



MINUTES
LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Florence Events Center
715 Quince Street
Florence, Oregon

June 24, 2010 - 6:00 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Councilor Chris Pryor (Eugene), Chairperson	Board Member Tony McCown (LCC)
Mayor Phil Brubaker (Florence)	Board Member Steve Recca (Fern Ridge Library District)
Councilor Darrell Carman (Veneta)	Board Member Bob Sneddon (Western Lane Ambulance District)
Commissioner Joann Ernst (EWEB)	Commissioner Faye Stewart (Lane County)
Board Member Joshua Greene (Port of Siuslaw)	Board Member Jim Torrey (School District 4J)
Mayor Don Hampton (Oakridge)	Mayor Judy Volta (Coburg)
Board Member Greg James (Willamalane Recreation District)	Mayor Gary Williams (Cottage Grove)
Commissioner Penny Jordan (EPUD)	

Absent

City of Creswell Representative	School District 19 (Springfield) Representative
Junction City Representative	School District 52 (Bethel) Representative
City of Lowell Representative	School District 68 (McKenzie) Representative
City of Springfield Representative	Lane Library District Representative
City of Westfir Representative	River Road Parks and Recreation District Representative
Lane Education Services District Representative	

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Board Member Doris Towery (LTD)

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

GUESTS

John Buchanan, Emily Imans, Jeff Kurtz, Shawn Perirod, Sue Roberts, Nola Xavier

LCOG STAFF

George Kloeppe, Jamon Kent, Robert Lewis, Kay Metzger, 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 6:10 p.m. Those present introduced themselves with short statements of current information about the jurisdictions they represented. A quorum was present.

Chairperson Pryor expressed appreciation to the City of Florence for hosting the meeting and the meal that had been provided preceding it.

2. REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES

LCOG Executive Director George Kloepfel requested that reports from the Director of Senior and Disabled Services regarding State funding cuts and the Auditing Committee be added to the Agenda. Chairperson Pryor determined there were no objections and the Agenda was amended.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. REPORTS

A. Chair and Executive Committee

Chairperson Pryor referred to Agenda support material entitled "Report of the Executive Committee" and noted that summaries of actions taken on May 13 and June 10 were included. He said much of what was considered would be presented for Board action later in the meeting.

B. Advisory Councils

Mr. Kloepfel referred to Agenda support material entitled "Advisory Council Reports" and noted that it included summaries of meetings of the Metropolitan Policy Committee, Public Safety Coordinating Council, Senior Services Advisory Council, and Lane Economic Committee.

C. Executive Director

Mr. Kloepfel reviewed information contained in Agenda support material entitled "Comments from the Executive Director." He noted that it was being proposed that the date of the September Board meeting be rescheduled to September 30 and that a host for the December meeting had not yet been identified. He reported on the annual conference of the National Association of Regional Councils, a meeting of the West Coast Corridor Coalition, and LCOG grant writing assistance given the Oregon Wireless Interoperability Network. He concluded with comments about a variety of LCOG staff and department activities.

D. Audit Committee

Board Member Greg James reported that the Audit Committee had held its annual pre-audit meeting with auditors from the firm of Jones and Roth, which had been awarded a one-year extension of its contract. He said a schedule for the FY 2009-10 audit of LCOG financial records had been established.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Pryor noted that the Consent Agenda included acceptance of the minutes of the April 22 Board meeting, confirmation of changing the date of the September Board meeting, and approving appointments to the Senior Services Advisory Council.

Board Member Tony McCown moved, seconded by Mayor Don Hampton, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.

6. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

A. Work Program and Budget

Chairperson Pryor noted that the LCOG fiscal year 2010-11 Work Program and Budget had been distributed to members earlier. He opened a Public Hearing on the Budget. He determined that no one was present wishing to provide testimony and closed the hearing.

Mayor Don Hampton moved, seconded by Commissioner Faye Stewart, to adopt Resolution 2010-3, ADOPTING THE FY 2010-2011 BUDGET. The motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.

