

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2009



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 14, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Chairman Bradley J. Winters and Ken Kestner. Also present: Administrative Assistant Bob Pardee and Clerical Assistant Karen Smith.

Deletions: None

Addition: Agreement – IGA Lake County 4-H and OSU Extension Service Special District

9:00 a.m. – Commission on Children & Families (CC&F):

IGA #LAK0911, CC&F – Molly Read:

Molly Read, Director of Lake County Commission on Children & Families (CC&F) indicated the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) was a standard agreement between CC&F and Lake County. She indicated Jim Bailey, Legal Counsel had reviewed with a confirmation by e-mail to the fact. Mrs. Read further indicated at the State level; CC&F is only allowed, with this agreement, to submit a request for 1 quarter of the funds under the State General Fund. She continued by stating an amendment to this agreement would be issued shortly; the amendment would be issued to only change the one quarter time period to 6 months (the agreement is for the 2009-2011 Biennium, or 24 months).

Discussion continued on the signatures needed for the agreement. A question was put forth if the Board would like to wait until the Amendment was submitted before signing IGA #LAK0911. The Board agreed to sign this agreement and then sign the amendment when it was submitted.

Discussion continued on the flexibility of the basic capacity of the agreement. It was discussed that the basic capacity could not be carried over and could not be used for programs.

Commissioner Winters indicated the IGA would be brought forward for tomorrow's meeting.

Discussion continued on the site review and their reporting standards.

CASA Update – Molly Read & Ruby Duffner:

Commissioner Winters questioned the redesign of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) team. Ruby Duffner indicated it had just been slowed down but not closed down.

Molly Read continued by saying Mickey Lancing, State Director of CC&F had stopped the process. Mrs. Read indicated they were in the process of redesigning the team and a meeting for the CASA directors was tentatively scheduled for July 20 and 21 but as of this date she did not have any confirmation of the meeting. Mrs. Read continued by saying “everything had been stopped because Ms. Lancing had been getting messages of concern from all the Counties”. Discussion continued on the funding and the reason for the redesign being because of the budget cuts at the State level.

Discussion continued on the e-mail from Pamela Koefed, Director of CASA of Lake County raising concerns about in-efficiencies, particularly in joining funds with Klamath County. Mrs. Read continued by saying, “if the funds left Lake County CASA, CASA of Lake County would continue because they are a private, non-profit, and not affiliated with any government agency, because they have always been designated as CASA of Lake County”.

Commissioner Winters asked Mrs. Read to keep the Board informed.

Discussion continued on redesigning the team, how the process is typically done, and the problems with the way this was done.

Chuck Seeley, Warner Creek Correctional Facility Director came before the Board to announce he was planning on retiring and indicated the announcement for his replacement had been posted yesterday. Mr. Seeley indicated he would remain in his present capacity until October.

Discussion continued on Mr. Seeley’s position, finding a suitable person as a replacement for the Warner Creek Correctional Facility and Lake County.

Discussion continued on the State budget situation and ballet measure 57.

9:30 a.m. – Lakeview Bowman Club:

Stan Wonderly did not come in for the meeting.

Business Department:

Employment Status, full-time vs. part-time (Discussion):

Jay Collins, Business Director, presented details regarding retirement plans for full-time vs. part-time employees. Mr. Collins went on to explain the defined benefits of the retirement plans. The 600 hour rule was mentioned as the key to being vested in the Public Employees’ Retire System (PERS) plan and must be met every year. Discussed were the Board of Commissioner’s positions as full-time for the purpose of calculating PERS.

Discussion continued on tier 1 employees and the percentages they could lock in. It was stressed the need for the tier 1 employees to have the information regarding the retirement plans, to be able to make an informed decision.

Discussion continued on the formula for calculating what the retirement benefit would be.

The Board wanted it reflected in the minutes that the Commissioners have always been classed as full-time employees for the purpose of calculating PERS.

Discussion continued on the sick time hours left at time of retirement and the calculation to add to the retirement benefits and the cap on the amount of sick time that could be accumulated.

County Lands Update:

Contract Sale(s) Status:

Bob Pardee indicated that 24 of the original 32 properties sold; one party had purchased 7 parcels, which brought the total to \$100,598 in sales. Mr. Pardee indicated by tomorrow there would be several Quick Claim Deeds for the 2007-08 land sales, ready for the Boards signature, which would bring an additional amount of \$37,000; just short of \$140,000 gross dollars collected for County Land Sale. Mr. Pardee indicated the land sales were still lower than what had been budgeted.

