The Lake County Board of Commissioners met in a Combined Work and Regular Session on May 5, 2020. The following members were present: Chairman Bradley J. Winters, Vice Chair James Williams and Commissioner Mark Albertson. Also present: Commissioner’s Administrative Assistant Melanie Boozenny, Landfill Superintendent Buddy Kness, Assistant Building Official Jennifer Stephens, Treasurer Ann Crumrine, Facilities and Properties Manager David Berman, and Lake County Examiner Reporter Kevin Winter. Public Present: 3.

9:00 a.m. – The Combined Session was called to order by Commissioner Winters and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions: SCOEDD Contract Discussion

Deletions: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ann Crumrine, Budget Resolutions

Treasurer Crumrine presented three budget resolutions; there is a need to increase the personnel services appropriation in the Assessor’s Department and Capital Materials and Services in the Landfill Fund under ORS 294.473.

Resolution No. 2019-12

The Assessor’s Department will have more personnel services expense than anticipated due to insurance coverage changes and step increases. They will have fewer materials and services than anticipated. It is directed to increase Personnel Services $18,000 and decrease Materials and Services $18,000.
Commissioner Albertson motioned to accept Resolution Number 2019-12. Vice Chair Williams Second. 3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 2019-13

The Landfill will have more materials and services expenses than anticipated due to equipment maintenance costs, and will have more capital expenses than anticipated due to equipment shipping costs, and will have less personnel services cost than anticipated. It is directed to decrease Personnel Services $45,000 and increase Materials and Services $41,000 and increase Capital $4,000.

Vice Chair Williams motioned to adopt Resolution Number 2019-13 as presented. Commissioner Albertson Second. 3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 2019-11

The Road Fund will have more revenues than budgeted due to the two-year reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools funding. They will need to purchase equipment to operate in the future. It is directed to increase Federal Resource Funding $1,000,000 and transfer out an increase of $1,000,000. $500,000 going to the Road Reserve and $500,000 to Road Capital for future purchases.

LIAISON UPDATES:

Commissioner Winters

Commissioner Winters received a call asking if Lake County would be applying for a BUILD grant this year for the Railroad. Treasurer Crumrine said it would be best to focus on the CRISI grant.

Commissioner Albertson

Commissioner Albertson is fearful that “Presumptive Cases” will pad the State’s Covid-19 numbers. He is starting to feel bullied by the State.

The Commissioners are hopeful that Lake County will start Phase 1 on May 15, 2020.

9:10 a.m. – Open Budget Hearing

No public comment was received.

Treasurer Crumrine said the reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding will allow the Road Department to save for future budget shortfalls and equipment purchases.

OTHER BUSINESS:

David Berman, Lake County Railroad Track and Bridge Upgrade Contract and Resolution

Facilities and Properties Manager David Berman needs the Board to authorize a contract and a resolution for a railroad track and bridge upgrade. The contact and resolution
approve a 2.9-million-dollar loan to provide match for the CRISI grant. The rail operator will repay the loan, and interest does not accrue until the money is drawn down. The committee is working on getting the FRA to accept the 1.9 million that has already been invested to count towards match. Chair Winters said it was heavy on him to bring this to the Board, but he feels it’s essential to keep local businesses operating.

Chair Winters motioned to accept the contract between Lake County and Business Oregon as presented. Commissioner Albertson Second.

Discussion on page 11 of the contract.

3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

Chair Winters motioned to accept Resolution 2.9 as presented. Commissioner Albertson second. 3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

9:27 a.m. – Francie Winters, Problem Gambling Presentation and Rural Opioid Grant Update

Francie Winters is the Prevention Coordinator for Lake Health District. She attended the meeting to provide information on problem gambling and update the Board on Rural Opioid RCORP Grant. She explained that a strong welcoming community will help prevent recidivism.

The Commissioners and Ms. Winters discussed immediate treatment and services as soon as a person is incarcerated.

10:09 a.m. – Close Supplemental Budget Hearing

Commissioner Albertson motioned to accept Resolution Number 2019-11. Vice Chair Williams Second. 3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

10:10 a.m. – Recess Open Session

10:17 a.m. – Resume Open Session

10:17 a.m. – Jim Walls, Letter to Legislators on Carbon Emissions

Former Director of Lake County Resource Initiative would like to form a committee and write a letter to the legislators explaining how Lake County should be exempt from carbon tax if implemented. He said with current renewable energy projects Lake County can offset 95% of abiotic effects to the climate. He would also like for Lake County to demand that we receive a renewable energy credit. Commissioner Albertson will join the committee.

10:32 a.m. – Michael McCarter, Move Oregon’s Border Discussion

Mr. McCarter would like to put an advisory question on the November ballot to help guide the pursuance of making half of Oregon into Idaho. He feels that Oregon has
marginalized rural values and has made many Eastern Oregonians second class citizens. He is asking several counties to also put an advisory question on the ballot.

Although they appreciate Mr. McCarter’s passion for equal State representation; the Commissioners are hesitant to put the question on the ballot before more information is known on the proposed logistics of joining Idaho. They feel like better voter turnout in Eastern Oregon would be a great benefit for equal representation.

11:11 a.m. – Michele Parry, Cleanup Day Voucher for Landfill

Town of Lakeview Manager Michele Parry would like to team up in the efforts to clean Lakeview up. She, the Board, Assistant Building Official and Landfill Superintendent discussed renting large dumpsters versus a voucher system. The Commissioners want to ensure that whatever they participate in will be duplicatable in other areas of the County if another community group wants to launch a cleanup. Ms. Parry will gather information on the anticipated cost for large dumpsters and bring it back to the Board. The dumpsters will need to be governed to ensure appropriate material is placed in them. Everyone is in agreement that some measure is needed in the County to improve nuisance.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Fourth of July Celebration Support

Fairgrounds Manager Ronne Lindsay submitted a request for support for the annual fourth of July celebration. She requested $1,000 to help buy fireworks.

Chair Winters motioned to contribute $1,000 to both Fourth of July Celebrations in the County for the Economic Development Fund. Commissioner Albertson Second. 3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

SCOEDD Funding

The Commissioners discussed the upcoming budget year funding for South Central Oregon Economic Development District contract. They are mindful of decreased lottery funding in the future. Since there will not be a replacement position in Lake County, they believe that the contribution should be reflective of that. Chair Winters would like the governing board to have the discussion on the contribution amount.

Commissioner Albertson motioned to make next year’s contract funding $5,000. Vice Chair Williams Second. 3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

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Vice Chair Williams motioned to approve the said dates. Commissioner Albertson Second. 3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

12:02 p.m. – End Open Session and Enter Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 192.660(2)(h) & 192.660(2)(d)

Legal Counsel, the Administrative Assistant and all three Commissioners remained.

(h) – they discussed a pending BOLI claim
(d) – they discussed upcoming labor unit mediation

12:22 p.m. – Close Executive Session and Enter Open Session

No decisions were made in Executive Session

12:22 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

May 5, 2020 Combined Work and Regular Session Minutes