BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2020

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

County of Lake
State of Oregon

REGULAR SESSION

The Lake County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at the Christmas Valley Booster’s Hall. The following members were present: Chairman Bradley J. Winters and Vice Chair James Williams. Also present: Commissioner’s Administrative Assistant Melanie Boozenny, Planning Director Darwin Johnson, Treasurer Ann Crumrine, Facilities and Properties Manager David Berman, Veteran’s Service Officer Charles Pike, and Legal Counsel James Bailey. Number of Public Present: 10.

10:04 a.m. – The Regular Session was called to order by Chairman Winters and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions: Cancellation of Delinquent Personal Property Taxes
Fair Board Appointment Recommendation

Deletions: None

TIMED ITEMS:

10:05 a.m. – Public Comment

The first topic was regarding SIP funding for the North Lake High School. Several citizens believed that the school should sign the SIP Distribution Agreement even though they are not part of the agreement. They wanted to clarify the 75% of the taxing districts needed as well. Vice Chair Williams noted that this project would have been much simpler if the School and Obsidian did not have preliminary closed-door negotiations. The public in attendance also hoped for more SIP informational meetings before the agreement was dispersed.

Comment on joining Greater Idaho. Several people in the crowd are interested in joining Greater Idaho and asked how to get it on the ballot. The Commissioners will follow up on the process.
OTHER BUSINESS:

Terry Crawford, Request for Chamber Support

North Lake Chamber Director Terry Crawford requested support for the North Lake Chamber. She explained their limited financing and how impactful County support could be to the local economy.

No action taken.

Public Comment Continued

Comment on gun sanctuary county and discussion of the legality.

Comment on road maintenance conditions. Discussion of road budget and public ways versus county roads. The citizens would appreciate the County blading the public ways at least one time per year if they cannot do any other improvements.

Comment on increased need for nuisance and code enforcement. Approximately 100 signatures from the area were submitted to the Board to petition action. The residents are tired of people leaving properties messes and collecting too much “junk.”

Qualifications for Professional Services at Lake County Airport Recommendation

Facilities and Properties Manager David Berman gave an overview of how he, Tom Andrews, and an airport review committee evaluated the four proposals received for engineering services at the airport. Century West was recommended by the panel; they did the pavement management plan for the State and there is going to be several pavement management projects at the airport in order to preserve the taxi ways. A formal contract will follow after the Board approves the recommendation.

Consensus of the Board to award Century West the opportunity of providing engineering services to the Lake County Airport.

Land Sale Order

Planning Director Darwin Johnson recommended withholding two commercial properties that could be beneficial to the library and three core sage grouse habitat parcels. The Order would approve the sale of properties deemed not to be in the interest of the county “real estate not in use for county purposes” in accordance with ORS 275.030(1). Properties 32, 33, 54, 55, and 56 will remain off of the sale.

Chair Winters motioned to accept the Order for Sale of Lake County Tax Foreclosed Properties as presented by the Planning Director. Vice Chair Williams Second. 2 Ayes – Motion Carried.

Cancellation of Delinquent Personal Property Tax

Chair Winters explained that Assessor Dave Knowles recommended that the Commissioners cancel delinquent personal property taxes on two accounts so that they can be combined with real property and sold at the foreclosed property land sale this spring. Fiscal impact of the forgiveness would be $3,253.69 for accounts 73629 and 73603.

Chair Winters motioned to approve the matter of Cancellation of Delinquent Personal Property Tax. Vice Chair Williams Second. 2 Ayes – Motion Carried.
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes from the February 18, 2020 Work Session and the February 19, 2020 Regular Session need approval.

Vice Chair Williams motioned to approve the minutes from dates 2/18/2020 and 2/19/2020 as presented. Chair Winters Second. 2 Ayes – Motion Carried.

Fair Board Appointment Recommendation

The Fair Board recommended Juanita Anderson to be appointed to the Board.

Chair Winters motioned to accept the recommendation. Vice Chair Williams Second. 2 Ayes – Motion Carried.

12:30 p.m. - With there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Boozenny
Commissioner’s Assistant

Board Approval,

Bradley J. Winters
Chairman

James Williams
Vice Chairman

Mark Albertson
Commissioner