatry services for Lake County Mental Health. The initial agreement for these services had previously expired and renewal was necessary as it was tied in to the reimbursement for electronic health records.

This contract was to be an annual contract and had been review by Legal Council with no issues found. The rate for service had increased to $135.00 per hour (a $15.00 increase). Mr. Breazeal felt this was a fair rate and explained that Lake County was reimbursed for services by Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc. (GOHBI) at a higher rate. There was a one year commitment included in the contract with sixty day written notice by either party following the first year.

Decision on this matter was scheduled for the October 5th, Regular Session meeting.

9:15 a.m. – Lake County Chamber of Commerce, Director Audrey Henry

Tourism Maps:

Mrs. Henry provided an example of the Tourism Map that had been distributed over the past several years (they were last printed in 2008). The maps provided information on various places of interest across Lake County.

Lake County had previously purchased ad space on these maps and Mrs. Henry explained that the County could do so again by either accepting the offer given by the Town of Lakeview to share an ad space or purchase their own individual space. The cost for each ad was $439.00 with 20,000 maps to be produced and distributed across Lake County and Klamath County. The locations of distribution included: the Chamber of Commerce, Hotels/Motels, and Airports. Discussion followed on places of interest shown and those to be added. Decision was scheduled for the October 5th Regular session meeting.
**Munch-n-Movies:**
Mrs. Henry explained that the Chamber of Commerce was working to provide weekly (possibly Wednesdays) movies on the Courthouse lawn between Memorial Day and Labor Day. She added that there was a potential for the event to move to Memorial Hall during winter months if the event showed interest.

Mrs. Henry stated that this was expected to be a “great” addition to the community and would give travelers an opportunity when traveling through. This event was also expected to benefit businesses as well. Discussion followed on potential insurance issues and potential benefits. With the event to be held on Wednesday evenings, there would be no direct competition with other same type businesses.

Mrs. Henry confirmed that the Quilting Committee was discussing the possibility of a quilt tour next summer. This event could potentially include the Courthouse lawn.

County Land Manager Bob Pardee agreed to work with Mrs. Henry on scheduling these events.

**Other Business:**

*Fleet Vehicle Purchase/Surplus:*
Mr. Pardee confirmed that he would continue to work with the Sheriff on vehicles needed for that department, but there was no recommendation for the Sheriff’s Department at this time.

There was, however, a recommendation to purchase a 2012 Ford Escape for the vehicle pool. This vehicle would replace vehicles that were to be surplused: two Tahoe’s (one in Christmas Valley and one from of Sheriff’s Department) and a Crown Victoria. Discussion followed on the vehicles to be surplused, the vehicle recommended for purchase and future budgeting.

The formal recommendation for the 2012 Ford Escape purchase was to come before the Board for approval at the October 5th Regular Session meeting.

*Airport Well House Rehabilitation Funding Request:*
Mr. Pardee confirmed that he had spoken with each Commissioner individually on this topic. The current structures size was estimated at 20x30 and was built around 1943. This structure was in disrepair and in need of rehabilitation for several reasons.

Estimates had been obtained from two separate contractors on the cost to replace this structure. Both were around $15,000 and did not include the cost of electrical, permits or other items. Maintenance staff had gone to the site and composed a list of materials necessary to completely rehabilitate this structure. A quote for materials had been received and a quote for time had been evaluated for the two County maintenance employees to complete. There was also an opportunity to utilize youth in this project from Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC).
Mr. Pardee requested authorization to spend up to $10,000 from Facility Reserve fund to rehabilitate the Airport well house. Work was expected to be complete within the next three to four weeks.

Decision on this topic was scheduled for the October 7th Regular Session meeting.

Mr. Pardee also updated the Board on information regarding Ameriflight Freight Service had given notice that they would be pulling service from Lakeview mid October. Mr. Pardee was working to schedule a conference call between Ameriflight, the Town of Lakeview, the Chamber of Commerce and others to work to persuade service to remain. Potential impacts were discussed.

**Jail Drain Funding Request:**

Mr. Pardee explained that the currently all waste water in the Courthouse went through a grinder before going to the Town of Lakeview system except for the waste from the Lake County Jail. The current system for the Jail was on a gravity flow system that was easily blocked.

Issues had occurred over the years with inmates putting items such as bars of soap, orange peals and other incompatible items into the waste water drain causing flooding and seepage to occur.

Mr. Pardee confirmed that the current grinders and holding tank had sufficient capacity to handle waste water from the entire Courthouse. The quote received was for $1,500 (excluding the cost of switches) to reroute to grinder. Discussion followed on the switches to be installed and the rerouting of this system.

