BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2020

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
County of Lake
State of Oregon

COMBINED WORK AND REGULAR SESSION

The Lake County Board of Commissioners met in a Combined Work and Regular Session on August 18, 2020. The following members were present: Chairperson Bradley J. Winters, Vice Chair James Williams, and Commissioner Mark Albertson. Also present: Commissioner’s Administrative Assistant Melanie Boozenny, Planning Director Darwin Johnson, Landfill Superintendent Buddy Kness, Assistant Director of Business Services Nicki Alves, Legal Counsel James Bailey via phone, and Member of the Press Danielle Jester. Number of the Public Present: 17.

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

Additions: MOU for SRO Position

Landfill Re-Organization

Executive Session 192.660(2)(h)

Deletions: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment was received from a concerned citizen asking for the Commissioners to protect the citizens from a tyrannical governor, they would like the Board to write a resolution to protect Lake County’s health safety and welfare.

Discussion on becoming a home rule county.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MOU for SRO Position

A Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Lakeview needs approval for a School Resource Officer position. The position is primarily being funded by a grant that
School District # 7 applied for and some match funded by the Town Law Enforcement Contract.

Commissioner Albertson motioned to accept the Law Enforcement SRO between Lake County Sheriff’s Office and the Town of Lakeview. Vice Chair Williams Second. 3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

EOCCO MOU for a Collaborative Network for Behavioral and Public Health

Commissioner Williams explained that every county is doing a similar Memorandum of Understanding for their respective Coordinated Care Organization. Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization provides services for Eastern Oregon counties to provide metrics of service for Oregon Health Authority funding and ensure services are not duplicated.

Vice Chair Williams motioned to accept the MOU between EOCCO and Lake County. Commissioner Albertson Second. 3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

Landfill Reorganization

The Landfill Department needs to be reorganized. Assistant Director of Business Services Nicki Alves said this would change the Superintendent to halftime and would allow for that position to manage more of the operational details, while the supervisor/operator would perform onsite supervision. This would also reduce the budget by $34,000 and increase the supervisor/operator’s stipend per year by $6,000.

Chair Winters motioned to accept the reorganization inclusive of the two job descriptions, and the stipend going to the Landfill Supervisor/Operator. Commissioner Albertson Second. 3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the August 4, 2020 Combined Work and Regular Session need approval.

Vice Chair Williams motioned to approve the Minutes from the August 4, 2020 Meeting as presented. Commissioner Albertson Second. 3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

LIAISON UPDATES:

Commissioner Winters

Commissioner Winters said he has been working on updating the water/sewer system at the Fairgrounds and almost has the project finished. He also shared the Round Up will be hosting a PRCA Rodeo two nights over Labor Day weekend. The Fair will be conducted virtually and the concert had to be canceled.
TIMED ITEMS:

9:30 a.m. – Discussion on 220 North L Property

Klamath Housing Authority asked Planning Director Darwin Johnson to withhold 220 North L from the Foreclosed Property Auction for a potential parking area for their intended housing project. The Board determined to hold off on listing the property and make a decision on donating it to Klamath Housing Authority if their application and project were approved. The original intent for the project was for temporary transitional housing, and it has transformed into permanent homeless housing.

The Board will confer with Legal Counsel to make sure they are under no obligation to keep the property off the sale list.

Public Testimony against donating 220 North L to Klamath Housing Authority was received. No testimony in support of the donation was received. Citizens voiced concerns on: Property values declining, decreased tax revenue, safety, increased traffic, no supportive services for homelessness, and an unclear project description.

10:39 a.m. – Recess

10:45 a.m. – Resume

Common Interest Privilege Agreement with Sussman Shank

Legal Counsel James Bailey reviewed a Common Interest Privilege Agreement with Sussman Shank to represent Oregon counties in a class action lawsuit contesting the way foreclosed properties are sold. This agreement allows for county counselors to communicate with each other and with Sussman Shank.

Vice Chair Williams motioned to accept the Common Interest Agreement. Commissioner Albertson Second. 3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

Vice Chair Williams motioned to accept the Cost Sharing Agreement. Commissioner Albertson Second. 3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

10:55 a.m. – End Open Session and Enter Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 192.660(2)(h)

- Executive Session 192.660 (2)(h) to consult with your attorney regarding current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed

Those present: Commissioners Winters, Williams and Albertson. Also present: Administrative Assistant Lasley and Legal Counsel Bailey via phone.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

11:28 a.m. – End Executive Session and Enter Open Session
Commissioner Albertson motioned to put the 220 North L Street property back on the Land Sale as soon as it’s permitted by ORS to do so. Chair Winters Second. 2 Ayes, Williams Abstain – Motion Carried.

**Continued COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Discussion**

The Declaration of COVID-19 Emergency will remain in place by consensus.

11:45 a.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