BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 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, December 15, 2020. The following members were present: Chair Bradley J. Winters, Vice Chair James Williams, and Commissioner Mark Albertson (via remote access). Also present: Business Services Director Jay Collins, Landfill Superintendent Jay Collins, Planning Director Darwin Johnson, Sheriff Taylor, Deputy Kintzley, Assessor Dave Knowles, Treasurer Ann Crumrine, Administrative Assistant Melanie Lasley (via web) and Member of the Press Danielle Jester. Number of Public Present: 7.

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

Additions: Planning Commission Reappointment Recommendations
Sclar Committee Discussion
Master Design Engineering Service Agreement with AECOM

Deletions: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

David Berman, Master Design Engineering Service Agreement with AECOM

Engineering Firm AECOM proposed a Master Design Service Agreement to fulfill requirements from the DEQ. This service agreement does not include closure services. The Commissioners discussed whether it was a service agreement or a binding contract. They also discussed whether three quotes are necessary. Mr. Berman explained that this is an extension of the current contract with AECOM. The proposed fiscal impact would be $74,505 if approved, which is an additional $14,505 according to Mr. Berman.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.

TIMED ITEMS:

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9:15 a.m. – Kelly McGarva, Supportive Housing Update

Kelly McGarva updated the Board on Supportive Housing in Lake County. She said they are moving forward even though it started out rough. She said they have an MOU with key partners and a number of things will kick off after the holidays.

The Commissioners did not have any recommendations or specific concerns.

OTHER BUSINESS:

EOCA IGA

Eastern Oregon Counties Association proposed an Intergovernmental Agreement for the counties wishing to participate. The Commissioners did not see any issues with the IGA; however, they want to ensure the due structure will be the same. The Commissioners would like to involve Commissioner-Elect Shullanberger in the discussion.

The EOCA IGA will be tabled until the first meeting in January.

Darwin Johnson, Planning Commission Reappointment Recommendations

Planning Director Darwin Johnson recommended reappointing Terry Crawford to Position 5 and Ben Holderman to Position 6. Both terms would expire December 31, 2024 if approved.

Action/Consideration will take place in Regular Session.

Darwin Johnson, Solar Committee Discussion

Mr. Johnson gave the Planning Commission a brief summary of the new Solar Committee, and they recommended appoint at least one planning commissioner member to the committee. He recommended Terry Crawford and Jim Walls to have a representative from each end of the County. The commissioners were hesitant to have the Planning Director or Planning Commissioners involved because they thought it would be hard to separate the roles.

TIMED ITEMS:

10:00 a.m. – Peter Brewer, PM 2.5 Update

Peter Brewer, Air Quality Attainment and Wildfire Smoke Response Coordinator for the Department of Environmental Quality provided the Board with an update on particulate matter in the Lakeview area. He said last year’s levels were nice and low, but 2017 was a problematic year that increased the three-year average. He was told acceptable attainment particulate measures might be lowered in the future. He received $75,000 for wood stove alternatives and wood storage sheds.

10:40 a.m. – Recess Open Session

10:48 a.m. – Resume Open Session
LIAISON UPDATE:

Commissioner Williams

Commissioner Williams updated the Board that he has been notified that CREA would like the legislature to change the Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) amount from $7,000 per megawatt to $5,500 per megawatt.

11:04 a.m. – Sheriff Taylor, Award Presentation

Sheriff Taylor gave an award from the Oregon Sheriff’s Association to Deputy Craig Kintzley for meritorious action.

Continue Community Renewable Energy Association (CREA) discussion. The group was disappointed in the proposed change. Assessor Knowles added how beneficial taxation from solar projects has been to the general fund.

11:54 a.m. – Recess Open Session

1:00 p.m. – Resume Open Session

1:00 p.m. – SCOFMP Fire Season Update

Interagency Fire Staff Manager Barry Shullanberger said some people in the fire community are calling this the fire year. There were catastrophic fires in Oregon over Labor Day weekend, and three large fires in Lake County. The Fremont-Winema spent 82 days in IFPL3; extreme fire danger.

Mr. Shullanberger, Andrew Taylor from the Fish and Wildlife, and Dustin Gustaveson from ODF provided staffing and resource updates.

They discussed RFPA assistance and what an asset they have become. Mr. Shullanberger also said that the High Desert RFPA is close to having an agreement with the Forest Service, making it the first on the forest. Warner Mountain RFPA is also close to having an agreement with the Forest Service. All five have agreements with the BLM.

1:37 a.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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