BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2020

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

County of Lake
State of Oregon

WORK SESSION

The Lake County Board of Commissioners met in Work Session Tuesday, October 6, 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, Community Justice Director Jake Greer, Treasurer Ann Crumrine, Wellness Center Director Dr. Trace Wonser, Public Health Director Judy Clarke, Sheriff Mike Taylor, Undersheriff Paul Havel, Assessor Dave Knowles, Planning Director Darwin Johnson, Facilities and Properties Manager David Berman, and Members of the Press Danielle Jester and Kevin Winter. 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: Fifteenth Amendment to OHA Agreement No. 159818

Heroes Grant Discussion

Deletions: None

TIMED ITEMS:

9:00 a.m. – Ginger Casto, Brownfield Grant Discussion

Executive Director of Lakeview Community Partnership Ginger Casto asked the Board of Commissioners to consider continued support for the Brownfield Grant that South Central Oregon Economic Development District administers. This grant has allowed for several business and property owners in Lake County to assess hazardous waste mitigation on their properties.

She also provided an update on the current projects in the County and properties they hope to assess with new funding. Carbo has been providing the service, but regrettably they must go out for another RFP for service, and may not be able to continue the partnership.
The Town of Lakeview, City of Paisley and Lake County have formed a coalition for the projects and Casto would appreciate a letter of support stating that Lake County is in favor of continuing the coalition.

Consensus of the Board to write a letter and support the grant renewal.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dr. Trace Wonser, Seventh Amendment to OHA Agreement No. 159169

Wellness Center Director Dr. Wonser provided an overview of the Seventh Amendment to Oregon Health Authority Agreement Number 159169. She explained this amendment is for COVID-19 funding for contact tracing, providing service to patients having difficulty receiving services, cultural sensitivity training, and monitoring equipment. Dr. Wonser would like to purchase a vehicle for the department to help access patients that are not able to come into the building and provide staff training for sensitivity with the $75,000 allocated to them.

The Commissioners discussed the assurance of not comingling the funds and spending them according to the stipulations of the funding.

They would also like quarterly updates from Lake Health District since they are the Health Authority and responsible for administering all OHA funding properly.

The group also discussed recommended changes to the Wellness Center Mental Health Advisory Committee Bylaws. The Committee is in progress of updating them.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.

David Berman, Bid Airport Sewer Line

The Airport had sewage issues and needed immediate repair. Mr. Berman asked for three bids and only received one from Dog Lake Construction in the amount of $34,303.50.

Chair Winters motioned to ratify the said agreement for $34,303.50 for the sewage problem at the Airport. Commissioner Albertson Second.

Discussion on funding from a Regional Solutions Grant, General Fund dollars will not be used for the repair.

3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

Jake Greer, USDA FS and Lake County Community Justice Contract Extension

Community Justice Director Jake Greer would like the Board to consider an extension of his department’s current agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service. The contract for Work Crew services would be extended until June 20, 2021. The Work Crew mend fence and clean recreation areas as needed. The Forest Service refunds Community Justice for mileage and supplies.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.
Jake Greer, Lake County and the Oregon Department of Corrections CESF Grant Funds

Mr. Greer also presented an agreement from the Oregon Department of Corrections to allocate $1,275.50 for emergency housing for indigent, non-COVID positive adults in custody who may need to socially isolate from their household.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.

Jake Greer, Contract Extension between KLCAS and Community Justice

The Community Justice Director also recommended ratifying a contract with Klamath Lake Community Action Services that delivers firewood to homes that qualify for the energy assistance program. He already signed to contract to prevent service delays in the program.

Vice Chair Williams motioned to ratify this. Commissioner Albertson Second. 3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

Ann Crumrine, Coronavirus Relief Fund Cultural Support Program Grant Agreement

Treasurer Ann Crumrine would also like the Board of Commissioners to formally ratify an agreement for Coronavirus Relief Fund Cultural Support Program Grant. $19,294 will go to reimburse the fairgrounds for supplies used to prepare for large gatherings that follow State guidelines.

Commissioner Albertson Motioned to accept the CARES relief fund in the amount of $19,294. Vice Chair Williams Second. 3 Ayes – Motion Carried.

10:14 a.m. – Recess Open Session

10:20 a.m. – Resume Open Session

Darwin Johnson, Road Vacations

Planning Director Darwin Johnson presented five Road Vacations to the Board for consideration:

Platted Streets and Alleys in 39-20-16CB and 16CA

Town of Lakeview Legal Counsel Jeff Hedlund provided an overview of the need for vacating the roads and alleys in this section of area owned by the Town. He said Red Rock Biofuels needs to use this section of land for a cooling pond. The Town of Lakeview owns the adjoining parcels.

The Planning Director recommended the vacation under ORS 368.351 without a public hearing. There is not anything in the Title Report of concern.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.

Parts of RS 27, 138, 139, and 5562

Flowerree Farms has requested a road vacation by ORS 368.351 without a public hearing for two sections of road. Their attorney, Jeffrey Hedlund recommended vacating at least one
section of road to limit public interference on the Flowerree Farm; they own 100% of the adjoining land.

There was concern on impeding ingress and regress for neighboring properties.

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

**TIMED ITEMS:**

11:00 a.m. — Judy Clarke, Fifteenth Amendment to OHA Agreement No. 159818

Public Health Director Judy Clarke attended the meeting to present the Fifteenth Amendment to Agreement Number 159818. This amendment provides funds for flu vaccines and equipment. She will receive $7,098 if approved.

