BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
County of Lake
State of Oregon

WORK SESSION

The Lake County Board of Commissioners met in Work Session on Tuesday, February 4, 2020. The following members were present: Chairman Bradley J. Winters, Vice Chair James Williams and Commissioner Mark Albertson. Also present: Administrative Assistant Melanie Boozenny, Treasurer Ann Crumrine, Business Services Manager Jay Collins, Community Justice Director Jake Greer, and Lake County Examiner reporter Kevin Winter. Number of Public Present: 19.

9:00 a.m. -- The Work Session was called to order by Chairman Winters and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions: Sixth Amendment to OHA Agreement No. 159818

Oregon Criminal Justice Commission-JRI and Lake County

Deletions: Ordinance 108 Discussion

TIMED ITEMS:

9:00 a.m. -- Service Pins

Two Service Pins were handed out both for five years of service: one went to Kassi Stoffel and the other was for Zach Hall.

9:05 a.m. -- OSU Extension Service Update

Oregon State University Southern Oregon Regional Director Jamie Davis provided a staffing overview for the Commissioners. She has recently celebrated her sixth month anniversary of her promotion; she hopes to fill her previous position 4-H Youth Development by April. Twenty-five percent of the position works to serve Family Community Health in addition to 4-H Youth Development. There is another vacancy she hopes to jointly fill for Beef Cattle with Harney County. The position would cover both counties but would be stationed here in Lake County.

She continued to introduce the rest of the staff, Jeannie Anderson was recently promoted to Administrative Office Manager and will hire someone to replace her position soon.
Melissa Maxwell works as the Part-Time 4-H Program Assistant. She has been working throughout the County helping bring STEM/STEAM to K-8 classrooms. She builds off of the subject being taught with different types of robots based on the students' skill level. Outside of the classroom she has begun new leader training for 4-H, 4-H scholarship opportunities, and continues Girls Go Run.

Pasture and Forages, Farrah Brunner has been studying sage grouse habitat in Lake County. She hopes to have a manuscript completed with her findings of grazing systems in 2021. She has been researching different types of grass and their impacts on sage grouse populations. She has also been observing grazing invasive species to improve the sage grouse population.

Kasey Johnson has been backfilling for Daniel Leavell, while he's working on a special assignment. Mr. Johnson has been looking at forestry and natural resources. In conjunction with NRCS and LCSWCD they have treated 21,292 acres of private land. Mr. Johnson said a lot of forest stands have declined in health and they have been trying to create better ecosystems.

Commissioner Albertson was interested in carbon sequestration, Kasey Johnson explained that older stands hold onto more carbon, but their maximum rate is reached at approximately 150 years. Ponderosa, white pine, and lodge pole are all good sequestering species.

Kendal Martel has been working with several agencies on smoke sensor receptor program and a plan to protect communities from prescribed wildfire smoke. She has several meetings planned throughout the county. Flipping forward, she has been working on fire outreach. She has been working with folks who might be interested in home hazard assessments.

10:40 a.m. – Amy Markus, Klamath/Lake Shared Stewardship MOU

Amy Markus with the United State Forest Service explained a draft Memorandum of Understanding she would like the Commissioners to partner with.

Then she introduced Brandi Neider Project Manager and Stream & Riparian Coordinator who provided an overview of the projects and treatment areas the Lake County Umbrella Watershed Council has been working on in concurrence with the FS and Extension Service. She said Oregon Water and Enhancement Board provides funding for these projects. She is also working on an application for a Focused Investment Partnership Grant (FIP). She's looking at two to three initiatives, dry forest being a primary initiative.

The Commissioners inquired into possible strings attached to the funding. Mrs. Neider explained that lottery dollars are used as a funding source, and the landowners are able to manage the lands as they see fit. The State is more concerned with heavy fuel loads, and preventing the causes of high intensity fires.

Autumn Larkin is the Uplands Coordinator for the LCUWC. She explained the importance of realistic and high performing partnerships to their funding. She would appreciate Commissioner support for the FIP application. The Klamath/Lake MOU affirms the commitment of the partnership, and describes the methodology and structure of the biennium.

Mrs. Markus wrapped up the presentation by explaining their focus on Lake County All Lands Initiative and Thinning and Burning Initiative. They have been working with private landowners and apply a risk-based response to wildfire. They capitalize on every tool available including: grazing and setting up landscapes for prescribed fire. This MOU would help Lake County be advantageous with grant funding and would make them more politically savvy. She hopes the MOU will be ready for signatures in March or April.
11:10 a.m. – Dustin Simms and Todd Muller, Round Up Association Support Request

Dustin Simms and Todd Muller came to the Board along with several other members as a joint group looking to remedy infrastructure problems. They would like to address three major issues they have been having: power, water, and sewer. They would like to bring in an additional water line to feed the grandstand and arena area. They would like an additional transformer to eliminate the need for extra generators and most importantly for safety. Thirdly, they would like to enhance the sewer system to prevent future backups. These improvements would allow for future growth in addition to improving the current facility.

