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 5, 2011 at 9:02 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Dan Shoun and Vice Chair Bradley J. Winters. Commissioner Ken Kestner was absent from these proceedings. Also present: Administrative Assistant Denise Thorsted.

Additions: None
Deletions: None

9:00 a.m. – Wildfire Leadership Counsel, Jim Walls
Also in attendance for this discussion were: Dustin Gustaveson (Oregon Department of Forestry), Dennis Morrill (Lakeview Fire Department) and Betsy Schenk (Sheldon-Hart NWRC).

These individuals came before the Board to discuss the revision that had been developed for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Mr. Walls explained that one of the reasons behind having this plan revised was due to the fact the 90% of all interagency appropriations budget was to go to the urban interface. The second driver was the change in wildlife considerations (sage grouse habitat and deer).

Maps brought by Mr. Walls were discussed. The maps provided an illustration on sage grouse habitat, camp grounds and major road ways for both north and South Lake County. The illustration provided information on areas that had been already approved and the new areas the Counsel was asking the Board to consider adopting.

Commissioner Shoun stated that he expected to see a “significant” change in the Department of Interior’s 90% requirement and the 75% Forest Service requirement in regards to the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). Discussion followed.

Mr. Walls expressed his concern of the growing predator habitat occurring and the need for management of predators.

Ms. Schenk explained that the main reason wildlife had been added to the plan was not an economic aspect but it was a way of protecting the wildlife without having the restrictions occurring for use such for grazing and sage grouse habitat. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Winters asked Lakeview Fire Department Chief Dennis Morrill about any foreseen impacts to the Fire Department from the changes being requested. The only impact Mr. Morrill could see was to possibly the local watershed.

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Mr. Gustaveson confirmed that campgrounds were also included in this process and that there was an Addendum being drafted to come before the Board for approval at a later date.

Commissioner Shoun stated that he was pleased with the work the Counsel had done and appreciated their time and effort. Commissioner Winters agreed.

10:00 a.m. – Weed Management Program, Grace Haskins
Topic was rescheduled for a later date.

Other Business: (None)

Department Updates:
The Board acknowledged the new painted logo hanging in the Boardroom. This logo had been approved earlier and had been hung following completion by Jami Lord.

Ms. Thorsted provided an update regarding the new Lake County website. Revize had run into a minor glitch when transferring information from the current site to the new site. Ms. Thorsted hoped to be able to move forward with the new site by the end of the week with final launch by July 15, 2011.

Liaison Updates:
Commissioner Shoun confirmed that he would be in Eugene on Friday July 10, 2011 to attend a follow-up meeting for the Wildfire Summit he had attend a few weeks prior.

Commissioner Shoun confirmed that he would be attending the Western Interstate Region (WIR) and National Association of Counties (NACo) meetings the following week (July 11 – July 15) in Portland. He would also be meeting with individuals to discuss the final year funding of the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) authorization.

Commissioner Winters confirmed he would be out of the office on Thursday and would be attending an Executive Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) meeting on Friday July 8, 2011. That same day he was scheduled to meet with representatives of Avista regarding the potential for natural gas in the southern end of the county.

There was to be a 10 year anniversary celebration in Paisley for the Intercourt Family Center on July 10, 2011. Commissioner Winters hoped to attend.

On July 16, 2011, there was to be an ATV Park dedication to take place at the Lake County Fairgrounds.

Break: 9:25 a.m.
Resume: 10:00 a.m.

There being nothing further to come before the Lake County Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.
Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
Denise Thorsted
Administrative Assistant

Board Approval,

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Dan Shoun
Chairman

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Bradley J. Winters
Vice Chairman

{Absent}
Ken Kestner
Commissioner