Decision on this matter was scheduled for the October 7th Regular Session meeting.

**Break:** 10:23 a.m.
**Resume:** 10:28 a.m.

**Youth Suicide Grant:**

Debbie Utley addressed the Board to discuss the Amendment #2 to the State of Oregon Grant Agreement #131282 pertaining to Youth Suicide.

The Garret Lee Smith Youth Suicide Grant was in its third and final year. This Grant had been established following the suicide of Senator Smith's son. The Amendment extended the contract from September 30, 2011 through September 29, 2012. Mrs. Utley provided a brief summary on trainings and public awareness presentations that had occurred from this funding.

Decision on the Amendment was scheduled for the October 5th Regular Session meeting.

**Additions:**

**CC&F Board Member Recommendation:**

CC&F Director Ronne Lindsay discussed the recommendations presented. Mrs. Lindsay explained that there had been difficulty in filling the meeting requirement for a corium as members had either resigned or terms had expired.
The recommendation presented for student members had been previously approved by this Board and as such no discussion was necessary. Mrs. Lindsay confirmed the recommendation for the following members: Head Start Director Vicky Taylor, retired teacher Jo Hoppe, Jennifer Pore of Lake County Mental Health (for the month of October only) and Mental Health Director Jack Breazeal (effective November 1, 2011). Discussion followed.

This topic was added to the October 5th Regular Session for decision.

**Land Conservation Support Letter:**
Commissioner Kestner explained that in 2008 two individuals had come before this Board with separate requests for support regarding their requests for “land conservation easement” requests for their properties. Neither had been approved at that time.

Property owner Larry Maxwell confirmed his intention to resubmit his request and was asking this Board again for their support. Discussion followed regarding the property involved in the easement request.

By consensus of the Lake County Board of Commissioners, support letter to be provided for the Land Conservation Easement request for Larry Maxwell.

**Oregon PUC – Solar Project Waiver Request:**
Oregon PUC Commission meeting was contacted via conference phone in order to allow the Board to provide additional information if needed. Jim Walls of the Lake County Resource Initiative joined these proceedings. (Commissioners meeting continued until the request was discussed by the PUC).

During these proceedings, the Oregon PUC Commission was addressed by Moshrek Sobhy Oregon PUC and Mike Carpenter of Energy Recovery Group, LLC (contractor) to address the request for waiver submitted for solar projects at the Fairgrounds and the Lake County Road Department. Consideration was given for time extension of two months in order to allow time to obtain final approval from the Town of Lakeview Planning Commission.

Following discussion between Mr. Carpenter and the Oregon PUC, the request for waiver was approved by the PUC Planning Commission for a two month extension.

Discussion followed close of conference call regarding these projects.

**Department Updates:**
None

**Liaison Updates:**
Commissioner Winters discussed a call received from Jeff Harmon concerning commercial wood cutting/timber sales. Commissioner Winters confirmed that he had followed up on these concerns with the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. Both agencies encouraged Mr. Harmon to meet with them directly on his concerns. Discussion followed on administrative use of roads and the Travel Management Plan.

Commissioner Winters also provided a brief summary on the recent tour he had taken with District Ranger Al Hahn of contract landscaping taking place. Discussion followed.
Commissioner Kestner provided an update regarding the Town of Lakeview Christmas tree. Site to plant the tree had been decided on, the South Valley Bank parking lot.

Commissioner Kestner discussed the upcoming Rural Post Office support meeting that had been scheduled. These were as follows:
- Fort Rock – 6:30 p.m. October 17, 2011 @ Fort Rock Grange
- Adel – 6:30 p.m. November 1, 2011
- New Pine Creek – 6:30 p.m. November 2, 2011 @ State Line School
- Summer Lake – 6:30 p.m. November 3, 2011 @ Summer Lake Church

Commissioner Shoun provided information regarding a recent discussion with members of the Lake County Senior Center regarding their current finances and the future of the Senior Center. This discussion had also included clarification on how the tax payments received from the Ruby Pipeline project were distributed.

Commissioner Shoun confirmed he would be attending the Regional Advisory Committee tour on October 6th.

Commission Shoun would also be attending the Lakeview Stewardship Group meeting on October 11th and 12th.

This evening, the Lake County Chamber was to hold an informative meeting on Lottery dollars and this afternoon, a Clean Energy presentation would be held in Memorial Hall.

There being nothing further to come before the Lake County Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

Board Approval,

Dan Shoun
Chairman

Bradley J. Winters
Vice Chairman

Ken Kestner
Commissioner