The Lake County Board of Commissioners met in Work Session on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Ken Kestner and Bradley J. Winters. Commissioner Dan Shoun was absent from these proceedings. Also present: Administrative Assistant Bob Pardee and Clerical Assistant Karen Smith.

Additions: Silver Lake Rural Fire Protection District;
Deletions: AOC 2010 Dues Invoice;

9:00 a.m. – Jail Committee {discussion}:
Commissioner Kestner indicated he would like to keep the Jail Advisory Committee seats filled with non-law enforcement personnel.

Commissioner Winters indicated he agreed and suggested the need to let the people involved with the jail know that the committee needs to be unbiased. Commissioner Kestner agreed that was his goal.

Discussion continued on the names on the advisory committee. Dave Schutt will be left on in an advisory capacity. It was stated that five or six names are needed for the Advisory Committee. Discussion continued on the need to look at the consultant’s packet before making a definite decision.

Discussion continued on the packet Commissioner Kestner is trying to get together. It was decided this would be a Work Session topic on March 23rd, so Commissioner Shoun would have input.

9:30 a.m. – Hearing – Ordinance 56 (regarding the continued practice of electing a County Surveyor):
Commissioner Kestner summarized information for the audience about recent legislation regarding the position of County Surveyor in Oregon Counties. He indicated Lake County has elected to keep the Surveyor position as an elected position.

Hearing Opened: 9:30 a.m.

No public comment received.

Hearing Closed: 9:32 a.m.
Commissioner Winters indicated even though another hearing is scheduled for tomorrow’s meeting in Christmas Valley, folks interested in running for this position might not have time to file if the Board did not act on this today.

Discussion continued regarding the current Surveyor, and whether he was aware of this hearing. Also discussed was when this position would be put on the ballot. Information from the Clerk’s Office indicates this position needs to be on the spring ballot. Persons running for the Surveyor position must file by March 9th.

County Lands:
Park & Recreation Inquiry – Christmas Valley Airport:
Bob Pardee reported that he has been approached by the Christmas Valley Parks & Recreation Board regarding County-owned property which is adjacent to the Christmas Valley Airport. He explained it was a former fueling station that was on site at the airport, and the parcel was actually four separate tax lots. This was the site of a Brownsfield Grant project for a hazardous material clean up in 2006.

Mr. Pardee indicated the Christmas Valley Parks & Recreation Board may come to the Board of Commissioner’s with a proposal to obtain that property, and suggested there may be an opportunity to trade for another parcel.

Discussion continued on the property that was part of the Brownfield cleanup. It was suggested that if Parks & Recreation wanted any of this property they would need to submit a formal proposal to the Building Department on what their plans for the property might be.

Foreclosure Sale Property List:
Mr. Pardee presented the draft 2010 Land Sale List of 33 parcels. He suggested that the last four parcels on the list be removed from the land sale, indicating the acreage of was too small to develop. He stated he would prefer to offer these to neighboring property owners because they would be able to make use of the land.

Discussion continued on the land sale parcels and suggestions were offered in what to do with the properties Mr. Pardee recommended to hold.

Mr. Pardee indicated he hoped the Board would review the list, submit any suggestions and be able to approve the list in tomorrow’s Regular Session meeting so he would be able to get it posted on the web-site.

Addition: Silver Lake Rural Fire Protection District:
Jeanette Wilson, Silver Lake Rural Fire Protection District, came before the Board present their plan for annexation. She went on to say the purpose of the annexation was to incorporate areas into the Silver Lake Rural Fire Protection District to provide better fire protection. The Board then reviewed a map of the proposed annexation.

Ms. Wilson reported the District has letters of support from; Bureau of Land Management, Walker Range Forest Protective Association, Oregon Department of Forestry and stated they would also be getting a letter of support from the Oregon State Fire Marshals office.
Commissioner Winters indicated he thought what they were doing was a great thing for the people who own homes in the area. He asked if the fire district had adequate resources to provide service in this new area. Ms. Wilson answered 'yes' that it was within the 10 mile boundary. She indicated they have been slowly upgrading their equipment, planning for this annexation.

Commissioner Winters continued with the grants that might be available for them to use if they needed extra funding.

Commissioner Kestner indicated an employee of South Central Oregon Economic Development District (SCOEDD), Sara Swank was in the Courthouse for them to contact.

Commissioner Winters indicated that this was a start to the county process and would need to go through Legal Counsel.

Ms. Wilson indicated they had met with Commissioner Kestner last week and at tomorrow’s meeting they would present the formal notice-of-intent of the proposed annexation. She continued by saying according to the Oregon Revised Statute (ORS), they are hoping the Board of Commissioners will conduct a hearing during the March 23rd Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Winters asked if only one hearing was required. Commissioner Kestner answered that is what the ORS indicated but he has Legal Counsel working on that.

Ms. Wilson continued by saying with one hearing they will be able to submit it to the State Revenue Department to get it on the tax rolls for this year.

Commissioner Winters asked if they expected any opposition to this project. Ms. Wilson answered ‘no’. She went on to explain that all the landowners had been contacted, who live in the area but that there were a few absent landowners to which information had been sent. She indicated one person stated he was not opposed to what they were doing but did not sign the signature sheet.

Ms. Wilson indicated that someone would be at the March 3rd meeting in Christmas Valley with a formal presentation.

**Other Business:**

**AOC 2010 Dues Invoice:**

Commissioner Winters indicated this should be taken off as an agenda item, since question had been answered regarding the invoice details.

**U.S. Census Discussion:**

Commissioner Kestner indicated he had been working with folks regarding the Census to determine how they plan to distribute information to the public.

**Work Camp – Surplus Dirt Discussion:**

Commissioner Winters indicated the surplus dirt should be stockpiled in the area.

The Board discussed the need to stockpile dirt coming from the project area, and necessary weed control requirements. The cost of moving the dirt was also discussed.
Liaison Updates:

Commissioner Winters reported he is working with the Oregon Solutions Team who has been working on the 'renewable' process for development in all of Lake County. Teresa Hampton, of Oregon Solutions is a consultant and Sara Swank, Economic Development Specialist with South Central Oregon Economic Development District (SCOEDD), along with Betty Riley, Director of SCOEDD, is looking at the county ordinances.

Commissioner Winters explained that in the first part of April they should have all the information together of what the process is to site renewable energy in Lake County. They will be doing a presentation at the Corridor of Renewable Energy (CORE) Conference in Winnemucca, Nevada the last part of April. Commissioner Winters indicated he has asked them to give two (2) presentations; one in the North Lake County Chamber of Commerce and one in the South Lake County Chamber of Commerce before it is presented at the CORE Conference. He indicated he would also like to have a presentation given to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Kestner reported he would continue working on the Jail Committee and try to find out what the monument request is about in South East Oregon.

The Board continued by going over the Agenda items for tomorrow’s meeting in Christmas Valley. They wanted to pencil in at 1:30 a meeting with the North Lake Health Clinic Board.

There being nothing further to come before the Board, the Lake County Board of Commissioners Work Session adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board Approval,

Ken Kestner (Not in Attendance)  
Dan Shoun  
Vice Chairman  
Bradley J. Winters  
Commissioner

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