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, July 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Vice-Chair Dan Shoun and Commissioner Brad Winters. Chair Ken Kestner was absent from today’s proceedings. Also present: Administrative Assistant Denise Thorsted, Assessor Dave Knowles, Planning Director Darwin Johnson. Number of Public present: 3.

Additions: None
Deletions: None

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

9:00 am – Landscape Conservation Project Discussion, Levi Old Great Basin Landscape:
Mr. Old provided information on his background and on the great Basin Landscape Conservation Project. Landscape Conservation Projects per Mr. Old are “non-regulatory” cooperative processes intended to assist in noting where key natural and cultural resources are located and what (if any) conservation actions were needed.

Mr. Old stated that in terms of those involved with the cooperative, the goal was to bring all interested parties to the table including the cattlemen and other parties. An invitation was extended as well for County to participate. Website for this project was given: www.GreatBasinLCC.org/nw-basin-range.

Project goals for the steering committee were to work collaboratively with state and federal natural resource managers, tribes and private landowners to address landscape-scale conservation actions for shared priorities and to blend existing landscape planning and science in order to develop a shared conservation vision for stakeholders. To date five major impacts to this region had been noted including: wildfire, invasive species, drought, development and wildlife connectivity. Conversation occurred on research gathered to date.

Commissioner Shoun asked for representation include an individual from the recreation (hunting, fishing etc.). Mr. Old agreed and provided information on outreach that had been done to recruit this and other types of representatives. Commissioner Winters asked for consideration to be given during this process to keep the human equation involved.
A map was presented and discussed showing the area of this project. According to Mr. Old the proposed project boundary was set using geographical boundaries rather than human made using closed watersheds and staying within the sage step habitat to begin with (not within forest lands). The information gathered in this process was to be used to educate future leaders and decision makers on key components for these areas.

Other Business:

Order Designating Newspaper, Assessor Dave Knowles:

Confirmation was given that on an annual basis, the County was by ORS required to designate a newspaper for the purpose of publication of the foreclosure list. The recommendation before the board was to designate the Lake County Examiner for this publication. Decision on this matter was scheduled for the July 6, 2016 Regular Session.

OHA/Mental Health Agreement 147993 Amend 8 & 9, Lake County Mental Health:

Amendment No. 8: in the matter of increased revenue ($5,000) for Restoration Services required to restore an individual’s ability to aid and assist in their own defense before the person can stand trial.

Amendment No. 9: For reducing funding (-$9,528) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for Problem Gambling Treatment Services.

Jail Inspection/Exceptional Performance Rating Acknowledgement:

Acknowledgement was given of the “Exceptional Performance” evaluation and rating received from the Oregon State Sheriff’s Association for inmate cleanliness, facility cleanliness, procedures, medication monitoring, meals and a list of expectations for compliance. It was stated by those conducting the inspection that with consideration given of the age of this facility, the facility was in notably good condition.

Conversation occurred on a recent complaint received from a local citizen that had been determined to be unfounded. Confirmation was given that during the recent evaluation, these complaints had also been determined to be unfounded. Discussion occurred on one item in the complaint that had not been included in the review; bright lighting. Sheriff Mike Taylor confirmed lighting would not be changed as it was needed for safety and security of both staff and inmates and at the discretion of the facility managers.

Sheriff Taylor extended appreciation to Corporal Staci Rogers and Corporal Rick Dolbear for their continued dedication to this department. Conversation occurred on efforts made to meet requirements (such as an exercise area) and upgrades made such as the air handling system. The Board expressed appreciation to all Lake County Jail staff for their work and dedication.

Break: 10:05 am
Resume: 10:10 am

10:10 am –Obsidian Renewables Request(s): Todd Gregory and Lauri Hutchinson

Airport Solar, LLC Agreement Addendum Request:

Request had been made by investors in this project for a longer lease term (extended for five years) for the three hundred and twenty-acre project at the Lake County Airport in order to meet the longer life span anticipated. Discussion occurred on the “Red Zone” noted with
confirmation given by Mr. Gregory that no change on this matter was needed as this would be void by statute if a PILOT Agreement was approved.

