

**MINUTES - TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Wednesday, September 15, 1999**

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT: William K. Sargent, County Counsel; Mary Wujcik, Executive Assistant; Jon Oshel, Public Works Director; Tom Manning, Emergency Management Director; Lt. Don Watters

GUESTS: Jackie Edwards, Headlight Herald; see attached guest list

CALL TO ORDER: By Chair Cameron at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiawanda Senior Community Center in Pacific City. She welcomed everyone.

ITEM NO. 1: PUBLIC INPUT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Chair Cameron explained the process of the Board meetings as they were usually done when held at the Courthouse. She said they were able to provide more time for public comment when they were holding meetings around the county, such as this one. She asked if anyone in the audience had comments on matters not on the agenda. There was no comment.

ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT CALENDAR:

Order Appointing Marjorie Christensen Justice of the Peace Pro Tem for October 5-21, 1999;

Commission Proceedings for August, 1999: Commissioner Josi moved to approve the items, Commissioner Firman seconded, passed with three aye votes.

The Commissioners signed the items the following day.

Chair Cameron introduced the County employees who were attending the meetings.

ITEM NO. 3: CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY FOR NATURAL RESOURCE EDUCATION SPECIALIST FOR THE TILLAMOOK COUNTY PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP: Commissioner Josi moved to sign the agreement, Commissioner Firman seconded.

Commissioner Firman said this agreement was for \$58,298.

Motion passed with three aye votes.

The Chair signed the agreement.

ITEM NO. 4: CONSIDERATION OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT NO. CE-980127-02-0 WITH THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 10, FOR THE NATIONAL ESTUARY PROJECT TO COVER TRANSITION FROM PLANNING & STUDIES TO IMPLEMENTATION: Commissioner Josi explained what the

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agreement was about, beginning with the formation of the National Estuary Project in 1994 or 1995. He moved to approve the agreement, Commissioner Firman seconded.

Chair Cameron said this was the culmination of a great deal of work and the Board looked forward to the implementation of the studies that had been done on the Bay.

Motion passed with three aye votes.

Chair Cameron signed the agreement.

ITEM NO. 5: CONSIDERATION OF ADVANCED MEASURES AGREEMENT WITH U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR FLOOD MITIGATION FOR 1999-2000 WINTER:

Mr. Manning said the Corps had completed their report and it had been approved by the District. The final document should be ready by the end of the week or the first of the following week. He asked if the Board could agree to sign it, pending approval by County Counsel.

Mr. Manning said the Advanced Measures was a special program the Corps had so that prevention work could be done to minimize damage when a storm occurred. Governor Kitzhaber had also approved the project. Mr. Manning reviewed the projects that would be done under this program to lower the flooding potential.

Commissioner Josi said this was the culmination of a tremendous amount of work. It should accomplish a significant reduction of flooding in north Tillamook City. He said a lot of the work had been done before he took office, as the 1996 flood was a wake-up call for the County.

Chair Cameron said there were lots of opportunities for citizen participation, and she discussed the contribution of many citizens to the process. She said the flooding did not spare south County.

Commissioner Josi moved to sign the Advanced Measures Agreement, subject to County Counsel approval, Commissioner Firman seconded, passed with three aye votes.

ITEM NO. 7: MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Oshel said he had information on the property tax for roads available for the audience.

Mr. Oshel said he needed a work order for ditching and culvert work on Wilehart Street in Woods. He explained the purpose of the Work Order and the differences between County, public and private roads. The law required a signed Work Order before road funds could be expended on roads that were not County.

Commissioner Josi moved to sign the Work Order, Commissioner Firman seconded, passed with three aye votes.

The Chair signed the Work Order.

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ITEM NO. 8: MISCELLANEOUS SOLID WASTE SERVICE DISTRICT MATTERS: Mr. Oshel said the next meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee was on September 21 at 5:00 p.m. CART'M wanted to start charging for recycling scrap metal. Don Burden, from Burden's Towing, would be attending. They would also be looking at EmCon's recommendations on expansion of the transfer station.

ITEM NO. 6: PUBLIC HEARING: ANNEXATION OF LAND & TERRITORY TO THE PACIFIC CITY JOINT WATER & SANITARY AUTHORITY: PETITIONER ARNOLD H. MEYERSTEIN, TRUSTEE: Chair Cameron asked Counsel Sargent to explain the annexation process. Counsel Sargent said the applicant made a request to the District, which would have to approve the annexation before the Commissioners would. Commissioner Firman asked for comment from the District.

Bob Rissel said he was on the Board of Directors for the District. He said the applicant had submitted the petition to them; they had several requirements the applicant would have to meet and this hearing was only one of them. He explained where the property was located.

Chair Cameron asked for comment from the audience. Hearing none, she closed the hearing.

Commissioner Firman moved to approve the order, Commissioner Josi seconded, passed with three aye votes.

The Commissioners signed Order #99-103.

ITEM NO. 9: PUBLIC HEARING: IN THE MATTER OF THE FORMATION OF COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT #2 FROM LAND & TERRITORY ENCOMPASSED WITHIN COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT #1: Chair Cameron asked Mr. Oshel to explain the levy and the background on it to the audience. Mr. Oshel said most of the people present were aware that the revenues were dropping. He explained the cuts in logging on Federal forest land and their effect on the revenues for County roads. He discussed the citizen committee and their research and resulting recommendation.

Mr. Oshel displayed a graph which charted the revenues over the past several years. He explained how the money would be distributed if the levy passed. Money collected in the cities would be returned to them, dollar for dollar. Money collected in the unincorporated areas would be returned to the particular district in which it was collected.

