BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
County of Lake
State of Oregon

WORK SESSION

The Lake County Board of Commissioners met in Work Session Tuesday, September 15, 2020. The following members were present: Chair Bradley J. Winter, Commissioner Mark Albertson, and Vice Chair Williams via phone. Also present: Administrative Assistant Melanie Lasley, Landfill Superintendent Buddy Kness, Wellness Center Director Dr. Trace Wonser, Mayor Turner, LCP Director Ginger Casto, and Member of the Press Danielle Jester. Number of public present: 3.

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

Additions: Award Bid for New Landfill Cell Project

Project Funds Accepted for Road Department

Deletions: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Buddy Kness, Award Bid for New Landfill Cell Project

Landfill Superintendent Buddy Kness presented three bids for his multiphase project at the Landfill. He needs to dig a new cell for solid waste as soon as possible because the current one is almost full. He will then focus on covering the old cell as weather permits. He asked four vendors for two phased quotees so he can implement the project as quickly as possible. An engineer will be available for inspection to ensure the grade of the pit and covering meet DEQ standards for solid waste disposal.

He reviewed the quotes from Ben Britton Construction, Dog Lake Construction and Pardue Construction, the fourth quote did not meet the required specs. He recommended awarding Pardue Construction the bid because they were the lowest quote and can start the soonest.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.
Project Funds Accepted for Road Department

The Road Department needs the Board to approve project match for OR-Lake 3-12(1) – CR3-12 Chip Seal and Hart Mountain Road Project. Documentation is not available for the Board to review yet and will be tabled until tomorrow if it becomes available.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.

TIMED ITEMS:

9:15 a.m. – Dr. Trace Wonser Wellness Center Update and Patrick Hornberger Naloxbox Request

Dr. Wonser provided a quarterly update to the Board. She said the Wellness Center has seen a decline in services sought. The decrease appears to be from COVID-19 isolation concerns. This trend is statewide. She is preparing for an influx of needed services to deal with a reported increase of anxiety and depression in Americans. Services are available via telehealth or in person at the discretion of the provider.

The Advisory Bylaws need altered to comply with new standards. She also presented four advisory committee applications for the board to review.

Patrick Hornberger brought a Naloxbox to the meeting and provided information on the administration. He said the medication naloxone is harmless if administered to someone who is not overdosing on opioids, but it can save someone’s life if they have overdosed. The Board questioned the liability of administering this inappropriately. Mr. Hornberger explained the Good Samaritan Law would protect anyone administering the naloxone.

Consensus to place at least two boxes in the Courthouse was given depending on final review by legal counsel and risk management.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Melanie Lasley, Coordinated Public Transportation Plan

Special Transportation Manager Melanie Lasley amended the Coordinated Public Transportation Plan. Commissioners Albertson and Winters thanked Mrs. Lasley for her work updating the plan.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.

Melanie Lasley, Fourteenth Amendment to OHA Agreement No. 159818

Administrative Assistant Melanie Lasley presented the Fourteenth Amendment to OHA Agreement Number 159818. This amendment shows the current funding level for fiscal year 20-21 for Public Health.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.

Discussion on Drop Zone for Donations

The Board discussed encouraging the public to take donations for fire victims to the Lake County Fairgrounds instead of the LCP per the request of Director Ginger Casto.
LIAISON UPDATES:

Commissioner Albertson

Commissioner Albertson provided an update on the disaster relief work he is doing with the American Red Cross. He thanked Commissioner DeGroot for organizing their presence. He said Klamath County has been amazing and there are too many people to thank.

Commissioner Winters suggested organizing a coalition, and keeping track of expenditures for FEMA.

Commissioner Albertson thanked the Road Department for deploying two water tenders late last night to the fire.

Commissioner Albertson is pushing for RENS credits to be issued on federal lands and allowing the Modoc and Fremont-Winema to serve as a prototype program.

Commissioner Williams

Commissioner Williams has also been involved with the Brattain Fire. He has been working with the Incident Commander on the fire and helping to coordinate efforts. He is also working to improve communication on the Fire. They are working hard to stop the fire. Presently it is at 15% containment.

Commissioner Williams added that Representative Viki Breeze-Iverson, Representative Mark Owens, and Senator Lynn Findley will be in town for a meet and greet. They will be at the Elks Lodge tonight, and available for coffee tomorrow.

Commissioner Winters

Commissioner Winters is now attending bi-weekly railroad meetings discussing the notice to proceed from the FRA and CRISI grant.

Commissioner Winters encouraged the Commissioners to remain active with the SCOACT program.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christy Singleton attended the meeting to make the Board aware of a speeding issue around the schools in Lakeview. She would appreciate better enforcement and stop signs.
10:36 a.m. - With there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Lasley
Commissioner's Assistant

Board Approval,

Bradley J. Winters  James Williams  Mark Albertson
Chairman               Vice Chairman            Commissioner

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