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

REGULAR SESSION

The Lake County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The following members were present: Vice-Chair Dan Shoun and Commissioner Bradley J. Winters. Chair Ken Kestner, was absent from today’s proceedings. Also present: Administrative Assistant Denise Thorsted, Treasurer Ann Crumrine, Business Manager Jay Collins, Planning Director Darwin Johnson, and Member of Press Jimmy Hall Lake County Examiner. Number of Public present: 5.

Additions: Letter of Intent/Schminck Museum
Deletions: None

The Regular Session was called to order by Vice-Chair Shoun and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3:00 pm – Public Comment
A group of citizens came forward to discuss concerns related to dogs running at large including attacks on other animals and worries of potential attacks on children. Conversation occurred on work being done by the County to establish an animal control person and fears expressed by those present. Those in attendance included: Rhonda Dial, Ruth Edwards, Lana Sargentii and Marty and Dale Provost.

10:10 am – Public Hearing/Obsidian Renewables – Mineral Right Request(s):
Public Hearing Open. 10:17 am

Public Comment continued regarding the need for animal control and related issues.

Public Hearing Continued: Laurie Hutchinson with Obsidian Renewables joined today’s session via telephone. Planning Director Darwin Johnson provided an overview of the request made by Obsidian Renewables for the mineral rights to be conveyed to the “surface right owner” (Obsidian). The request made included the transfer of rights for three solar project areas: Black Cap II, Fremont Solar and Lost Forest Solar. Confirmation was given that statute allowed for the County to set a minimum value for minerals. The recommendation presented by Mr. Johnson was a cost ten dollars ($10) per acre.
No public comment or testimony was received during today’s public hearing. Confirmation was given that no verbal or written comment had been received prior to today’s hearing.

Ms. Hutchinson confirmed that approval of the requests presented would allow clear title of properties and increase options for financing if needed. Legal Counsel had reviewed the “Nondisturbance Agreement” presented with no issues found. Mr. Johnson added that there were additional properties to be brought forward potentially in the future.

Public Hearing Closed: 10:43 am

Board discussion confirmed that there were minor scrivener’s errors to be corrected prior to signing. Mr. Johnson added that the ten dollar ($10) per acre recommendation amount was a base amount of one hundred dollar ($100) minimum for properties less than ten acres in size and not an absolute for future considerations. All fees and costs associated with this request were to be paid by Obsidian prior to deed transfers.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Order in the matter of conveying mineral rights reserved to Lake County to Owner of Surface rights related to the Black Cap II Solar project in the amount of ten dollars per acre as presented. Commissioner Shoun second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Order in the matter of conveying mineral rights reserved to Lake County to Owner of Surface rights related to the Fremont Solar project in the amount of ten dollars per acre as presented. Commissioner Shoun second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Order in the matter of conveying mineral rights reserved to Lake County to Owner of Surface rights related to the Lost Forest Solar project in the amount of ten dollars per acre as presented. Commissioner Shoun second. Motion carried.

Confirmation was given that the “Nondisturbance Agreement” presented no longer applied. Approval of the Orders presented also applied to the corresponding Warranty Deeds provided.

Break: 10:52 am
Resume: 10:58 am

Other Business:
2016-2017 Budget Calendar Revision, Action/Consideration: Confirmation was given that there had been a need to change the dates for budget meetings/manager presentations to April 13th and 15th rather than previous date requested.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget Calendar as amended. Commissioner Shoun second. Motion carried.

VOCA Grant Approval (Ratification), Action/Consideration: Commissioner Winters confirmed that there had been an immediate need for signature of the documents presented as this grant was now months in arrears and out of compliance. The
"Victims of Crime Act and Criminal Fine Account" (VOCA and CFA) grant supplied funding for staffing within the District Attorney’s office. Conversation occurred on potential grant usage and the increase to the amount requested compared to previous applications.


**Insurance Opt Out Incentive, Action/Consideration:**

Business Manager Jay Collins confirmed that new rules in place allowed for entities to offer employees a $100 per month option for opting out of insurance coverage if coverage was available through a spouse. For those instances where both the husband and wife worked for the County the offer could be extended for one to opt out and receive $200 incentive. This option would be at the employee’s determination the option was of benefit to them. Proof of coverage would be required.

Conversation occurred on potential impacts to the payroll department in term of workload (expected to be minimal). Employees already opting out would be eligible to receive the incentive. This change was not expected to impact out of pocket costs associated with insurance and employees would not be allowed to opt out and purchase their own insurance. This incentive would only apply to those with double coverage opportunities.

Commissioner Winters moved to adopt the insurance opt out incentive as presented. Commissioner Shoun second. Motion carried.

**Addition:**

**Schminck Museum/Letter of Intent:**

Commissioner Winter provided a follow-up to motion previously made in regard to potential purchase of the Schminck Museum. Confirmation was given that the Letter of Intent signed was to allow the Oregon State Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to move forward with process. Legal documents related to this purchase were expected in the near future.

**Meeting Minutes, Action/Consideration:**

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the January 5, 2016 Work Session Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Shoun second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the January 6, 2016 Regular Session Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Shoun second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the January 19, 2016 Work Session Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Shoun second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the January 20, 2016 Regular Session Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Shoun second. Motion carried.

**Department Updates:**

No Department Updates. Updates were provided during today’s session.
Legal Updates:
No Legal Updates were provided during today’s session.

Liaisons:
No Liaisons were provided during today’s session.

Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2) (h):
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 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Thorsted
Administrative Assistant

Board Approval,

Absent
Ken Kestner
Chairman

Dan Shoun
Vice Chairman

Bradley J. Winters
Commissioner