BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 2016

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
County of Lake County
State of Oregon

WORK SESSION

The Lake County Board of Commissioners met in Work Session on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chair Brad Winters, Vice-Chair Ken Kestner and Commissioner Dan Shoun. Also present: Administrative Assistant Denise Thorsted, Treasurer Ann Crumrine, Planning Director Darwin Johnson and Lake County Examiner Member of Press Jimmy Hall. Number of Public present: 2.

Additions: None
Deletions: None

The Work Session was called to order by Chairman Winters and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

9:00 am – Elect 2016 Board Chair
Commissioner Shoun moved to elect Commissioner Ken Kestner as the 2016 calendar year Board Chair. Commissioner Winters second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kestner moved to elect Commissioner Dan Shoun as the 2016 calendar year Board Vice-Chair. Commissioner Winters second. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Budget Committee Member Recommendation, Treasurer Ann Crumrine:
Confirmation was given that advertisement for the one open Budget Committee position had been done with one applicant from the Paisley area interested. Recommendation was made to appoint Chaylon Shuffield to the three year term expiring December 31, 2018.

Budget Resolution 2015-09, Treasurer Ann Crumrine:
Confirmation was given that this Resolution was in regard to unanticipated revenue pertaining to Special Transportation Funds for Capital Expenditures in the amount of $110,000.

Planning Commission Member Recommendation, Planning Director Darwin Johnson:
Recommendation presented from the Lake County Planning Commission to appoint Wes Davies to fill current open position 2 expiring December 31, 2018.

Wolf Depredation Compensation Advisory Committee Member Recommendation:
Commissioner Winters confirmed recommendation to appoint Stock Grower representatives John Taylor and Tom O’Leary and Conservation representatives Doug Troutman and Jacob Johansen (based on information provided on applications) to serve on the Wolf Depredation Compensation Advisory Committee. Grant application on this matter was due in
February for State funding for reimbursement for loss of livestock/stock dogs and for prevention of wolf attacks. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife representative for this committee would be Craig Foster.

OLCC Liquor Application/ The Waterin’ Hole Tavern, Owner Sean Tuttle: 
Confirmation was given that ownership of the Waterin’ Hole Tavern in Fort Rock had changed hands. The Sheriff and Undersheriff had expressed no concerns for this application or new owner Sean Tuttle.

2016 Liaison Considerations, Board of Commissioners: 
The Board noted recent appointments to committees not currently listed. No recommended liaison appointment changes were given.

Ladders of Opportunity Grant RFO Van Purchase Award, Admin. Asst. Denise Thorsted: 
Confirmation was given that the Request for Quotes process was complete for the purchase of two additional vans for the Special Transportation Program. Working closely with Oregon Department of Transit representatives the following recommendation was made to award: Schetky NW Sales for two 2016 Eldorado Amerivans (total amount $90,724) based on “lifecycle” costs associated.

Special Transportation 2016 Discretionary Fund RFP, Admin. Asst. Denise Thorsted: 
Confirmation was given that the State Legislature recently designated additional funding for Capital improvement projects related to Special Transportation. The draft Request for Proposals presented was to be advertised and due back for consideration no later than February 5th. Submittals were to be reviewed by the Special Transportation Committee with recommendation to come before this Board consideration. If approved, the application to the State of Oregon would be submitted for consideration for funds.

Break: 9:25 am
Resume: 9:37 am

9:30 am – Lake County Resource Initiative Funding Request
Christy Tveit and Jim Walls presented an overview of projects both completed and continuing to be addressed on behalf of Lake County including economic development, forest health issues/opportunities and the Innovation and Learning Center. LCRI budget and funding received to date were discussed. Conversation occurred on the need for increased communication on issues in order to be on “the same page” and to avoid cross purposes with economic development and forest health focuses.

Request was made for the County to consider funding for this program not approved during the previous budget process. Conversation occurred on potential budget dollars that could be considered. Treasurer Crumrine was to be contacted prior to tomorrow’s Regular Session on possible budget considerations.

Department Updates:
Economic Development, Ginger Casto: Provided information on outreach and efforts for economic development around the County.

Community Corrections, Jake Greer: Planned to attend the upcoming Paisley City Council meeting to provide information on work crew projects completed this past year.
Steve Brown with Warner Creek Correctional Facility provided information on open staff positions at WCCF, recruitment to be done and new hire process.

**Liaison Updates:**
Commissioner Winters –
- Confirmed he would be working to set up the first meeting for the Wolf Depredation Compensation Committee and the appointment of the two “community” members to be selected.
- Planned to attend the upcoming Area Commission on Transportation meeting this coming Friday. Discussion was to occur on contact chain to be followed during the STIP process and Connect Oregon applications.
- Confirmed Senator Merkley Town Hall was scheduled for tomorrow in the Commissioner Boardroom beginning at 10:30 am. Regular Session was scheduled with late start for 1:00 pm.
- Confirmed letter needed to be drafted from the Board to the Bureau of Land Management related to the Mineral Rights Withdrawal decision. Deadline was quickly approaching.

Commissioner Shoun –
- Planned to attend tonight’s Paisley City Council meeting.
- Planned to attend upcoming East Cascades Work Force Investment Board meeting.
- Representatives from Red Rock and FedEx were scheduled to visit January 13th.
- Conference call with Senator Ron Wyden’s office was scheduled for January 14th to discuss potential of biomass “PILOT” program.

Commissioner Kestne: –
- Working on efforts in the Summer Lake area to reduce speed in front of local businesses.
- Working on efforts to have PUC rules (SB 32) flexed in order to have natural gas in rural areas.
- Planned to attend meeting in Salem on Thursday with work group related to SB 192/ATV use.
- Working on lawsuits concerning bull trout and suckers.
- Confirmed Fairgrounds Manager had given notice and maintenance person had sustained an injury and was to be off for a period of time. Manager position was to be advertised with recommendation to come from the Fair Board.

Conversation occurred on the “Occupation” taking place in Harney County at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge. Confirmation was given that local rancher and Oregon Cattlemen’s Association President John O’Keeffe had been interviewed the previous evening on Fox Business on this matter. This interview could be found on Facebook.

**Break:** 10:54 am  
**Resume:** 1:01 pm

**1:00 pm – Edmunds Purchase, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife**

Present for today’s discussion from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife were: Craig Foster (Wildlife Biologist), Chip Dale and Martin St. Louis. Information was provided on the offer made to ODF&W for the potential to purchase five hundred sixty acres in the north end of the Summer Lake basin. This property was currently known as the “Edmunds Wildlife Sanctuary”. No decision was to be made by the Board on this matter. Today’s discussion was for information purposes only.
Commissioner Winters confirmed he did not generally support government acquiring private land but added that if adjacent land owners and the community were in support of this purchase, than this would be the correct approach.

The Board expressed appreciation for being brought up to date on this item.

**Executive Session:** 192.660 (2) ( )

No executive session was held during today’s session.

There being nothing further to come before the Lake County Board of Commissioners, this meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Thorsted
Administrative Assistant

Board Approval,

Ken Kestner
Chairman

Dan Shoun
Vice Chairman

Bradley J. Winters
Commissioner