

**MINUTES - TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 20, 1999**

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Sue Cameron, Chairperson  
Tim Josi, Vice Chairperson  
Gina Firman, Commissioner

**STAFF PRESENT:**

William K. Sargent, County Counsel  
Paul Levesque, Management Analyst

**STAFF PRESENT FOR PORTIONS OF MEETING:** Nancy Emerson, Health Educator; Karen Richards, Treasurer; Larry West, Maintenance Supervisor; Tom Manning, Emergency Management Director

**GUEST:** Helen Liere, ACTS; Pete Daniels, Milstead & Associates; Wendell Hesseltine, Hospital Administrator; Gil Riddell, Association of Oregon Counties

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Chair Cameron at 9:00 a.m. in the Justice Courtroom.

**ITEM NO. 1: PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO NANCY EMERSON FROM ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY IN OREGON (ACTS) FOR LEADERSHIP IN TRAFFIC SAFETY EFFORTS SINCE 1991:** Ms. Liere, Executive Director of the Alliance of Community Transportation Services, introduced herself and Mike Laffly and Norm Myers, two ACTS Board members. She described the nominating process and said Ms. Emerson was nominated as a local transportation System hero. Ms. Liere described Ms. Emerson's efforts and presented the award to her. Ms. Emerson thanked the Board and the community. The Board congratulated her.

**ITEM NO. 2: PUBLIC HEARINGS: CITIZEN INPUT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** There was none.

**ITEM NO. 3: CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**a. Consideration of Order Transferring Funds Between Budgeted Line Items for Various Departments in the General Fund**

**b. Consideration of Order Transferring Funds Between Budgeted Line Items for the Library**

**c. Consideration of a Resolution Supporting the Construction of the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum and Cultural Center**

**d. Consideration of Order Authorizing General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1999**

**e. Consideration of Board of Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for November 2, 4, 12, 23, 25, 30, December 2 & 7, 1998**

**f. Execution of Quitclaim Deed to James & Janie Griffin for Lots 3, 4, & 5, Block 18, Lake Lytle and the Portion Vacated Road Adjacent Thereto**

Chair Cameron read the items. Ms. Richards introduced David Ulbricht, who described the refinancing process of the general obligation bonds in the 1994 series. This would save the County taxpayers \$210,000. The order also dealt with refinancing the 1996 bonds when the savings test (3% of present net value) was met. The costs were not included in the net savings. Preston, Gates & Ellis had prepared the documents.

Commissioner Firman moved to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner Josi seconded, passed

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with three aye votes.

The Commissioners signed the items later in the day.

**ITEM NO. 4: HOSPITAL REMODELING PROJECT UPDATE:** Mr. Daniels summarized his weekly report. He described some of the problems with the landscaping and discussed the State Fire Marshal's inspection results and the finishing work taking place on the first floor of the new addition. He reported on the ongoing efforts to address remaining roof and window leaks.

Mr. Hesselstine said the work was going very well and described the window reglazing. He would provide three copies of the 1999 hospital budget to the Board and schedule a walk through with Commissioner Josi.

**ITEM NO. 5: APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE PROPOSAL FOR THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER:** Mr. Levesque reviewed with the Board the process for evaluating the proposals on the Family Resource Center and a proposed committee for the evaluation. The following members were suggested: Mr. Levesque, Ms. Trueblood, Mr. Swanson, the Board, Mr. Saiki, Mr. Powers and a member of the business community. As to the latter, the Board suggested Tom Connaughton, Dale Stockton or Jeff Hurliman, whomever was available.

The Board also determined that Mr. Swanson's involvement would be to ask questions of the proposers, so he could more adequately complete the financial feasibility study. However, he would not participate in the selection or recommendation.

Commissioner Josi moved to approve the members of the committee as proposed, Commissioner Firman seconded, passed with three aye votes.

**ITEM NO. 6: CONSIDERATION OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE WILSON RIVER LOOP FLOOD DETOUR PROJECT:** Mr. Oshel said this set up the arrangement with ODOT for Wilson River Loop. Counsel Sargent discussed a modification be proposed regarding indemnity provision in which ODOT had concurred.

Commissioner Firman moved to sign the agreement after the modification was made, Commissioner Josi seconded, passed with three aye votes.

