The Lake County Board of Commissioners met in Work Session on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Bradley J. Winters, Vice Chair Commissioner Ken Kestner and Commissioner Dan Shoun. Also present: Administrative Assistant Denise Thorsted.

Additions: Uncollectable Taxes, Action/Consideration
Deletions: Comp Time/Flex Time Policy

9:00 a.m. – Lake County Resource Initiative Funding Request, Jim Walls
Mr. Walls began by introducing the members of the LCRI Board: Arlene Clark, Paul Harlan, Audrey Henry and John Bunch. Staff present included Bob Rogers and David Wade. Funding constraints facing LCRI were provided as were services provided. As LCRI currently had no base funding, the request presented was for the Board of Commissioners to consider funding of $20,000 per year as base funding. Mr. Walls added that funding for day to day operations were difficult to come by.

Information submitted for review included the LCRI 2012 Budget and a report entitled “TFFF Impacts on Lake County, An Analysis of Energy Savings and Energy Project Impacts”. Discussion followed on the information submitted.

Commissioner Winters addressed the budget submitted and pointed out that it showed funding from Lake County, but did not reflect funding from either the Town of Lakeview or the City of Paisley. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Shoun explained the Open Request process. The Board agreed that it would be best for LCRI to work with Treasurer Ann Crumrine to present this as an Open Request during the upcoming budget process. Discussion followed on work being done by LCRI and their accomplishments.

9:15 a.m. – Department Quarterly Updates
Lake County Planning Department: Planning Director Darwin Johnson Jr. discussed information submitted regarding “County Planning Department Budget & General Fund” that provided information on funding from General Fund for each County in Oregon.

Mr. Johnson confirmed that last month the Planning Commission had reelected Tom Burkholder as Chair and John Flynn as Vice-Chair. The Planning Commission had also discussed reviewing of the Bylaws. Once the review process was complete, the Bylaws would be presented to the Board of Commissioners with a recommendation for final adoption.
Commissioner Winters asked that they be reviewed by Legal Counsel before coming forward for final adoption.

Mr. Johnson confirmed that meetings were taking place regarding Certified Industrial Sites. Discussion followed on zoning opportunities and zoning of the Ruby Pipeline “man-camp”.

Mr. Johnson was pushing to have a Planning Commission Training take place in Lakeview for members. He felt that his department was working well and that communications with other departments had improved significantly. Approvals and notifications were getting to department heads in a timelier fashion than they had in the past.

Mr. Johnson expressed the need to have the County’s Ordinances up to date. The training mentioned above for the Planning Commission would be essential in the updating process. Discussion followed on the process to be followed moving forward for updating of ordinances and the positive outcomes that could come from their completion.

**Lake County Public Health:** Director Mary Wilke began by confirming that Public Health was beginning to see cases of the flu. Vaccine was still available from last fall since it had been a slow vaccination season. The department would continue to give vaccinations until June.

School Exclusions (the process of identifying students still requiring vaccinations in order to attend school) had been completed. Sixty notices had been sent for students needing vaccinations with only two actually having been excluded.

Current outreach programs for Public Health included: “Puberty Talks” at County schools, Women’s Infants and Children’s Program was conducting a story hour once per month. Lake County Public Health had received a Breast Feeding award ($5,000 from the State of Oregon) and had submitted a request for a $10,000 Breast Feeding grant.

In terms of preparedness, Public Health was working with Lake District Hospital and local emergency management to focus on increased communications and emergency operations plans. Public Health was also working with Lake County Mental Health on the upcoming Coordinated Care Organization opportunity. Mrs. Wilke added that in order to move forward, more guidance and more authority was needed.

Mrs. Wilke ended by confirming that issues found in the prior review had been addressed or were being addressed. Patient numbers for the current year were discussed.

**Lake County Museum:** Director Kate Yates confirmed that the Museum had been closed since mid-December and that she would be moving on from this position in the next few weeks. She did not anticipate the hours of operations to change once the Museum reopened in April. Outside landscaping was to be addressed this spring.

The Board expressed their appreciation for the work Mrs. Yates had done with the Lake County Museum and wished her well on her future endeavors.
Other Business:
Uncollectible Taxes: Assessor Larry Reeder provided information on the two Petitions/Orders presented.

The first was regarding the tax account(s) for Dollars Inc. Mr. Reeder confirmed that there was an error found where two separate accounts had been initiated for the same property. The Petition/Order was to eliminate one of the accounts.

