General Discussion Meeting; Monday, September 26, 2011 – 3:00 p.m. BCC Conference Room

Commissioners: Sandi Cassanelli, Simon G. Hare, Don Reedy; Rosemary Padgett, CFO; Linda McElmurry, Recorder; media and other interested persons.

Chair Cassanelli called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Title III Project List
The Board reviewed the list of Title III projects with Rosemary Padgett, CFO. Rosemary explained Exhibit A, saying the top half was already approved and Legal Counsel said two of the proposed projects did not qualify.

Commissioner Hare said he would like to revisit one of the projects that did not qualify. The IV Fire District did not qualify because it is not designated as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the County’s Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). If that was changed it would probably qualify, and he would like to see them have this infrastructure.

Jenny Hall, Emergency Services, said the City of Cave Junction and the Sheriff’s Office supports the move of the EOC and felt it would be beneficial to everyone. They will amend the EOP to include the IV Fire Station as the EOC. Rosemary Padgett said if the Board has a letter of intent by Wednesday and they have a legal determination that the application meets the requirements before they distribute the money, it could be included in the list of projects. The Board agreed to include this project on the list.

Dale Matthews commented on the project.

Commissioner Cassanelli was not in favor of the Lomakatsi request. The Board agreed.

Rosemary Padgett, CFO said while the Rough and Ready project did not qualify for Title III, it would be a good economic development request.

Jenny Hall, Emergency Services explained the Fire Plan Expansion project. Commissioner Cassanelli noted they spent $88,000 to develop the plan and now they want another $88,000 to continue. Rosemary Padgett, CFO noted that the majority of criteria for SRS is planning and education.

Commissioner Hare asked who prioritizes the projects. Rosemary Padgett explained she would bring the Board the new projection for next year and then the Board would decide.

Kevin Preister, SWORCD explained both the stewardship contracting collaboration and the IV Landscape Assessment projects. Commissioner Cassanelli said it was distressing to see the Siskiyou Project has its fingers in all these projects and was not sure she wanted to fund them. Kevin explained that the Siskiyou Project gets no direct benefit from this project. Commissioner Hare expressed concern about the stewardship group; it is loosely structured with no list of members. He was looking for balance and didn’t see Swanson, Boise, or Rough & Ready at the table. Kevin explained he keeps everyone informed but no one regularly attends.

Dale Matthews and Larry Ford commented on the project.

Jenny Hall, Emergency Services explained the ODF outreach program.

The Board discussed the projects with the CFO. The Board directed the CFO to remove the Lomakatsi & Siskiyou project, add IV Fire project, split the stewardship over two years. They will re-evaluate the 2012-13 projects when the time comes.

Matters from Commissioners
The Board asked the CFO for an update on the Narrow Band project and the Fund Balance issue. Rosemary Padgett reported the departments are getting the information on the radios. She has been meeting with departments about the Fund balance issue and will bring recommendations to the Board to mitigate impacts.

Liaison
Commissioner Cassanelli discussed a letter Curry County sent to the Governor about declaring a public safety emergency. A short discussion ensued.

Commissioner Cassanelli asked Commissioner Hare if he would sign the letter regarding coordination to the Association of O & C Counties. Commissioner Hare said he wanted to discuss it with the Sheriff and
Commissioner Robertson of Douglas County. He was concerned Josephine County would lose their position on the O&C Board and the power behind it. Commissioner Cassanelli reported that the miners tried to record the Jefferson Mining District on Friday and the County Clerk refused it. Commissioner Hare said he thought the Clerk was not opposed to it but was not sure it is the proper arena and didn’t want to put the County at risk. Commissioner Cassanelli has requested it be put on the Legal agenda.

Dale Matthews commented about the District.

Commissioner Cassanelli said a matter from the Airport is also on the Legal agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.