11:30 a.m. – Recess Open Session

11:40 a.m. – Resume Open Session

11:40 a.m. – Jakeen Bierman, Soil Restoration

Soil Restoration produces transform soils into a much more ideal environment where plant life can thrive and flourish. This is accomplished throughout the introduction of, but not limited to their unique and propriety blend of aerobic microbes, humic substances, beneficial fungi, and nutrients specific to their needs. Soil Restoration ingredients are all WSDA registered for organic use. Treated soils respond through the evidence of increased flocculation, water-holding capacity, and greatly increased bio-availability of plant nutrients. They would like a sample from Alkali Lake Well NO. 10, the most contaminated well, to test the effectiveness of their product. They tested it on two other wells outside of the plume and had great results.

12:30 p.m. – Recess Open Session

Commissioner Williams left the meeting due to scheduling conflict.

12:45 p.m. – Resume Open Session

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ann Crumrine, IGA for SIP Distribution

Treasurer Ann Crumrine reviewed the background for the potential solar project in northern Lake County. The first 50 million dollars of the project value will be taxed at regular taxation rates. The rest of the value is eligible for a Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) Agreement, this would be a community service fee that is distributed pro rata to the taxing districts in the area of the project. Art Fish of Business Oregon pointed out to Crumrine that 25% of the tax savings are eligible to be paid out, and the community service fee might be higher than $800,000 depending on the evaluation of the project.

Discussion on 1. B.2.: In the event of a new taxing district in the area the Commissioners would like to add annual to the language to eliminate confusion of eligibility.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.
David Berman, Fourth Amendment to Connect Oregon Agreement No. 31638

Facilities and Properties Manager David Berman needs the Board to approve a Fourth Amendment to Connect Oregon Agreement Number 31638 to adjust for the scope of work performed. The timeline deviated slightly and fill dirt was needed to meet specs.

**Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.**

**David Berman, Landowner Estoppel Certificate for Airport Solar**

A new Landowner Estoppel Certificate needs approved for D.E. Shaw Renewables. This certificate will ensure the validity of both the Drainage and Access Agreements for investors and title companies.

**Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.**

**David Berman, Drainage Easement Agreement for Airport Solar**

Mr. Berman presented an Drainage Access Agreement for Airport Solar in that changed the agreement name to D.E. Shaw Renewables from Obsidian Renewables.

**Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.**

**David Berman, Access Easement Agreement for Airport Solar**

An Access Easement Agreement for Airport Solar with D.E. Shaw Renewables needs approved. This is an identical agreement with founding company Obsidian Renewables.

**Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.**

**David Berman, Boom Truck Purchase**

Facilities and Properties Manager has been trying to procure a Boom Truck for General Fund use for several years. Every time he finds one, he’s interested in it falls through for one reason or another. He found one that was in good condition so be bought it before he lost it. This 2000 Ford F450 cost $14,900. He obtained two other comparable quotes for similar boom trucks.

Chair Winters moved to ratify the purchase as presented. Commissioner Albertson second. 2 Ayes – Motion Carried.

**Buddy Knass, Tarp Deployment Equipment Purchase**

Landfill Superintendent Buddy Kness would like the Board to consider the purchase of a tarp deployment system. He explained how it would provide time and staffing efficiencies. In addition, it will minimize risk by keeping employees from having to walk on top of refuse. He has unanticipated revenue from having more tonnage than predicted. Total fiscal impact would be $44,463.01 if approved.

**Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.**
Jake Greer, Oregon Criminal Justice Commission-JRI and Lake County

Community Justice Director Jake Greer would like to enter into an agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission-JRI for treatment court funding. Total fiscal impact to the County would be a positive $132,503.34 if approved.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.

Melanie Boozeny, Sixth Amendment to OHA Agreement No. 159818

Commissioners’ Administrative Assistant Melanie Boozeny reviewed the Sixth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority Number 159818. OHA has reallocated $1,000 for the 19/20 year for PE51-01, which is for Leadership, Governance, and Program Implementation.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

IT Department

Information Technology Manager Melanie Boozeny informed the Board of an issue with the Sheriff’s Department laptops. They are operating on Windows 7 which is no longer supported by Microsoft. Test computers were updated to Windows 10 for a potential temporary fix. However, they would not interface properly with the old hardware, keeping them from operating normally. The upgrade has been on the Sheriff Department’s radar, but has been pushed back due to more urgent needs. The Sheriff’s Department will have up to $80,000 in their budget this year for the purchase. The laptops need to be CJIS certified to utilize LEDS, CJIS will not approve Windows 7 since updates are not available.

1:30 p.m. - With there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Boozeny
Commissioner’s Assistant

Board Approval,

Bradley J. Winters
Chairman

James Williams
Vice Chairman

Mark Albertson
Commissioner