B. Nominating Committee

Chairperson Pryor referred to Agenda support material entitled "Confirmation of the Nominating Committee Appointments" and noted that it contained his proposal to name Oakridge Mayor Don Hampton, Florence Mayor Phil Brubaker, and Willamalane Park and Recreation Board President Greg James to serve as a Nominating Committee. He determined that there were no other recommendations for membership.

Director Jim Torrey moved, seconded by Councilor Darrell Carman, to confirm the appointments of Chairperson Pryor to the Nominating Committee. The motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.

7. DEVELOPING A CLIMATE OF PROSPERITY

A. 2-1-1 Report

Chairperson Pryor referred to Agenda support material reviewing the development of a recommendation of the Climate of Prosperity Task Force Human Services Coordination Subcommittee to have a Board presentation regarding efforts to establish a Lane County 2-1-1 Information and Referral service.

United Way Volunteer Jeff Kurtz reviewed the currently available web-based information and referral service for area services providing food, housing, employment, health care, counseling and more. He explained that it provided a needed data base for a telephone-based service using the 2-1-1 number set aside by the Federal Communications Commission for such services. He said an earlier unsuccessful attempt to develop a system was being superseded by a statewide effort to establish the program using physical resources existing in the Portland area.

Mr. Kurtz distributed documents entitled “211 info: Eliminating the Maze” and “The Cost Savings of 2-1-1” and reviewed information they contained regarding the operation of 2-1-1 programs and examples of cost savings they provided for taxpayers, employers, and governments.

Lane United Way Chief Operating Officer Doris Towery described the use of 2-1-1 systems during times of disaster, their assistance to emergency response personnel, and other applications. She stated that her agency had contributed \$35,000 and EWEB \$10,000 toward the first year start-up costs of the service in Lane County. He distributed a document entitled “LCOG 2-1-1 Sample Membership Structure for Support of 2-1-1 Lane” and discussed ways members could support its estimated \$35,000 annual operating cost.

Coburg Mayor Judy Volta commented on the positive values of developing LCOG partnership and ongoing sponsorship of a 2-1-1 system.

Members discussed the program.

Mr. Torrey moved, seconded by Mr. McCown, to request that the Executive Committee prepare a recommendation for Board action regarding 2-1-1 Lane, including participation as suggested by Mayor Volta. The motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.

B. Regional Voice

Mr. Kloepfel referred to Agenda support material entitled “Regional Voice, Legislative Agenda” and reviewed information it contained about enhancing the reach and effectiveness of communications of local governments with the State Legislature. He noted challenges to identify commonly held key issues and developing ways of communicating them. He described possible topics for such an effort: opposition to mandates and preemptions, opposition to fees imposed on local governments, opposition to limitations on local revenue options, and protection of existing revenue streams. He said it was recommended that the Board invite members of the Lane County legislative delegation to its September meeting.

Board Member Joshua Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Joann Ernst, to invite members of the Lane County legislative delegation to the September Board meeting and to encourage the Executive Committee to continue to work on development of Regional Voice opportunities.

Members discussed the motion:

- The importance of designing the format of the September Board meeting to allow members to communicate to the legislative delegation, in addition to hearing their reports. (*Carmen*)

- The importance of focusing on non-city issues because municipal issues were being identified by the League of Oregon Cities. (*Brubaker*)
- The importance of including concerns of non-municipal members. (*Mccown*)
- The value of encouraging members to submit topic areas in advance. (*Ernst*)

The motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.

C. Lane Economic Committee

Chairperson Pryor referred to a supplement to Agenda support material entitled “Lane Economic Committee Bylaws Change,” which had distributed. He said the proposed changes were supportive of the previously discussed advantage of a more vigorous and influential Committee.

Mr. McCown moved, seconded by Board Member Steve Recca, to accept the amendment of the Lane Economic Committee Bylaws.

