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, April 17, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Bradley J. Winters and Vice Chair Ken Kestner Commissioner. Commissioner Dan Shoun was absent from these proceedings as he was attending discussions in Washington DC. Also present: Administrative Assistant Denise Thorsted.

Additions: CAFA Grant, Assessor Larry Reeder
Deletions: None

9:00 am – Public Health Grand Award, Director Mary Wilkie

Mrs. Wilkie confirmed that Oregon Health Authority had been making changes to their priorities and goals. The new focus would be on more chronic diseases such as obesity, suicide, heart disease, family wellness and community emergency resilience. Priorities were to be accreditation, Centralized Care Organizations (CCO), Health Impact Assessment and others making this department more policy driven.

The Grant awarded was in the amount of $20,000 to Lake County Public Health to aid in the process of implementing the above changes and to conduct a Community Health Assessment. Discussion followed on the future restructuring and work being done on the setup of the CCO for the County.

Addition:
CAFA Grant, Lake County Assessor Larry Reeder: Mr. Reeder reminded the Board that the annual CAFA Grant was due on April 30th and that it required the Board’s signature. This would require the Chairperson to sign prior to Budget meetings and that changes would be allowed within thirty days of signing.

9:15 am – Batterer’s Intervention Program, Community Corrections Director Kiki Parker Rose

Mrs. Parker-Rose presented a power point presentation that explained how this program worked. The hope was to have the program implemented locally rather than requiring offenders travel to Klamath Falls for treatment.

Items discussed during this presentation included: administrating providers, polygraph approaches, Offender Request for Contact, quarterly reviews, maintenance exams, Correctional Program Checklist (CPC) Scoring Summary, addressing of quality assurance, overview of positive completed offender outcomes and failures and treatment steps.
Commissioner Winters asked if this program was a risk with budget cuts being made. As this program was not funded per budgeting it was expected to continue.

Break: 9:58 am
Resume: 10:07 am

10:00 am – Legislative Update, Representative Mike McLane & Senator Doug Whitsett

Representative McLane (District 55) thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide this update and confirmed that this last legislative session had lasted for 34 days. During that time there had been 302 Bills and Measures were introduced (188 in the House and 114 in the Senate). Seventy-five House Bills/Measures and forty-five Senate Bills/Measures were passed.

Representative McLane added that the focus this session was on the following four areas: balancing the budget, education, health care and “all the rest” such as private sector Bills. Work that had been done on the budget shortfall was discussed. As a result, no prisons had been closed or early inmate releases stipulated, no cuts to police services and there had been no “drastic” reduction to educational programs or to programs that cared for the most in need such as the elderly or disabled. Discussion followed.

Two Bills had been presented by Representative McLane: one to address the taxation of data centers (such as Facebook) in Enterprise Zones (passed) and the other dealing with water rights on the Columbia River (did not pass). Mr. McLane felt that there had not been enough done on securing private sector jobs and that this Session had become to partisan. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Winters discussed the School Equalization Program and the potential of having funds (such as Ruby Pipeline) go directly to local schools in order to allow rural schools a buffer during difficult economic times. He stressed how important these funds are to our local schools. Representative McLane agreed that the battle continued year after year for rural schools and discussed work being done.

Senator Whitsett discussed the equalization formula and the need to have fairness for all Oregon schools. In terms of this last Session, the Chambers (members) had been fairly equal. Pros and cons for the presenting and passing of bills were discussed. Also discussed were the management/mismanagement of Federal Forest Lands, Union contract negotiations, bills that were passed/not passed, water right issues and State Highway issues.

Break: 11:19 am
Resume: 11:24 am

11:00 am – Request for BLM Overview Cooperative Agencies

In attendance for this discussion were Lakeview Resource Area Field Manager Tom Rasmussen, Andy Rieber, and Lakeview BLM Interim Manager Joan Suther. (A handout was provided for discussion) Commissioner Winters confirmed that he had asked for the above individuals to come before the Board with the request for the County to sign on as a Cooperating Agency.

Mr. Rasmussen provided an update on the Cooperating Agencies Plan and gave a brief history as to why this plan was being developed. Due to legal issues that had taken place over recent years, the Courts had required the BLM to conduct a Research Management Plan (RMP).
This required that five characteristics be addressed: grazing, wilderness character, off highway vehicles, sage grouse and travel management. Information was provided on how each characteristic was being managed and by whom.

In order to be a Cooperating Agency, there were two recognized criteria to be met: jurisdiction by law and special expertise. Definitions were provided (see page 8 of handout).

Mr. Rasmussen confirmed that in order for the County to become a Cooperating Agency, a letter would need to be submitted confirming the County’s interest and stating the grazing, wilderness character, off highway vehicle and sage grouse criteria. In addition, the County would need to submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) within 60-90 days. Discussion followed on the Coordination portion of the RMP being developed.

Possible action regarding the County becoming a Cooperative Agency was added to the April 18th, Regular Session Agenda.

Ms. Suther provided an update on BLM work being done. In the upcoming summer the agency would be working more closely with the sun stone related businesses, conducting controlled burns in the Summer Lake area, contracting for timber falling and working with ORMAT on geothermal drilling to be done. Discussion followed on these and other endeavors occurring within the BLM.

Other Business:
Forest Service Agreement, Sheriff Phil McDonald: Sheriff McDonald explained that this was a non-funded contract to be in place incase of fires this upcoming summer. This would allow for reimbursement to be made to the County if the Sheriff’s department were used by the Forest Service during the fire season.

This topic was on the April 18th Regular Session Agenda for action/consideration.

Break: 12:30 pm  
Resume: 1:20 pm

Economic Development Budget/Lottery Funds, Treasurer Ann Crumrine: Mrs. Crumrine explained that this conversation was necessary due to new regulations concerning Lottery Fund dollars and was asking for direction on the management of these funds. Discussion followed on beginning fund balance and the budget for South Central Economic Development District.

Potential changes related to this budget included adding different line items for future possibilities related to economic development. Discussion continued.

Mrs. Crumrine also updated the Board on the upcoming budget for 2012/2013 fiscal year.

Elected Official Compensation Review Board Recommendation: Mr. Collins confirmed that the Review Board had met the prior evening and had agreed on the recommendation provided to the Board.
This recommendation was for all elected officials to receive the same cost of living increase as all other County employees (2.9%). Action/Consideration was scheduled for the April 18th Regular Session.

DHCS Child Abuse Proclamation, submitted by Jill Sipes: This Proclamation stated that the month of April 2012 was to be Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

This topic was scheduled to be acted on during the April 18th Regular Session meeting.

Support of Proposed Federal Forests County Revenue Resolution, Discussion: Commissioner Winters and Commissioner Kestner were both in support of the Resolution presented and discussed different wording included in the Resolution.

This topic was scheduled to be acted on during the April 18th Regular Session meeting.

Liaison Updates:
Commissioner Winters discussed the meeting held the prior day for Resource Protection Group and confirmed that signage was to be distributed for educating the public on private land use. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Kestner provided a brief summary on work he was doing to gain better understanding and move forward with finding the direction to take for the forming of the Centralized Care Organization required by the Governor.

There being nothing further to come before the Lake County Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Thorsted
Administrative Assistant

Board Approval,

Bradley J. Winters
Chairman

Ken Kestner
Vice Chairman

Absent
Dan Shoun
Commissioner