

## **Agenda Item Number 12.c.**

### **FY 2012-12 LCOG Member Dues Rates**

**Presenter:** George Kloeppe

**Action Recommended:** Approve Executive Committee Recommendation

#### **Background**

Every December, the LCOG Board is asked to adopt the **rates** that will be applied to the Dues Schedule for the next fiscal year. When the certified population numbers are available, the adopted rates are applied to the established factors (population, school enrollment and utility service accounts) and the resulting dues amounts for member jurisdictions can be utilized in the spring budget-setting processes.

The rates shown on the table below are precisely what they have been for several years. That is, no inflation factor has been applied. The one exception is the recommended dues rate for Lane County. At the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Committee determined that the County's rate should be dropped for one year from \$0.26 per capita to \$0.217 per capita. It was the Committee's judgment that such an adjustment would respond to the County's unprecedented fiscal dilemma.

Kloeppe explained to the Committee that he had discussed the dues issue with the County administration and had attempted to both recognize the significant fiscal difficulty faced by the County, and encourage that the County "remain at the table." Confronted with the necessity of making substantial expenditure reductions, Lane County is reviewing all of its prior commitments and memberships. County Administrator, Liane Richardson supported and was appreciative of the proposed adjustment. The Committee concluded that it was important for LCOG to be a "part of the solution," not the problem.

The adjusted County dues rate recommended here would represent a 16.5 percent cut in LCOG's dues request to the County. And, it would cost LCOG approximately \$15,000. Such a revenue reduction, while not desirable, could be managed. On the other side, a 16.5 percent cut in LCOG's request to the County would likely be well-received by the County Budget Committee and Board of Commissioners. LCOG would be contributing to solving the problem.

The Executive Committee recommends that the following LCOG dues rates be approved by the Board of Directors for FY 2012-13:

<u>Member Class</u>	<u>2011-12 Rate</u>	<u>2012-13 Rate</u>	<u>Basis</u>
Lane County	0.260	0.217	Population
Cities	0.470	0.470	Population
Schools	0.117	0.117	FT Students
Utilities	0.117	0.117	Service Accounts
Special Districts	\$470	\$470	Flat Rate

Adoption by motion of the dues rates for next year is recommended.