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Clatsop County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
July 27, 2016

Chair Scott Lee called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm., in the Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial Street, Astoria, Oregon. Also present were Commissioners Lianne Thompson, Sarah Nebeker and Dirk Rohne. Lisa Clement was excused.

Staff Present:

Cameron Moore County Manager  
Monica Steele Budget & Finance Director

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Nebeker made and Thompson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.*

**PRESENTATION**

a. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financials

Steele addressed the Board with the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financial reports. Steele stated the presentation is reflective of the information available up through July 19<sup>th</sup> and some departments will continue to see expenses and revenues that will be reflected in the 2015-16 FY. At the end of the fiscal year, current year property taxes were 99.7% collected of the amount budgeted. Revenue collections for all funds through the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter was approximately \$43 million, this excludes beginning balances and transfers between funds. The General Fund revenue collection through the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter was approximately \$19.7 million which excludes the beginning balance of \$5,039,870 and transfers in the amount of \$252,336. At the conclusion of the fiscal year total timber revenues received were \$5,065,495 which exceeded the overall budgeted amount by just over \$91,000. Overall timber revenues distributed to all taxing districts for the 2015-16 FY was \$23,582,049. Overall General Fund payroll for the fiscal year came in at 94.4%. The org units within the General Fund came in under the adjusted budgeted amount. The Board of Commissioners spent 80% of the budgeted amount. The total amount budgeted for Education & Training for the Board along with reimbursed travel was \$13,500; through the end of the fiscal year \$10,640 has been spent for such expenses. The construction of the Household Hazardous Waste Facility continues and is scheduled for completion during the 2016-17 fiscal year. The Roads Department budget is projected to come under budget with any remaining funds rolling into the 2016-17 beginning fund balance. For the 2015-16 fiscal year all funds came in under budget and many realized revenues greater than estimated. The Sheriff's office remodel is complete and staff will be moving both the administrative offices as well as the Parole & Probation offices out to the new Warrenton location in the coming month. Back in 2010 the county sold a property known as the Carlyle Apartments for \$825,000 with an agreement for the county to carry the loan. As of May 2<sup>nd</sup> the balance of this loan has been paid in full. These proceeds were redeposited into the Special Projects fund since this is where the original costs for the purchase originated. Steele said the new 2016-17 budget has been uploaded into the Budget Module. Thompson asked how the 99.7% collected for property taxes was so close to the budgeted amount. Steele said it was from the work of Suzanne Johnson, Assessment & Taxation Interim Director. Nebeker asked about the sale of the Carlyle Apartments. Reynolds said the City

1 of Seaside sold with reversionary interest in place and there was a lawsuit and eventually the  
2 property came back to the county and then the county sold it. The county has now been paid off.

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4 **BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

5 P. Mattson McDonald, 1591 Exchange, Astoria. McDonald said the Linn County lawsuit is a  
6 classic fight between timber workers and fishermen right now. McDonald said there should be  
7 no conflict of interest allowed on the Board of Forestry Board and when complex and older  
8 forests are grown they are more resilient to fire.

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10 Carolyn Eady, 1990 SE Sheridan, Astoria. Eady said she feels there is a disconnect between the  
11 Board and the citizens who have tried to convey that there needs to be a position taken by the  
12 Board on the forestry issue. Eady stated there is a real sense of urgency and importance on this  
13 issue and says this is the best time to weigh in on keeping a balanced approach. Eady feels the  
14 Board of Forestry is getting a one sided view of what is needed and wanted by the general  
15 citizens. Clatsop County is a permanent member of the Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee  
16 (FTLAC) and could really influence the outcome. Eady thinks if the county stood up there would  
17 be an opportunity that other counties may also follow the lead of Clatsop County. Eady said  
18 previous decisions may not reflect this current Board’s position and the citizens have a right to  
19 know what the Board is thinking.

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21 Roger Dorband, 462 6<sup>th</sup> St., Astoria. Dorband brought a letter that he wrote and emailed a copy  
22 to the Board of Forestry. Dorband doesn’t feel the Board has been transparent and feels  
23 Thompson has a conflict of interest being married to an Administrator from Linn County.  
24 Dorband said he has been waiting for a response from the Board on their position on the forestry  
25 issue. Dorband shares Eady’s concerns about what the Board’s stand is on the forest issues and  
26 encouraged the Board to take a strong position on forestry.

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28 Helen Westbrook, 2860 Log Bronc Way, Astoria. Westbrook asked that Clatsop County get  
29 some representation to the FTLAC and the Board of Forestry. Westbrook met with County  
30 Manager Moore who said he is already clear on what the forest policies of the Board are so why  
31 risk making a decision only to make people angry. Westbrook said harvesting levels have been  
32 unsustainable while pesticides are accumulating in watersheds and draining to fish bearing  
33 streams. Westbrook said the largest oldest trees are being targeted for harvest to intentionally  
34 destroy species habitat and threatened species are heading to the endangered category and  
35 endangered species are heading to extinction. Westbrook is asking Clatsop County’s  
36 representative go to the FTLAC meetings and speak the policies the County Manager says have  
37 already been established by the Board.

