



MINUTES

LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Springfield City Hall
Library Meeting Room
225 Fifth Street - Springfield

April 22, 2010 - 6:00 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Director Chris Pryor (Eugene), Chair	Councilor Fred Simmons (Springfield)
Mayor Phil Brubaker (Florence)	Commissioner Faye Stewart (Lane County)
Councilor Darrell Carman (Veneta)	Board Member Steve Recca (Fern Ridge Library District)
Board Member Sherry Duerst-Higgins (LESD)	Councilor Lance Stoddard (Junction City)
Mayor Bob Hooker (Creswell)	Mayor Judy Volta (Coburg)
Board Member Greg James (Willamalane)	Mayor Warren Weathers (Lowell)
Board Member Al King (School District 19)	Mayor Gary Williams (Cottage Grove)
Board Member Tony McCown (LCC)	
Board Member Bill McCoy (Lane Library Dist)	

Absent

City of Oakridge Representative	Siuslaw Public Library Representative
City of Westfir Representative	River Road Parks and Recreation District Rep.
School District 4J (Eugene) Representative	EPUD Representative
School District 52 (Bethel) Representative	EWEB Representative
School District 68 (McKenzie) Representative	Port of Siuslaw Representative
Western Lane Ambulance District Rep.	

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Board Member Mike Dubick (LTD)

GUESTS

John Buchanan, Steve Olienyk, Tom Schwetz

LCOG STAFF

George Kloeppel, Eric Brandt, Steve Dignam, Jamon Kent, Milo Mecham, Kay Metzger, Ann Mortenson, Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Chairperson Chris Pryor called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Pryor invited members to introduce themselves and report the “most important thing” currently happening in their jurisdiction.

Visitor John Buchanan presented to LCOG the 2010 Pat Clark Memorial Award “in recognition of outstanding public service to the Florence community.”

Councilor Fred Simmons welcomed members of the Board to the City of Springfield. He reported that important matters in the city were discussions with Eugene about merging fire and life safety services, celebration of the 125th year of the Springfield Library, downtown growth potential, and the new 100-bed Municipal Jail currently housing 45 “guests.” He said opening of the jail appears to have significantly reduced the number of property crimes in the City. Commissioner Faye Stewart added that the Sheriff reported that early releases from the County Jail had also gone down since the opening of the new municipal jail.

2. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

4. REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson Pryor reported that he would be changing his employment from the Red Cross to United Way of Lane County in the near future. He referred to Agenda support material entitled “Report of the Executive Committee” and noted that it contained summaries of March 11 and April 13 meetings.

5. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

LCOG Executive Director George Kloeppe to Agenda support material entitled “Advisory Council Reports” and noted that it contained summaries of March 11 and April 8 meetings of the Metropolitan Policy Committee, April 13 meeting of the Senior Services Advisory Council, and March 12 meeting of the Disability services Advisory Council. He commented on the impressive amount of time and effort put in by the members of the groups.

6. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Kloeppe made his report and noted that the June meeting of the Board would be held in Florence, but that the Board meetings scheduled for September 30 (note change of date) and December 9 had no host agency. He reported that bylaws for a Lane Area Commission on Transportation were being reviewed by participating jurisdictions. He also reported on a recent meeting of Council on Governments Directors from Oregon and Washington. He called the Board’s attention to the “Age Knows No Limit” and the older Americans recognition event to be held May 25 at the Willamalane Adult Activity Center in Springfield—4:00 to 5:30.

7. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Associate LCOG Director Bob Swank reviewed information contained in Agenda support material entitled “Report of the Audit Committee.” He noted that the Committee had “bought a year” to determine any appropriate changes in auditing services. He explained why the Committee had decided not to award a new contract from proposals received through a Request for Proposals, but to extend the current contract for one year.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Pryor noted that the Consent Agenda included acceptance of the minutes of the February 25, 2010, meeting and nomination of Mayor Gary Williams to serve on the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Board.

Mayor Williams moved, seconded by Board Member Al King, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was adopted unanimously, 16:0.

9. Executive Management and Administration

a. Bank Loan for Park Place Building Improvements

Mr. Swank reviewed information included in Agenda support material entitled “Park Place Building Improvement Financing.” He said the Board was asked to adopt Resolution 2010-2 authorizing a loan from Umpqua Bank for \$220,000. He noted that the lease agreement included payments for its amortization.

Board Member Steve Recca moved, seconded by Board Member Sherry Duerst-Higgins, to adopt Resolution 2010-2, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BORROWING OF NOT MORE THAN \$220,000 TO FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICES IN THE PARK PLACE BUILDING. The motion was adopted unanimously, 16:0.

b. Revised Budget

Mr. Kloeppe reviewed information included in Agenda support material entitled “Revised FY 2009-10 Budget.” He noted that it was proposed to revise the current year’s Budget to capture changes in available revenue and expenditure requirements. He said new Senior and Disabled Services staff being hired for its Aging and Disability Resource Center project would be reflected in the Budget for the next fiscal year. He reported that the Budget Committee recommended adoption of the revision.

Mayor Phil Brubaker moved, seconded by Board Member King, to adopt Resolution 2010-1, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET REVISION. The motion was adopted unanimously, 16:0.

c. Executive Committee Vacancy

Chairperson Pryor reported that Board Member Alan Laisure had asked to no longer serve on the Executive Committee, citing limited time availability.

Mayor Brubaker moved, seconded by Board Member King, to elect Board Member Tony McCown to the Executive Committee to the term of Board Member Alan Laisure.