2009 Land Sale Update:

Mr. Pardee continued to update the Board by saying 6 parcels were still unsold for this years land sale.

Ruby Pipeline Project (Discussion):

Industrial Park / Railroad:

Bob Pardee reported representatives from Lake Railway and Ruby Pipeline were meeting at 7:30 a.m., Thursday morning at the Industrial Park to talk about the movement of the pipe. He indicated he had not talked recently with Ruby Pipeline about the parcels they had expressed interest in leasing for the pipe staging area.

Commissioner Winters expressed concern that the parcels in question may be County Lands and not part of the Industrial Park. Mr. Pardee continued to explain the designation of Industrial Park, and indicated he would further check the designation. Discussion continued on Industrial Park vs. County Lands regarding revenue.

Discussion continued on the need to get the groundwork done and the cost associated with the groundwork.

RV Park / "Man" Camp:

Commissioner Kestner indicated he wished the press had been in the meeting to get the word out to the general public regarding the need for RV Park spaces. He continued by saying if there were other people looking to build RV Parks, the County did not want to compete with them.

Discussion continued on the companies who are interested in developing the RV Park and the land needed. It was stressed there were neither contracts in place nor any lease agreements signed for the development of RV facilities at this time. Hunters Lodge was mentioned; and the need to have private landowners contact the Board if they would be interested in having an RV facility built on their property.

Discussion continued on County Land being used if private land was not available and the need to keep the community informed as to what will be done. Discussion continued on the possibility of using County Land and how it could be used later for other uses. Also discussed was the need to get County Lands inventoried.

Discussion continued on the Airport property as a possible site.

Community Awareness:

The Chamber of Commerce was mentioned as a source for getting information to the business community. It was mentioned Caro Johnson, Lake County Chamber Executive Director was willing to do events and Commissioner Kestner was planning on attending community meetings to get the word out. Commissioner Kestner stressed the need to get the message in the paper because all aspects of the community would be impacted.

Other Business:

Travel Management Plan (Discussion):

Commissioner Kestner indicated he wanted to keep the Travel Management Plan before the Board because of the importance of the issue. Discussion continued regarding the Forest Supervisor's response to the letter submitted and the need for more cooperation between the Forest Service and the County.

Commissioner Kestner mentioned he had an unsigned copy of the Memorandum of Agreement between Oregon / Washington Bureau of Land Management / Forest Service, presented in 2005, that emphasized cooperation between the agencies.

IGA, Klamath / Lake Detention Beds:

Commissioner Winters reviewed the agreement. It was indicated Legal Council had received a copy for review.

Agreement between Lake County 4-H and Extension Service Special District:

Mr. Pardee indicated this was a five year agreement and it had been submitted to Legal Council for review. Legal Council indicated there were no legal issues with the agreement at this time.

Liaison Updates:

Commissioner Kestner reported the 911 issue as being a continuation of discussion between the attorneys' on the settlement agreement. The judge had asked the attorney's to come up with an agreement that would satisfy all parties.

Commissioner Winters reported the need to review the Railroad Lease so it could be put on the meeting agenda after Legal Council had reviewed. The depreciated value of the tipped cars was brought up, with Mr. Pardee asked to check on what the value might be. Commissioner Winters indicated he had also been coordinating with John Miller on the tipped car issue and stressed the need for communication in dealing with this issue.

Commissioner Kestner asked Mr. Pardee if the County had got anything back from Marty Anderson, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) on Connect Oregon II. Mr. Pardee indicated he had left several messages but had not received any calls back from Mr. Anderson. Mr. Pardee indicated he would continue to follow-up with Mr. Anderson.

Commissioner Winters stated the letter of support to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on the wind project needed to be signed and mailed out. Commissioner Winters stated he had talked with Curt Schrader, Oregon Community Winds and reported the letter was on its way.

Discussion continued on tomorrow's meeting agenda, and it was indicated Legal Council would not be able to attend. Dates were discussed with Mr. Pardee as to people, who have been in contact with him, wanting to get on the agenda and what changes needed to be made to accommodate. It was indicated an update regarding the fire season was one of importance and that the Board could adjust their schedules for. It was agreed to move the Work Session meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday for next week.

There being nothing further to come before the Board, the Lake County Board of Commissioners Work Session adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Smith
Clerical Assistant

Board Approval,

{Not in Attendance}

Bradley J. Winters
Chairman

Dan Shoun
Vice Chairman

Ken Kestner
Commissioner

Date Signed: _____