

General Discussion: January 7, 2020

9:00 a.m. – BCC Conference Room

Commissioners Darin J. Fowler, Daniel E. DeYoung and Lily N. Morgan; Trish Paredes, Recorder

Chair Darin J. Fowler called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Additional Attendees: Wally Hicks, County Legal Counsel

1. Measure 17-90; Advisory Question on a County Lodging Tax

The Board discussed the results of the advisory question on county lodging tax from measure 17-90. Commissioner Morgan discussed that her feedback from the public consisted of residents wanting to know how much of a tax will be placed on lodging and whom the funds will be allocated to. The Board discussed defining where the funds would be funneled to, the committee it would take to do the legwork to define this, and the time parameters that the Board has in order to place this on the next ballot. Commissioner Fowler is going to pose this question to the City of Grants Pass Tourism Committee and see what recommendations they have for the Board in moving forward with this advisory question. The Board discussed the dynamics of good timing to place a tax on the ballot.

2. Commissioner Liaison Assignments 2020

Commissioner Fowler discussed methods of choosing liaison's and how those will be divided up. Commissioner DeYoung discussed the Department Heads that he is liaison to and how they all requested that he remain their liaison. Commissioner DeYoung also discussed the role of a liaison, the definitions of a liaison and his opinion of what the role of a Commissioner should be with their Department Heads. Commissioner Morgan discussed the discrepancy of having one Commissioner be a liaison for each department and the gap in information sharing that exists because only one Commissioner is getting the information. Commissioner Morgan supports the idea of putting all names in a hat and redistributing departments. Commissioner Fowler discussed the Goal Setting session that the Department Heads, Elected Officials, and the Board had and the issues that were supposed to be solved by hiring an Executive Office Manager. Commissioner DeYoung discussed the role of the Executive Office Manager was to help with information sharing between liaison and Department Heads. Commissioner Morgan suggested the Board have a workshop to define all the roles of Chair and liaison. Commissioner Morgan would like the full Board to attend the manager's meetings so they can all get department updates together. Commissioner Fowler discussed leaving the liaison roles as is for now but revisiting a couple changes. Commissioner DeYoung discussed the reason the role of the Chair was changed at the end of 2018. The Board decided that this discussion needs to continue until the roles of Chair and liaison are defined further.

3. Review Rural Planning Commission Minutes

Discussed the mistakes in the Rural Planning Commission minutes involving two Commissioners names being mixed up in the attendance section. Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve the Rural Planning Commission Minutes with the name correction, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Morgan – yes, Commissioner DeYoung – yes, and Commissioner Fowler – yes.

4. Review Fire Protection Committee Minutes

These minutes were tabled for corrections.

5. Additional Subjects/Matters from Commissioners – ORS 192.640(1)

Commissioner DeYoung discussed the Republican Women’s meeting he attended last night and meeting the candidate who is running against Congressman DeFazio. Commissioner Morgan discussed a meeting with residents from Williams regarding the 5G network rollout and small cell phone towers. Commissioner Morgan discussed an Animal Shelter Advisory Board meeting involving the City of Grants Pass and feral cats. The Board discussed introducing a monthly workshop to address issues that need more discussion. The Board discussed that the Cole Fish Hatchery meeting will be cancelled and rescheduled for a Friday in February. Commissioner Fowler updated the Board on the Collaborative Economic Development Committee (CEDC) meeting he attended yesterday and the possible opportunity of having another County employee be the Staff liaison for the CEDC. Commissioner Morgan discussed bringing a Mining Advisory Committee member over to Washington, D.C. when Commissioner Morgan goes next time and possibly sponsoring some of the expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.