

MINUTES- TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' STAFF MEETING

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Paul Levesque, Management Analyst

STAFF PRESENT FOR PORTIONS OF MEETING: Jon Oshel, Public Works Director; Craig Schwinck, Human Resources & Information Services Director;

GUESTS: Jim McCauley, Oregon Forest Industries; John Hampton, Hampton Wood Products; Mark Rasmussen, Mason, Bruce & Gerard; Mark Labhart, Oregon Department of Forestry

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cameron at 9:04 a.m. in the Meeting Room A. She reviewed the agenda.

ITEM NO. 1: DISCUSSION CONCERNING POSSIBLE ROAD TAX: Mr. Oshel summarized the basis for the County Road Advisory Committee's (CRAC) recommendation and the items the \$2 million would purchase. He distributed a matrix summary of preferences of the CRAC members, which showed a low level of expenditures for everything but paving (attached). He then distributed a list of proposed projects in each district (attached).

The Board then discussed funding levels available from the latest Legislative transportation package.

Mr. Oshel distributed a chart (attached) showing the gas tax/vehicle registration funds distributions between local cities and the County. He also distributed documents showing impacts of inflation and spread sheets indicating various tax rates of \$.70, .75, .80, .85, .90, or .95.

The Board discussed the differences between the various rates versus the needs and the amounts voters would be willing to support. Commissioners Cameron and Firman wanted to ensure the amount was sufficient to really make a difference.

The Board agreed it was their duty to offer a measure to the voters and let them decide. Commissioner Firman felt \$.85 was necessary. Chair Cameron agreed it should be in the \$.80 cent range. Commissioner Josi said he supported the \$.70 amount.

The Board said they appreciated why the CRAC grappled with this because it was a question of balancing needs versus what voters could afford.

The Board factored in the continuing drop in Federal timber receipts and inflation on the \$.85 rate with \$1.1 million result without the gas tax, if it did not pass. This was about the CRAC's recommendation. The revenue would be approximately \$1.4 million at the \$.95 rate.

Commissioner Josi moved to propose a tax rate of \$.85 per thousand, Commissioner Firman

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seconded.

The Board discussed the difficulty in developing reliable figures due to factors involved with the estimates. Commissioner Firman said she did not feel good about this amount, but felt the Board needed to give the public the opportunity.

The Board discussed the importance of the educational piece. This amount would preserve the County's investments, but have very little impact on enhancement.

Motion passed with three aye votes.

ITEM NO. 2: DISCUSSION CONCERNING CURL ROAD AND BRIDGE LEGAL STATUS:

Mr. Oshel described the history of the problem with Curl Bridge and lack of right-of-way. He discussed options for acquiring rights-of-way, maintaining it as the County had done in the past, or abandoning it. The Board talked about the factors involved in continuing to maintain the road.

There was a consensus to do so, but that Mr. Oshel also talk to the property owner about acquisition.

ITEM NO. 3: PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

ITEM NO. 10: DISCUSSION REGARDING LONG RANGE PLANS FOR STATE FORESTS & OREGON FOREST INDUSTRIES COUNCIL:

Mr. McCauley, Mr. Rasmussen and Mr. Hampton were present. Mr. McCauley said they had done a timber output analysis because they did not feel the Oregon Department of Forestry's (ODF) analysis was adequate, based on the level of information. He described the genesis of this effort with ODF. He felt it was important that everyone with a stake in the land understand the ramifications.

Mr. Hampton said ODF had not changed its position and the present tack would produce major negative economic impacts.

There was a discussion regarding how formal input by the County took place. Mr. Hampton also questioned whether a habitat conservation plan was appropriate. He said they were bargaining away too much to gain very little certainty. Mr. McCauley explained the difference between OFIC's analysis and that of ODF. The Department had made no effort to do decadal scheduling.

Chair Cameron recessed the meeting at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

Mr. Rasmussen presented his analysis on an overhead showing that ODF had an overly conservative approach and created a risk by putting the entire land base into structure based management.

The Board discussed a meeting of all Council of Forest Trust Land Counties (CFTLC) as part of the Association of Oregon Counties meeting. Mr. McCauley said it was important that ODF do a

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decadal analysis. The Board said this was helpful in focusing on some issues. After questions from the Board regarding Tillamook Lumber, Mr. Hampton said Tillamook Lumber was the largest hemlock mill in the industry. This was their jewel.

ITEM NO. 4: LIAISON REPORTS: Commissioner Josi updated the Board on the aggregate meeting held on Thursday and the projects which were reviewed.

Commissioner Firman reported on concerns regarding East Beaver Creek Road and permits concerning the roads.

Chair Cameron said the first meeting of the new Workforce Advisory Board was that day. She met with Mr. Bierly, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), who suggested that the Performance Partnership prioritize the OWEB grants but put them together under one letter. She discussed the prioritizing process. Commissioner Josi wanted an opportunity for input.

Chair Cameron discussed the N.W. Regional Partnership meeting and the possible need to appoint more city representatives for transportation acts. Mr. King, COL-PAC, would be working on this issue.

Commissioner Firman spent time the previous week working on law enforcement issues. She wanted a workshop in the future.

Chair Cameron met with Oregon Emergency Management regarding the advanced measures where she learned that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife was not sold on these projects. Commissioner Josi felt ODFW should have been at the table when the projects were formulated. The Performance Partnership should have been used. On Friday, August 6, word had been received that funding was granted for the Tillamook Bay project.

ITEM NO. 5: PERSONNEL/INFORMATION SERVICES UPDATE: Mr. Schwinck presented his written update (attached). The Board discussed the Courthouse security position and the Board's understanding that they were supposed to be in on the final decision. The Board also discussed the road deputy for Trask River Road. Mr. Schwinck was asked to talk to the Sheriff this weekend. The Sheriff would be asked to attend the Board meeting on August 11.

ITEM NO. 6: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Mr. Affolter discussed the fee waiver on the Pacific City Heights ordinance amendment and the process for considering this matter. There was a consensus to waive the fee.

Mr. Affolter discussed Senate Bill 12, the landslide legislation, and proposed a letter to the Governor requesting a veto. Mr. Affolter would add the Board concerns, including a rulemaking approach.

Mr. Affolter also discussed the Whalen Island acquisition and a proposed letter of support for use of

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\$2.8 million of the \$4 million fund.

ITEM NO. 7: MANAGEMENT ANALYST UPDATE: There was no discussion.

ITEM NO. 8: STAFF UPDATE/CALENDAR REVIEW & SCHEDULING/AGENDA REVIEW/ INTER-OFFICE MATTERS: The Board reviewed, amended and approved its calendar. Chair Cameron said she would be gone September 11-14.

The Board reviewed, amended and approved its agenda.

ITEM NO. 9: NON-AGENDA ITEMS & BOARD CONCERNS: There was none.

Chair Cameron adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this _____ day of _____, 199__ .

County Clerk: Josephine Veltri

Mary Wujcik, Recording Secretary
& Special Deputy

APPROVED BY:

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Commissioner