Commissioner Stewart reported that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) had not identified a representative to serve on the Committee at a recent meeting when members were assigned to such roles. He suggested that a presentation be made to the BCC about its importance could raise awareness of the value of such representation.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.

D. Lane County Human Services Commission

Chairperson Pryor reviewed a recommendation that the Lane County Human Services Commission be invited to make a presentation at a Board meeting regarding its program of support and organization of services.

Mayor Volta moved, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to accept the recommendation to schedule a presentation by the Lane County Human Services Commission at a meeting of the Board of Directors. The motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.

E. Communications Improvements

Chairperson Pryor referred to Agenda support material entitled “Communication Improvements” and explained that it was an update to the Board on Executive Committee discussions regarding considerations that might involve establishing the position of Communications Manager at LCOG. He said that to make a decision regarding such an option would likely be made after further evaluation. It was noted that the Executive Committee would hold a meeting in August to flesh out a proposal.

8. GOVERNMENT SERVICES

A. Lane Area Commission on Transportation

LCOG Director of Government Services Byron Vanderpool reviewed information contained in Agenda support material entitled “Lane Area Commission on Transportation.” He noted that a series of draft bylaws for such a Commission had been prepared and were awaiting approval by the BCC.

Commissioner Stewart reported that the BCC had decided to postpone consideration of the matter at its June 23 meeting until August 6.

B. Metro TV Report

LCOG Video Manager Robert Lewis provided a video report on Metro Television. He explained that the service delivered live coverage of meetings of the BCC and Eugene City Council on Comcast Community Access Channel 21 and was available to LCOG members for the preparation of short spot announcements and more lengthy documentary reports. He said they were prepared with the latest technology and many years of experience.

Members discussed their positive experience with the service.

9. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES

LCOG Senior and Disabled Services Director Kay Metzger referred to Agenda support material entitled “2010-11 Update to the 2008-11 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services for Lane County.” She described development of the Update and the status of funding for the federal Older Americans Act. She reviewed Area Plan Objectives for 2010-11: (1) Research of options and methods for gathering information on the problems and needs of Lane County seniors and persons with disabilities; (2) Implementation of a Mobility Management grant and Real Choices Systems Change grant; (3) Research opportunities in newly adopted health care initiatives; and (4) Pursue partnerships to improve services.

Mr. James moved, seconded by Mr. Recca, to adopt the 2010-11 Update to the 2008-11 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services and authorize its submission to the Oregon Department of Human Services. The motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.

Ms. Metzger referred to Agenda support material entitled “Contracts for Services FY 2010-11” and noted that it identified agencies and organizations with which contracts for LCOG senior and disabled services were established.

Ms. Metzger distributed copies of a memorandum dated June 24 in which she summarized impacts of State budget reductions: reductions to the Meals on Wheels program, elimination of the Oregon Project Independence Program, elimination of the Personal Care Program, reduction of funding for staff, reduction of support for in-home senior help programs, reduction of Medicaid reimbursements to residential care facilities, reduction of reimbursement rates for assisted living facilities, and reduction of nursing facility rates.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Collective Bargaining Report

LCOG Associate Director Bob Swank reported that agency management and the two employee bargaining unions had approved contracts for the next year that included a one percent cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) increase in pay levels and an additional \$200 annual contribution to employee Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRAs).

B. Oregon Planning Institute

Chairperson Pryor referred to Agenda support material entitled “Oregon Planning Institute” and noted that it was the fourth decade of the annual LCOG-sponsored statewide conference for land use and related professionals. The 2010 OPI will be held September 15-17 at the University of Oregon.

C. Minutes Recording Service

Chairperson Pryor referred to Agenda support material entitled “Transfer of Minutes Recording Service” and noted that the program currently offered by the City of Eugene would be managed by LCOG for its members beginning in the fall.

Chairperson Pryor commented that it had been a helpful and productive meeting that gave good direction to the Executive Committee and staff.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)