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

She also updated the Board that she will be receiving 15-minute response time COVID-19 tests. The tests will be administered at the Public Health Clinic.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Darwin Johnson, Road Vacations Continued**

**Part of Alley in Block 127 OVL**

Lamar Threet has petitioned to vacate the alley between lots 15 thru 19 and 30 thru in block 127 in the Oregon Valley Land Company’s (OVL) First Addition, in Townsite 39 South, Range 20 East, Section 16BA. An administrative vacation may be completed under ORS 368.326 to 368.366. Mr. Threet owns both sides of the alley. This potential vacation will not change any easements.

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

**Alley in 39-20-04AB**

Platted road/alley east of tax lot 1300, 1200, 1100, north of tax lot 601, 600, 602, 700, and 800, south of tax lot 100, 300, west of tax lot 500 and 400 in Townsite 39 South, Range 20 East, Section 04AB has been request by the adjoining properties to be vacated. It is a platted road that has never been incorporated into the County Road System.

Dave Knowles help present some of the vacation as a landowner, not as the Assessor. He said the landowners have all agreed to reserve a 10-foot section for passage and access. There are no issues prohibiting this on the Title Report.

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

**Vacation Resolution 2020-05C**

Vacation of a 60-foot-wide roadway along the western boundary and southern boundary of tax lot 7699 in Township 39 South, Range 19 East by Resolution was proposed by the Planning Director. This road is unmaintained by the County Road System, and the bridge is not up to the County Road Standard. A hearing will be held if approved.

**Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.**
Mental Health Advisory Board Membership Applications

The Board of Commissioners recommended to make the CEO an ex-officio member of the Advisory Committee like the BOCC Liaison. Charles Tveit, Charles Pike, Traci Holgate and Tina Aguilar all submitted applications.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.

North Lake EMS iPad Request

Silver Lake RFPD and North Lake County EMS have iPads that are becoming problematic for new COVID-19 reporting mandates. Total cost for two iPads would be $1,596.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.

Heroes Grant Discussion

Commissioner Albertson has been working on a grant Senator Findley recommended for North Lake County EMS and Silver Lake RFPD to help with their training on new equipment needed for the treatment of suspected COVID-19 patients. Lake County will administer the funding to the agencies. The Commissioners also discussed required match, and if the previous funding would be acceptable as match.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.

BOPTA Recommendations

Clerk Stacie Geaney recommended re-appointing Commissioner Williams, Deanna Walls and Donald Lasley to the Board of Property Tax Appeals.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.

Melanie Lasley, GETAC Computer Quotes

The Sheriff’s Department needs new laptops and IT Program Manager Melanie Lasley presented quotes for GETAC and Rugged Books for their replacement. The overall cost for the GETAC computers is higher because they will require new equipment for all of the deputies and none of the old equipment can be reused. The computers will cost $150 less than the Rugged Books. Total proposed fiscal impact would be $76,370.66 which is eligible to be reimbursed by CARES.

The Sheriff and Undersheriff explained how GETAC is made for law enforcement and would be the best equipment choice for their department.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.

Melanie Lasley, Sheriff Vehicle Repair

Fleet Manager Melanie Lasley presented three quotes to repair a vehicle from the Sheriff's Department. The vehicle is structurally sound and safety won't be compromised. Mrs. Lasley recommended accepting the lowest bid received from Robberson Collision Center.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.
Sheriff Taylor provided an update on the shooting involving a deputy and said a final hearing will happen next week. He said everything appears to be justified.

**North Lake EMS Taxing District Discussion**

North Lake EMS would like to become a taxing district. The Board of Commissioners discussed the best practices going forward and who should attend their next meeting.

**Melanie Lasley, Computer Rotation Quotes**

IT Program Manager Melanie Lasley presented computer purchases to the BOCC for the annual rotation program. She also recommended upgrading four additional computers not included in the rotation so that every department would be able to work remotely. Total fiscal impact for the purchase would be $19,200, and $6,400 would be reimbursable through CARES.

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

**Melanie Lasley, HRTG Renewal**

Special Transportation Manager Melanie Lasley presented a renewal for Highly Rural Transportation Grant for Lake County. Historically the County has been eligible for $45,000 per year, but is now eligible to receive $40,500 due to the economic downturn.

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

**LIAISON UPDATES:**

**Commissioner Williams**

Commissioner Williams brought up a letter of concern from Jim Strong. Mr. Strong would like the Board to end the declaration of COVID-19 Emergency in Lake County and would like to forbid OSHA from enforcing any policies in the County.

The Board discussed the overreach of OSHA. Commissioner Winters urged the Board to research any impacts to other agencies by ending the declaration. Commissioner Albertson would like to make some kind of statement explaining how OSHA is abusing [the Governor’s] power. Commissioner Williams questioned whether the emergency should be in effect in the region where COVID has existed in the County.

Commissioner Williams also update the Board on a potential equipment purchase by the Road Department. They are considering Dodge pickups.

He also said he needs a volunteer for the LCAC. The Commissioners discussed using an employee from Adult Corrections. Commissioner Williams will speak to the Department Head.

Commissioner Williams also would like to form an advisory board in northern Lake County to help voice the opinion of the citizens in the area.

He also updated that Jesse Price from Soil Restoration paid him a visit and said the test sample from Alkali Lake was able to remove 100% of glyphosate from the soil. The EPA is going to let Mr. Price test a larger section of land at Alkali Lake.

**Commissioner Winters**
Commissioner Winters noted that there will not be quorum for the second meeting in October. The next Commissioner Meeting will be held November 3, 2020.

He also said he continues to attend weekly railroad meetings to keep all of the partners updated.

1:07 p.m. - With there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Lasley
Commissioner’s Assistant

Board Approval,

Bradley J. Winters
Chair

James Williams
Vice Chair

Mark Albertson
Commissioner

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