Chairperson Pryor determined that there were no other nominations.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 16:0

10. DISCUSSION TOPIC – Developing a Climate for Prosperity

Chairperson Pryor invited members to discuss information included in Agenda support material entitled “Subcommittees’ Report on behalf of the LCOG Task Force for ‘Creating a Climate of Prosperity’ in the Lane County Region.”

Mr. Kloeppele “set the table” for the discussion by reviewing Board and Task Force efforts to identify inhibiting factors limiting full realization of area potential and to develop steps that LCOG could take to complement the work of others to establish a climate of prosperity and well-being in the region.

LCOG Director of Senior and Disabled Services Kay Metzger reviewed recommendations made by the Task Force Subcommittee on Human Services Coordination:

- Presentation to the LCOG Board on 2-1-1 services to Lane County residents
- Ask for economic and political endorsement of 2-1-1 by LCOG Board members
- Educate LCOG Board members on regional human services issues/needs/resources through future presentations
- Explore ways to use LCOG’s data management expertise
- Consider recommendation to add a rural member to the Lane County Human Services Commission
- Monitor County funding initiatives to ensure prevention, intervention, and treatment availability to rural residents

Task Force Subcommittee member Judy Volta suggested that the recommendations were an effort to create a climate of prosperity by addressing basic needs of the community.

LCOG Program Manager Milo Mechem reviewed recommendations made by the Task Force Subcommittee on Economic Enhancement:

- Foster regional discussions of jobs development
- Work on a regional perspective
- Develop regional criteria for jobs improvement
- Elevate the Lane Economic Committee (put Board members on the LEC, give LEC a regional impact)

LCOG Government Services Director Byron Vanderpool reviewed recommendations made by the Task Force Subcommittee on Communications:

- Hire an Information Officer at LCOG, a person with vision who can move communications projects forward, understand and make technology decision, coordinate relationships, help “brand” LCOG, work freely across organization boundaries within and without LCOG, arrange for trainings and demonstrations, and have free access and report to the LCOG Board.
- Establish a “Regional Voice” process to promote LCOG members needs at the State Legislature

Members discussed the recommendations. On the suggestion of Chairperson Pryor, recommendations were categorized as “fast and cheap,” “fast and costly,” “slow and cheap,” and “slow and costly.” The consideration led to identification of priority proposals, as follows:

Fast and Cheap

- 2-1-1 Recommendations
- Add Board Members to LEC
- Add Rural Representative to Human Services Commission

Slow and Cheap

- “Regional Voice” Recommendation

Fast and Costly

- LCOG Information Officer Recommendation

Mayor Volta moved, seconded by Board Member King, that the Board approve the identified priority proposals. The motion was adopted unanimously, 16:0.

Board Member James moved, seconded by Mayor Williams, to empower the Executive Committee to explore establishing the position of LCOG Information Officer and developing the “Regional Voice” recommendation. The motion was adopted unanimously, 16:0.

Members discussed the need to consult and coordinate with member jurisdictions in establishing the Information Officer position, the need to start to develop the “Regional Voice” project in light of the fall elections and 2011 State Legislative Session, and the importance of including uses of new technologies in implementing the recommendations.

Mr. Kloeppe suggested that the county’s State legislative delegation and candidates for the offices be invited to the September meeting of the LCOG Board.

Councilor Simons recommended that the September meeting be held in a central location, such as the LCOG Eugene office.

Chairperson Pryor determined that there was consensus to accept the recommendation.

11. GOVERNMENT SERVICES

a. ARRA Infrastructure Grant

Mr. Mecham reported on the proposed use of an \$8.3 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant received by LCOG for the Fiber Consortium through the US Department of Commerce. He said communities in Lane, Douglas, and Klamath counties would be impacted by the installation of Broadband Internet access. He explained how it would allow faster and less expensive services through a communications center located in Eugene.

b. Business Assistance Loan Program

Business Assistance Program Manager Steve Dignam reported on the LCOG Loan Programs. He described how it used resources of local banks, state, and federal resources such as the Small Business Administration, enabling attractive rates of interest, higher loan-to-value, and easier access to capital. He said the involvement of private sector banks was key to the program.

Mr. Dignam debunked what he said were “myths” of government loan programs – lots of paperwork, slow turnaround times, and changing bureaucracies. He reviewed eligibility requirements for the LCOG program – small business, owner occupied, real estate and equipment only, and job creation. He displayed pictures and described examples of 14 businesses for which current and recent loans had been arranged through the program. He said it was “economic development happening right now.”

12. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES

Ms. Metzger referred to the current recruitment for the Senior Services Advisory Council and encouraged referral of applicants for appointment.

a. Aging and Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC)

Ms. Metzger reviewed information contained in Agenda support materiel entitled “Aging and Disability Resource Center Report.” She noted developments in the use of a \$1.6 million grant received by the State (1) to develop and test enhanced hospital discharge planning models, and (2) to develop and pilot a local Aging and Disability Resource Center. She noted that LCOG had been awarded \$550,000 from the grant

for a pilot program in Lane County. She described the status of programs and provided illustrative examples of their impact on the lives of vulnerable persons needing assistance.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

Chairperson Pryor reviewed Agenda support material entitled “County Assistance to Rural Communities” and “Third Quarter Financial Report.” He noted the service contract of Glenda Poling with Lane County to serve as an Economic Development Specialist and the reported status of LCOG revenues and expenses at the end of the third quarter of the fiscal year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)