

**MINUTES
BUDGET COMMITTEE
LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Thursday, May 13, 2010
5th Floor Meeting Room
Lane Council of Governments Office
859 Willamette, Suite 500
Eugene, Oregon

Chair Greg James called the meeting of the LCOG Budget Committee to order at 5:05 p.m. In attendance were: Mark Shrives, Sherry Duerst-Higgins, Chris Pryor, Dennis Shine, Tony McCown and Greg James. Staff members present were George Kloepfel, Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool, Jamon Kent, Kay Metzger, and Ann Mortenson.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 8, 2010, meeting of the Budget Committee had been distributed with the meeting agenda. Greg James asked for any additions or corrections. It was moved, seconded (Duerst-Higgins/McCown) and carried that the minutes of the April 2010 meeting be approved.

Public Input

The Chair determined no members of the public wished to comment.

Proposed 2010-11 Budget

The proposed budget had been presented by staff to Budget Committee members at their April 8 meeting.

Kloepfel pointed out that, except for the substantial Department of Commerce grant for broadband fiber extensions, the revenue picture for FY 2010-11 was fairly flat. He noted that the allocation for staffing—a significant portion of a labor-intensive organization’s budget—was up slightly over 4 percent and that an increase of 2.28 FTE positions was anticipated. Swank suggested that the agency’s grant- and contract-supported work in technology, business assistance and government services were maintaining the previous year’s levels, but that support from the State of Oregon for the Senior and Disabled Services Division was going

to remain uncertain, given the state of the economy. Kloeppel stressed that the proposed budget for the coming year—reflecting a 9 percent increase from the Revised FY 2009-10 Budget—was based upon the best information available. He called the attention of the Committee to his Budget Message on Pages 1-3 for specific highlights of the proposal. Swank noted the agency’s determination to rebuild General Fund reserves, depleted in the renovation of the Park Place Building. Consistent with that intent, he noted that management budget recommendations would be conservative.

After some discussion, which included further exploration of the reserve issue and also the building operations implications on the budget, the proposal was considered appropriate for recommendation to the Board of Directors. It was moved by Tony McCown, seconded by Sherry Duerst-Higgins, that the proposed FY 2010-11 Budget be approved in the amount of \$33,372,033 and recommended to the Board of Directors for adoption. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting of the Budget Committee

It was noted that LCOG management typically proposes one revision to the annual budget—usually in April—to accommodate changes in revenue or requirements for expenditure that had come to light subsequent to the original adoption in June. Kloeppel assured the Committee that, should a revision be necessary prior to April, ample notice would be provided regarding a meeting. Otherwise, he observed that the Committee would likely be asked to meet again in April and again in May of 2011.

Adjournment

Greg James thanked the Committee for its work. The business of the Committee being completed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.