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 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Board Chair Dan Shoun and Vice-Chair Bradley J. Winters. Commissioner Ken Kestner was absent from today’s proceedings. Also present: Commissioners Administrative Assistant Denise Thorsted, Economic Development Specialist Audrey Henry and members of the press: Lake County Examiner press member Ryan Bonham and Herald and News Lee Juillerat. Number of Public present: 2.

Additions: None
Deletions: None

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

9:00 am – Oregon Outback Mining Company Update, Allan Dickinson

Mr. Dickinson provided the Board with information on networking taking place for the education and sale of sunstones found in the Plush area. Oregon Outback Mining Company (OOMC) had been doing extensive work in the cruise line industry over the past several months and received positive feedback on both the jewelry and stones presented. An additional eighty cruises were currently slated with more being offered.

In terms of marketing of the sunstone products and investing, opportunities in Asian markets including Japan and Hong Kong were having great interest expressed. The faceting portion of the operation was still in process as investors were still being brought on board (hoped for end of summer 2014). No machinery had been purchased to date. Mr. Dickinson added that interest had been expressed by a machine manufacturer to locate equipment and operation at the Plush location rather than the company needing purchase the equipment.

Conversation continued on training to occur, supply and demand (both now and in the future) and sales projections.

Other Business:
2014-2015 Budget, Treasurer Ann Crumrine:
2014-2015 Budget Officer: Appointment of the 2014-2015 Budget Officer had no discussion at this time. Actual appointment was scheduled on the January 15, 2014 Agenda.
2014-2015 Budget Calendar: One change had been made to the calendar previously presented that included the date for final submission of Open Requests (2-14-14).

Discussion followed on the Budget Mid-Year Review (2013-2014) to be scheduled and Budget Committee scheduling. Commissioner Shoun asked that this review include the potential projections for Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) payment. Conversation occurred on potential Budget Meeting conflicts stated on the calendar and possible date changes. Following discussion, follow-up was to be done on potential Friday and Monday rather than Monday and Tuesday meetings.

Department Updates:
Administrative Assistant Update: Ms. Thorsted confirmed prep work was currently taking place on vehicles to be auctioned. Fleet meeting was scheduled for later in the week. Conversation followed on potential sale of vehicles. Information was also given on the Sage Grouse EIS meeting attended the previous evening.

Legal Updates:
No legal updates were provided during today’s Work Session.

Liaison Updates:
Commissioner Winters-
- Executive Board for the Area Commissioner on Transportation (ACT) meeting had been held the previous Friday in Bly. Discussed STIP process, Commissioner Winters confirmed that he had previously been appointed to the stakeholders STIP committee to develop the upcoming STIP program guidelines.
- Had met the previous day with “key player” for a potential Railroad Right-of-Way Permit for a natural gas pipeline for Cornerstone Minerals.

Commissioner Shoun—
No updates were provided.

There being nothing further to come before the Lake County Board of Commissioners, this meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Thorsted
Administrative Assistant

Board Approval,

Dan Shoun                Bradley J. Winters                Absent
Chairman                 Vice Chairman                    Ken Kestner
Commissioner

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