The second Petition/Order was in regard to property previously owned by Otis Vincent. This property had burned and Mr. Vincent had perished in the fire. This account should have been closed previously.

Commissioner Kestner moved to accept the Petition in the Matter of the Cancellation of Delinquent Personal Property Taxes for account number 73341, Dollars Inc as presented. Commissioner Shoun second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kestner moved to accept the Order in the Matter of Cancellation of Delinquent Personal Property Taxes for account number 73341, Dollars Inc as presented. Commissioner Shoun second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kestner moved to accept the Petition in the Matter of the Cancellation of Delinquent Personal Property Taxes for account number 70485, Otis Vincent, as presented. Commissioner Shoun second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kestner moved to accept the Order in the Matter of the Cancellation of Delinquent Personal Property Taxes for account number 70485, Otis Vincent, as presented. Commissioner Shoun second. Motion carried.

Railroad Correspondence: Commissioner Winters confirmed that a formal letter had been received from Cloud’s Warner Mountain Ranch - Donald and Nicki Alves regarding “maintenance, repair and crossing issues” with the Lake County Railroad. The Board instructed Property and Land Manager Bob Pardee to respond to the letter submitted providing information on the process to be followed concerning the Lake County Railroad. Discussion followed.

Following discussion, Mr. Pardee was asked to coordinate an update from Lake Railway to the Board of Commissioners.

Meeting Minutes:
Commissioner Shoun moved to approve the February 14, 2012 Work Session meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Kestner second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Shoun moved to approve the February 15, 2012 Regular Session meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Kestner second. Motion carried.

Liaison Updates:
Commissioner Kestner expressed concern for the need of having a policy in place for emergency response (heart attacks etc.) within the Courthouse and other County facilities. Discussion followed.
Senator Wyden was scheduled to hold a Town Hall this coming Sunday (March 4th) at the Senior Center @ 1:00 pm.

The Governor’s next Regional Solutions meeting was to be held in Lakeview on February 29th. Weather could play a role in the number of individuals attending.

The Commissioner’s March 7th Regular Session meeting was scheduled to take place at the Community Hall in Christmas Valley.

The Director from the Department of Environmental Quality was to be in Lakeview April 10th @ 6:30 pm for an informal gathering.

Commissioner Winters confirmed that he had forwarded a letter of appreciation to the Bureau of Land Management for the attendance of their representatives at the recent BLM Road Inventory meetings.

Commissioner Shoun confirmed that there would be a Lake County Chamber of Commerce meeting on Thursday March 1st.

Commissioner Shoun was working to set a time for the Forest Service Chief (and potentially the BLM Director) to visit Lake County this coming summer.

Commissioner Winters added that the Christmas Valley Chamber Banquet was to be held March 31st. The theme for the event was “Rhapsody and Blue Jeans” and the speaker was to be Representative Mike McLane.

Break: 10:15 a.m.
Resume: 10:35 a.m.

10:30 a.m. – Lake County Economic Development Strategy

Representatives in attendance for this discussion included: Larry Holzgang (Business Oregon), Mick Stanley (Cornerstone Industrial Minerals), Annette Liebe (Governor’s Office), Kelly Potter (DEQ Liaison to Regional Solutions Center), Julie Craig (Intern Regional Solutions), Charlie Tvet (Lake District Hospital), Tom Rohrer (Lake County Examiner), Sean Gallagher (Lake County School District #7), Ann Crumrine (Lake County Treasurer), David Wade (LCRI), Bob Rogers (LCRI), Ray Simms (Town of Lakeview), Jim Walls (LCRI), Darwin Johnson (Lake County Planning Director), Betty Riley (South Central Oregon Economic Development District), Frank Vaughn (Lake County Citizen), Mayor Mark Douglas (City of Paisley), Mayor Mike Patrick (Town of Lakeview), Judi Steward (Local Cattle Rancher), Mark Morse (Cornerstone), Suzanne Steward (LCDC/Lakeview Redi-Mix Co.) and Jamie Albert (OIT/KCC/SBDC).

Commissioner Winters began by confirming that this was a follow up meeting to the one previously held in January. Since that meeting, the Board of Commissioners and SCOEDD had been working to reinstate the Lake County Economic Development Advisory Committee. The Charter and Bylaws for this Committee were distributed.

