The Lake County Board of Commissioners met in Work Session on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m at the Christmas Valley Community Center. The following members were present: Chair Ken Kestner, Vice-Chair Dan Shoun and Commissioner Brad Winters. Also present: Administrative Assistant Denise Thorsted, Road Master Rick DuMiliou, Enterprise Zone Manager Betty Riley and Planning Director Darwin Johnson. Number of Public present: 1.

Additions: None
Deletions: None

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

10:00 am – Solar PILOT Agreement/ Origis Energy

Ms. Riley provided information on the legislation passed that pertained to solar projects being given the option for “payment in lieu of tax” separate from the Enterprise Zone Program. This was to give counties the option of receiving payment of $7,000 per megawatt rather than the typical assessed value rate on a case by case basis. Conversation occurred on the information provided regarding a recent agreement considered in Klamath County.

The legislation passed allowed for both the county and the developer to avoid the future unknown assessed value rates that were not able be determined and to assist developers with financing options.

Concern was expressed by Commissioner Winters for the lack of jobs and economic benefits associated with these types of projects versus the benefits developers would receive. Although the Board was in support of solar, concern was also expressed for the location of proposed project presented as there was potential for other development options that could occur within the urban growth boundary. Commissioner Winters felt that as this property was to be considered in the future for annexation, input would be needed on this request from the Town of Lakeview.

Conversation occurred on the Agreement presented with correction to wording noted. In addition, discussion occurred on the “termination” clause allowing for the developer to opt-out and the potential wording to read for either party to have option to opt-out or for clause to be removed entirely.
Other Business:

County Ordinance No. 113/AOC OACES Agreement, Road Master Rick DuMilieu:
Mr. DuMilieu confirmed the ordinance and the agreement (per AOC) were to be approved consecutively for the formal establishment of the Association of Oregon Counties Engineers and Surveyors governmental entity.

OHA IGA #147793 Amendment 3, Mental Health Director Ben Paz:
The amendment presented was for an increase of revenue to the Mental Health program for assistance in peer delivered services for individuals impacted by the corrections system in the amount of $5,842.

Wellness Program Policy Update, Committee Member Darwin Johnson:
A brief update was provided on activities being planned by the Wellness Committee and for the proposed change to this committee’s policy. The requested change was for the updating of membership to show four to remain as permanent members while the three additional positions were to rotate in two year intervals. This change would move the Treasurer to a permanent position on this committee.

Conversation occurred on the potential of this committee looking into having bikes/bike racks available for employee use. Suggestion was made to “soften up” the wording included in this policy to be more inclusive and inviting to the Sheriff’s department.

Order for Sale of County Property (2016), Planning Director Darwin Johnson:
Mr. Johnson confirmed that the listing before the Board was for properties to be made available to the public the first Monday of each. Six properties were felt to have reasons that should require for them to be withheld from the tax foreclosure sale due to various concerns (such as residing in core sage grouse habitat). Upon approval, the list would be sent for advertisement.

Mr. Johnson requested for discussion to occur in the near future for possible change in regard to moving up the time frame for Land Sale Policy reductions (sooner than the two year period currently noted). Recommendation was to be presented during tomorrow’s Regular Session.

Department Updates:

Road Department: an update was provided on landfill and rock contract issues working toward resolve. Road Advisory meeting was scheduled for March 23rd @ the Paisley Community Center beginning at 10:00 am.

Liaison Updates:

Commissioner Winters –
- Confirmed the Schminck Museum purchase/transfer was still in process.
- Provided an update from the Fleet Committee meeting recently held. Expressed appreciation to Ms. Thorsted for the positive work being done in regard to the management of fleet vehicles. Confirmation was given that the Committee hoped to increase the Reserve amount in order to cover costs if an unplanned vehicle replacement was needed.
Commissioner Shoun –
  - Confirmed conservations were taking place with Senator Wyden for support for federal lands qualifying for renewable energy program (PILOT program) for possibly a ten year period. Red Rock Biofuels was expected to receive designation for this program in order to show the positive outcomes and benefits from utilizing biomass and other renewable programs on public lands. A kick off meeting was scheduled for tomorrow.

Commissioner Kestner –
  - Provided information on the Telecommunications Conference held the previous week in Washington DC.
  - Conversation occurred on GIS needs for the County. Mr. Johnson provided information on the potential opportunity of utilizing an OIT student for a one year period to build the needed program.

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 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Thorsted
Administrative Assistant

Board Approval,

Ken Kestner
Chairman

Dan Shoun
Vice Chairman

Bradley J. Winters
Commissioner