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39 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

40 *Nebeker moved and Thompson seconded a motion to approve the consent calendar. Motion*  
41 *carried unanimously.*

- 42 a. Approval of contract with Bio-Oregon for purchase of fish food ..... {Page 15}
- 43 b. Workers’ Compensation for Volunteers..... {Page 71}
- 44 c. Dispatch Services Agreement ..... {Page 77}
- 45 d. Approval of contract with Emergency Responder Services, Inc. .... {Page 81}
- 46 e. IGA with State Marine Board for Waterborne Public Safety ..... {Page 93}

1 f. Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes 6-8-16..... {Page 127}  
 2 g. Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes 6-22-16..... {Page 135}  
 3 h. Approval of 2016-17 non-profit funding agreement with CEDR..... {Page 141}

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 5 **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

6 Lee read a report from Clement. Clement met with the Habitat Restoration Project Manager from  
 7 CREST in order get a feel for their take on the former governor's plan for gillnetting. The  
 8 manager could not speak for the entire organization of CREST but believed the plan is not  
 9 viable. Clement stated the goal of the Columbia River Gillnetter is not to rape the river of  
 10 salmon, but to have a sustained, managed fishery. Clement plans to continue the dialog between  
 11 local river restoration groups and the gillnetter. Clement asked people to attend the Clatsop  
 12 County Fair. The youth and their leaders have worked hard and this is their chance to show off  
 13 their yearly projects. There will be new exhibits, amazing famous entertainment, great food  
 14 booths and a wonderful beef BBQ right before the annual auction Saturday evening.

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 16 Nebeker no report.

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 18 Rohne attended the CEDR meeting which was devoted to the housing issue in the county. CEDR  
 19 has found businesses that wanted to open but their employees couldn't find a place to live.  
 20 Rohne said some obstacles were identified such as lack of buildable land; development costs can  
 21 be high and zoning doesn't always allow the flexibility to build. Rohne said Senator Johnson is  
 22 very aware of the zoning issues. Rohne suggested that employers donate money toward  
 23 workforce housing and then possibly use it as a tax incentive.

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 25 Lee read a memo he wrote on state forest management so the citizens would know what has been  
 26 said by the Board. Lee said the Board of Forestry has decided to explore a "land exploration"  
 27 approach in which some areas are designated for long term conservation and others for long term  
 28 production. The Board of Forestry has directed that a revised plan should include both increased  
 29 conservation and increased financial viability for the Department of Forestry. The Science Review Team  
 30 has recommended a minimum of 30% of the land be dedicated to conservation. Due to the fact that  
 31 Clatsop County produces more state forest timber than any county in the state, it is critical for Clatsop  
 32 County's distinct perspective to be heard and acknowledged. Lee said Clatsop County is on record  
 33 regarding these matters in several letters. The County will be very interested in the third party review of  
 34 the Division's inventory estimates and growth and yield modeling.

- 35 1) Clatsop supports balanced management that includes timber harvest, money to taxing
- 36 districts, recreation, and conservation measures.
- 37 2) The county supported the designation of 20% of the forest for high value conservation
- 38 areas. It supported durable and visible designations.
- 39 3) The county has not supported changes to the existing revenue distribution or revenue pooling
- 40 scenarios.
- 41 4) The county does not support increasing harvest in Clatsop County to pay bills for general
- 42 ODF management or for ODF management in other counties.
- 43 5) The county has supported exploring a habitat conservation plan to help ensure harvests are
- 44 not disrupted by litigation.
- 45 6) The county supports revenue diversification, including general fund support POP's for
- 46 recreation, the South Fork Prison Camp, and scientific monitoring, all of which benefit
- 47 Oregonians more broadly.

1 Lee asked Reynolds about the status of the Linn County lawsuit. Reynolds said the first round of motions  
2 were argued and some motions are still under consideration. The judge ruled that only Linn County and  
3 other counties, if it was determined to be a class action, would have a voice in the lawsuit. The motion on  
4 whether the class is certified will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> and the decision may be a month after that. Lee said the  
5 county wants a balanced management plan that acknowledges Clatsop County.

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7 Thompson also attended the CEDR meeting and stated neighbors are concerned about their  
8 homes and livability. There is a lack of available housing due to transient housing. Thompson  
9 said they are looking at more density in appropriate areas to increase the sustainability. The City  
10 of Cannon Beach is having a strategic plan open house on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Thompson attended the  
11 Clean Treatment Center opening. Thompson spoke with the director who said they have more  
12 people who need the services and have no place to live in the community once they leave the  
13 program. The Community Action Team has submitted a grant to obtain more progress on what's  
14 happening at Sunset Lake. Thompson introduced Senator Merkley at the town hall meeting who  
15 talked about climate change, transportation, and what is important to the county.

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17 **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

18 Moore stated they are working on completing negotiations with the nurses. Moore reminded the  
19 Board that August 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a work session on mental health.

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21 **ADJOURNMENT 6:49pm**

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Scott Lee, Chairperson