Mr. Oshel said the original districts #1 and #3 were formed in 1948, but a #2 district was never created. The first order would create District #2 and the second order would adjust District #3, so they would all conform to the existing school districts.

Chair Cameron said no petition asking for the district formation to be placed on the ballot had been received. She opened the hearing for public comment. Hearing none, she closed the hearing and asked for a motion.

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Commissioner Firman moved to sign the order, Commissioner Josi seconded, motion passed with three aye votes.

The Commissioners signed Order #99-104.

ITEM NO. 13: NON-AGENDA ITEMS & BOARD CONCERNS: Chair Cameron said there has been discussion at the recent Pacific City Chamber meeting about the need for a "800" number for the Sheriff's Office. The Board would be looking into that and would let the citizens in the area know when it was done.

Chair Cameron introduced Jane Scott and said she was present to videotape the meeting. She would be doing that twice a month. The people living in Tillamook or the Oceanside/Netarts area (channels 14 and 24) would be able to view the tape on Falcon cable's Blazer channel. They were working with Lincoln City to get the videos on the south County cable. The Board was very excited about this option and would welcome public input about it.

Chair Cameron said the Board was also looking at proposals for developing a County newsletter, as they wanted to find ways for the whole County to have a way to participate in the government.

Commissioner Josi said the policy of the current Board was to open the doors of government as wide as possible to promote citizen participation.

United Way Campaign Sign Discussion: Mr. Sandusky said he had a request regarding the upcoming United Way campaign. The previous year, the County had allowed a larger thermometer sign to be placed on the southwest corner of the Courthouse lawn. They were requesting to place the sign again this year and to also place a second sign on the northeast corner of the lawn. The local high school shop class was working on the framework. There was a consensus by the Board to allow the placement of both signs.

Chair Cameron asked Mr. Sandusky to talk about the agencies they helped. He said there were 17 participating agencies. 94 cents out of every dollar collected went to the member agencies. He said their goal was to raise \$80,000 this year.

Fire Department Grant: Jack Carriger, Nestucca Rural Fire District Chief, thanked the Board, especially Commissioner Josi, for signing a grant application at the last minute for the District. The grant would be used to purchase defibrillators for the six community fire stations. This put the District three years ahead in their goal time lines. Chief Carriger also discussed the new volunteer training program for first responders, drivers, etc. He said the new volunteers had done an outstanding job and were real assets to the community.

ITEM NO. 10: PUBLIC HEARING: IN THE MATTER OF WITHDRAWING LAND & TERRITORY FROM TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT #1 AND THE ANNEXATION OF LAND & TERRITORY TO TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT

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#3: Chair Cameron opened the hearing for public input. Mr. Sandusky said it sounded like a good idea to him. Hearing no further public testimony, Chair Cameron closed the hearing to the public.

Commissioner Josi gave an explanation of the formation of the districts.

Commission Josi moved to sign the order, Commissioner Firman seconded, passed with three aye votes.

The Commissioners signed Order #99-105.

Commissioner Firman said that if the levy passed, the money the residents of south County would pay in taxes would be used on roads in south County.

ITEM NO. 11: CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDER IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING CERTAIN COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY IN HEBO TO COMMUNITY ACTION RESOURCE ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR USE AS A COMMUNITY CENTER & AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

Chair Cameron asked Mr. Sandusky to give a background on this matter and to introduce the committee. Mr. Sandusky said that approximately one year ago, a group of people from south County formed a committee, the Nestucca Valley Family Foundation, to develop a community center. He reviewed the group's goals, such as child care, senior housing, youth activities, etc. He displayed a site plan and map of the property and pointed out the existing buildings and where the various activities would take place..

Mr. Sandusky said they approached the County for assistance. A lot of creativity was needed to bring the project to fruition. He discussed the difficulties with the Joint Water & Sanitary District in Hebo. They approached the Oregon Economic Development Department for money, which was currently being used to fund the engineering plan for expanding District's facilities so it could accommodate the community center.

Mr. Sandusky introduced the members of the Foundation, Tawnya Dimmit had been the driving force at the beginning; also Karen Tracy, Diane Hammond, Cara Elder, Monica Pyle, Jack Carriger and Jack Brooks. Mr. Sandusky also introduced Kay Berchtold from the C.A.R.E. Board of Directors.

Chair Cameron thanked him for his presentation. She said this was a good example of how the Board was able to leverage the land to help different groups meet the needs of the citizens. She asked for a motion.

Commissioner Firman moved to sign the order, Commissioner Josi seconded.

Commissioner Firman said it was about time and the group thanked the Board. Chair Cameron said this was clearly the role of government.

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Motion passed with three aye votes.
The Commissioners signed Order #99-106.

ITEM NO. 12: EXECUTION OF A QUITCLAIM DEED TRANSFERRING CERTAIN COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY IN HEBO TO COMMUNITY ACTION RESOURCE ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR USE AS A COMMUNITY CENTER & AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Commissioner Josi moved to sign the deed, Commissioner Firman seconded, passed with three aye votes.

The Commissioners signed the deed and presented it to Mr. Sandusky. Commissioners Cameron and Firman talked about their commitment to the community and working together as a team.

Chair Cameron thanked everyone for coming the meeting and announced that the next south County meeting would be held on November 3 at the Neskowin Fire Hall. She adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this ____ day of _____, 1999.

County Clerk: Josephine Veltri

Mary Wujcik, Recording Secretary
& Special Deputy

APPROVED BY:

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Commissioner