*Solar Payment In lieu of Taxes Agreement(s):* Confirmation was given that recently Obsidian had worked with the County to move solar projects to fall under the newly established PILOT program. This program included payment in lieu of tax in the amount of $7,000 per megawatt per project in order to avoid the issue of having undetermined tax payments.

Three agreements were presented for the Board’s consideration. These projects included the following: Fossil Lake Solar, Airport Solar and Fremont Solar. One “wrinkle” was noted in relation to the Fremont project in terms of actual site. It was stated that two locations were being considered for placement of this project. Confirmation was given that approval of this agreement would be for one or the other, not both sites. Mr. Gregory added that approval of the Airport Solar Agreement would fall under normal central assessment taxation if the lease period extension request was approved.

In addition, Mr. Gregory confirmed that the adjacent Airport Solar Project property owner had been contacted regarding concern and that agreement had been reached for the developer to place willow trees on the owner’s property in order to mitigate any visual concerns.

*Mineral Non-Disturbance Agreement(s):*

Ms. Hutchinson confirmed that recently studies had been conducted on potential sites to determine potential of geological resources (minerals). Two properties were discussed today for potential Non-Disturbance Agreements related to these findings: Obsidian Renewables Property and Fossil Lake Property. Approval was expected to give Obsidian and their investors the assurances and allow for processes to be shortcut.

Again, consideration in regard to Fossil Lake would include one of two potential sites (not both).

**Other Business cont.:**

*Bid Process Exemption #9/Shoulder Rock Crushing, Lake County Road Department:*

Commissioner Winters confirmed that crushing was currently taking place at “Taylor’s Pit” for the Federal Access Lands grant. Request was in regard to ¾- rock to be crushed for County purposes while the crusher was on site and available. This was allowable under Rule 9 as it was a cost savings to the County and accessible.

*OLCC Temp. Sales License/Order of the Antelope Ratification:*

Application had been signed prior to today’s session due to the time sensitive nature of this event.

Commissioner Winters moved to approve the ratification of the Oregon Liquor Control Commissioner Temporary Sales License Application for the Order of the Antelope as presented. Commissioner Shown second. Motion carried.

Item was removed from tomorrow’s Regular Session agenda.
Public Transit Agreement 31370/Discretionary Funds, STF Manager Denise Thorsted:

Ms. Thorsted confirmed that Public Transit Agreement 31370 was in regard to recent award of Discretionary Funds in the amount of $15,000 for the expansion of the bus barn to be built in Christmas Valley for the storage and protection of Special Transportation vehicles.

Department Updates:
Special Transportation: Transportation Plan updating meetings were scheduled in both Lakeview and Christmas Valley for July 21st. Two new vans for this program had been delivered the previous week and the first Program Review had been scheduled for September 13th.

Liaison Updates:
Commissioner Winters –
- Provided an update on Road Department work being done
- Confirmed Mental Health process was moving forward. Recommendation was to be presented by the Advisory Board at 3:00 tomorrow.
- Schminck Museum transfer update was provided
- Planned to attend the Area Commission on Transportation meeting this Friday with recognition to be given to retiring ODOT rep. Butch Hansen
- Confirmed next week’s Special Session/Executive Session regarding the railroad

Commissioner Shoun –
- Planned to attend Western Regional Strategy Group in Bend on Thursday regarding the Cohesive Strategy/urban interface for counties moving this forward nationally. Also planned to meet with the Work Force Collation for budget adoption.
- Planned to attend the Area Commission on Transportation meeting Friday
- Discussed the schedule for the Drought Task Force meetings to be held in Salem over the next few months
- Confirmed the biomass legislative group was currently in process of drafting legislation for use of public land resources for biomass purposes.

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 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Thorsted
Administrative Assistant

Board Approval,

Absent
Ken Kestner
Chairman

Dan Shoun
Vice Chairman

Bradley J. Winters
Commissioner

July 5, 2016 – Board of Commissioners Work Session Minutes – Page 4 of 4