**ITEM NO. 7: MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC WORKS:** Mr. Oshel said the Cronin Creek bridge should reopen that day. There were a number of other repairs which had been deferred to better weather. He said he would be attending the Coastal Transportation Committee meeting in Salem the following day. He would also be speaking to the legislative group about public contracting issues, especially regarding public notice. He also discussed some of the other public contracting proposals.

Chair Cameron said she had a call regarding the County's participation in the regional transportation enhancement project review process. She asked which Commissioner wanted to participate. Commissioner Firman said she would if she was going to be in Salem.

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**ITEM NO. 8: MISCELLANEOUS SOLID WASTE SERVICE DISTRICT MATTERS:** Mr. Oshel said there were 22 RFP documents issued on the design of the transfer station.

The Board discussed the presumed sale of the north Tillamook County solid waste franchise and the County's remedies for their failure to follow the process. Mr. Oshel would keep the Board posted.

**ITEM NO. 11: COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/CONCERNS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Commissioner Firman reported on the concerns of a citizen regarding the Commissioners' elitist parking spots in front the Courthouse during the storms of November and December. Mr. Levesque would work with Mr. Schwinck on a proposal to bring to the Board on moving their parking spaces to the back of the Courthouse.

Mr. Hurliman said he did not think it was an issue.

Commissioner Josi said that on January 29 he would be touring the Netarts slide area with staff. Commissioner Firman wanted to be involved in the follow up to that meeting as she could not attend.

**ITEM NO. 9: MAINTENANCE UPDATE:** Mr. West said he needed some guidance on coffee pots, microwaves and refrigerators because of the possibility of electrical overload. The Board asked him to check with the Fire Marshal and the Safety Committee through Mr. Schwinck. Mr. Dove said the heaters were an issue seven years ago.

**ITEM NO. 10: DISCUSSION WITH GIL RIDDELL FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF OREGON COUNTIES REGARDING COUNTY FINANCIAL SURVEY, FISCAL SITUATION, UNMET NEEDS AND REALIGNMENT OF FUNDS:** Chair Cameron wanted to add the Regional Economic Initiative to the discussion. Commissioner Firman, as the Second Vice President of AOC, introduced the topic and the need to prioritize the County's problems. She said that adequate work space was a major issue in most counties and gave Columbia County as an example.

Mr. Riddell discussed the scope of unmet needs and a possible \$613,000 per year discretionary fund for Tillamook County if the Legislature adopted the AOC proposal. The Board felt, from a citizen's standpoint, the biggest unmet needs would be roads and more deputies. Chair Cameron said that, in addition to County government office space, juvenile in-county shelter care, matching dollars for flooding, GIS and animal control were major needs. Commissioner Josi added law enforcement for the drug problem.

The Board discussed law enforcement issues. Mr. Riddell described for Commissioner Josi the AOC realignment priorities, including the A&T Grant. The Board discussed the political issues with the Legislative assembly on these three priorities. They discussed prioritizing the three most important issues: 1) continuing existing appraisal staff and providing the tools they needed; 2) GIS; 3) acquiring additional space.

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Mr. Riddell discussed with the board the political ramifications of these priorities. The Board added a disaster fund as a fourth priority and discussed proposed contacts with local legislators.

Chair Cameron addressed an additional survey on economic and community development issues and suggested it be given to the local Economic Development Council. The other Commissioners concurred.

Chair Cameron recessed the meeting at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Discussion Concerning Log Jam on Trask River & Other Emergency Management-Related Items:** Mr. Manning reported that the log jam on the Trask River had broken up, apparently on its own. The Board discussed the upcoming weather issues. Mr. Manning said there was still a small log jam on the Tillamook River.

The Board discussed emergency work permits with Division of State Lands and Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife regarding plugged culverts on private roads. Mr. Manning also reported on State disaster funds from the 1996 flood that had not been committed.

The Board discussed the Community Rating System work. Commissioner Firman suggested the Board work with Mr. Schwinck and look at a step increase or two for Mr. Manning. The other Commissioners concurred.

Chair Cameron said she would call the Oregon Emergency Management Department to determine whether Small Business Assistance would be available.

Chair Cameron adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

**RESPECTFULLY** submitted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 199\_\_ .

County Clerk: Josephine Veltri

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Mary Wujcik, Recording Secretary  
& Special Deputy

**APPROVED BY:**

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Chairperson

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Vice Chairperson

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Commissioner