

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; Tom Manning, Emergency Management Director; Vic Affolter, Community Development Director; Judge Arlene Gahagan.

GUESTS: Don Burden, Burden's Towing; Dennis Segrist, Anne Byer, Department of Land Conservation & Development; Ian Finseth, Oregon Emergency Management

CALL TO ORDER: By Chair Cameron at 9:03 a.m.

ITEM NO. 1: PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

ITEM NO. 2: LIAISON REPORTS: Commissioners Firman & Cameron spent Saturday, November 27, in Pacific City dealing with flooding issues. Commissioner Josi mentioned concerns expressed by Don Burden regarding the vehicle towing policy.

ITEM NO. 3: MANAGEMENT ANALYST UPDATE: Mr. Levesque updated the Board on his meetings with the staffs of the Performance Partnership and the Soil & Water Conservation District regarding cash requirements for the feasibility study.

ITEM NO. 5: NON-AGENDA ITEMS & BOARD CONCERNS: Vehicle Towing Policy: Commissioner Josi discussed the policy and the fact that people who want to get rid of a vehicle, strip it and leave it on public property. Mr. Burden said the County's policy required him to tow it. Commissioner Josi said that in dealing with this issue, the County needed to increase penalties for this action.

Mr. Oshel said the problem was currently falling on Mr. Burden's shoulders. He discussed issues surrounding identifying the responsible parties and added that Counsel Sargent said the title issue was difficult. A memo was circulating with some ideas, and it was scheduled for discussion at the Board meeting on December 1.

Flood Update: Mr. Oshel updated the Board on the flood. He said there was \$350,000 in damages to the County roads, one-half of that in a major slide. He gave a road closure status report. They were presently inspecting bridges. The State Highway system was looking at \$150,000 to \$250,000 in damages, which would probably not bring the total of damages high enough to get a federal highway declaration. It needed \$1.5 million to \$2 million in damages for that.

Mr. Manning distributed a situation report. He said there was a log jam at the Highway 131 bridge.

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More work was needed at Doherty Slough to armor the outside approaches. There was another log jam at Bud Gienger's. Three levies had problems. Mr. Hess from the Corps of Engineers would be in the County from Washington, D.C. the following week. Some of the emergency measures worked well and some still needed additional work. The Tone Road tide gate worked well. Mr. Manning said the Oregon Emergency Management people would be in the County at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Affolter said the County should continue to maintain a waiting list for elevating structures. Most of the elevated homes had worked well, although his department was doing a survey. The Board discussed the success of this program in reducing water damage during this flood event.

Mr. Manning asked for the assistance of one to two employees from other departments for Preliminary Damage Assessment at the Emergency Management office. Commissioner Firman said she would follow up on that.

Mr. Oshel said the recycle shack at Les Schwab Tires had been lost to the flood. There would probably be no money in the solid waste budget for disposing of citizens' flood debris.

Justice of the Peace Vacancy: Judge Gahagan informed the Board that she had been accepted by the Peace Corps and has been assigned to Thailand. She would be leaving the end of January. The Board requested a workshop to discuss her replacement.

ITEM NO. 4: STAFF UPDATE/AGENDA REVIEW/INTER-OFFICE MATTERS: The Board reviewed and approved the agenda. They would review their schedules and get any changes to Ms. Wujcik.

Chair Cameron recessed the meeting at 9:54 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

ITEM NO. 5: NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Flood Update (Continued): Mr. Manning gave a situation report: 16 inches of rain within a 48 hour period; 10 inches in 24 hours, affecting the Nestucca and Trask Rivers the most.

The Board discussed the need for the rain/river gauges as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (C.O.E.) feasibility study. There was also discussion regarding the elevation of homes, including funding and criteria for costs and values. Chair Cameron asked whether the \$30 million authorized by Congress for C.O.E. projects could be used for buy-outs and house elevations. There was discussion regarding raising businesses in Pacific City, but it was noted that Nehalem businesses were raised under a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) that was the result of a Presidential disaster declaration.

There was a consensus to continue making the list of businesses and homes that needed to be raised. The group discussed the six remaining problem areas where the C.O.E. could assist for the ten days until the Governor made a request for a Presidential declaration. Ms. Byer mentioned that there

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were individual grants of \$15,000 for each property owner who had flood insurance and sustained a substantial damages.

Chair Cameron adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this _____ day of _____, 1999.

County Clerk: Josephine Veltri

Mary Wujcik, Recording Secretary
& Special Deputy

APPROVED BY:

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Commissioner