Commissioner Winters asked those present to provide information on the needs for Economic Development within Lake County. Following this session, the input received would be presented to the Advisory Committee for the task of finding ways of resolving issues and
presenting solutions to Board of Commissioners. The information to be gathered from this
discussion was meant to be a “working” document in which it could be added to as new
information or opportunities presented themselves. Commissioner Shoun recognized the efforts
being made by those present to promote economic growth in the county and felt this was an
opportunity to gain focus. Commissioner Kestner added that the hope was for the Advisory
Committee to coordinate groups working on like projects in order to have an even stronger
outcome.

During the discussion the following occurred:

- Mr. Stanley expressed concern for the rising cost of fuel and the need for bringing natural
gas to the Town of Lakeview. Higher fuel costs limited expansion and increased number
of jobs per Mr. Stanley. Commissioner Winters confirmed that efforts were continuing
for making this a reality and provided information on the $3.5 million dollar funding gap.
Additional discussion occurred regarding the issues involved with rising fuel costs.
- The importance of job retention throughout the County. Mrs. Leibe stated that business
retention from the State of Oregon perspective, the sooner the State was made aware that
a business needed help the more opportunity there was for assistance.
- Mr. Simms discussed efforts being made to conduct a feasibility study for the potential of
using natural gas for transportation purposes for school buses and other transportation
needs.
- Mrs. Steward (Suzanne) added to the natural gas discussion by reminding those present
of the industrial opportunities that had been lost due to natural gas not being available in
the area.
- Mr. Tveit expressed his surprise that the benefit of geothermal was not utilized to the
potential that it could be. Benefits of geothermal technology were discussed.
- Per Commissioner Winters: It was important to not put geothermal and natural gas
against one another, but to stress how they and other natural resources complimented
each other.
- Mayor Douglas provided an update on geothermal projects occurring in the Paisley area
and asked about the potential of adding Paisley to the enterprise zone for the County.
Discussion followed. Mayor Douglas also discussed the important role the chip facility
played in this community and the need for its retention.
- Commissioner Winters discussed the importance of stressing to the federal entities (BLM
and Forest Service) the impact their management of public lands had within Lake
County. The Advisory Committee had been designed to include members of those
entities.
- Commissioner Shoun confirmed that Senator Wyden was scheduled to hold a Town Hall
meeting (mentioned in Liaison updates) and that it was important to stress to
Representatives the need for addressing the “Red and Dead” zone issues. Efforts were
being made to bring the Chief of the Forest Service and the head of the BLM to the area
this coming summer to tour and determine management work to be done.
- Mr. Gallagher discussed the important piece of economic development that education
played in terms of enticing families to relocate to the area and in job retention for families
to remain in the area.
- Mr. Walls discussed the opportunity being investigated for establishing an “Innovative
Learning Center” to provide accredited classes for natural resources and forestry
management. Mr. Walls added that this program was supported (not financially) by
higher education and that there was to be a meeting the following day on the center.
• Commissioner Shoun felt it would be prudent to engage the State Board of Higher Education on making Lake County the destination area for natural resource education, training, technology and development throughout the County. With the County having all of the attributes necessary to be designated as a higher education location for an institute.

Break: 11:35 am
Resume: 11:52 am

• Mr. Morse discussed the important role the Lake County Railway and the Lake County Airport/Paisley Airport played in the economic development of the County and asked that those infrastructures be reviewed and improved upon.

• Mrs. Steward (Suzanne) felt that there needed to be better communication within the County and improved attractiveness/beautification. She asked for there to be a commitment for enforcing ordinances. Discussion followed on efforts being made and cost involved with enforcement.

• Mr. Wade provided information on the efforts being made to develop a “Community” website.

• During the previous meeting held, the following needs had been identified and added to today’s list: certification of industrial sites, identifying targeted businesses by becoming listed with the Oregon Prospector, partnerships with the Oregon Military and Iberdrola and tourism.

• Identifying available funding opportunities and engagement of Legislators (providing of information on a regular basis).

The information gathered from today’s Work Session discussion was to be presented to the Lake County Economic Development Advisory Committee. This Committee was to be tasked with prioritizing

There being nothing further to come before the Lake County Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
Denise Thorsted
Administrative Assistant

Board Approval,

[Signature] Bradley J. Winters
Chairman

[Signature] Ken Kestner
Vice Chairman

[Signature] Dan Shoun
Commissioner

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