

**General Discussion: January 12, 2016**

**9:00 a.m. – BCC Conference Room**

Commissioners Cheryl Walker, Keith Heck, and Simon G. Hare; Linda McElmurry, Recorder

*Chair Cheryl Walker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.*

1. **Other (ORS 192.640(1) “. . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.”)**

Commissioner Hare said he just received an email from Rocky McVay, O&C Executive Director saying the County should receive the SRS payment at the end of January.

Commissioner Hare discussed his liaison assignments saying the Board discussed Regional Solutions and will move it to Commissioner Walker, he will reach out to them to have her appointed. The Josephine County Citizen Corp should go to her as well as it is under Emergency Management. He recommended that Legal Counsel's liaison be the Chair each year. He said his Manager liaisons are all ok except Building and Safety who he hasn't heard back from and Planning who he hasn't met with. He felt Planning/Economic Development would be a good fit for Commissioner Walker with the exception of the Regional Pilot Project which is close to completion. The Board agreed with his recommendations and asked staff to make those changes. He said two people from Josephine County attended the O&C Board meeting last week to take action to have him step down. Tony Hyde, Chair made it clear the Association would not be taking action.

Commissioner Hare asked the Board if the Forestry Committee was still viable. It was initially set up to refine the inventory or scope which they did and proved to be a real benefit to the County. He would like them to assist in developing and defining the Forestry Strategic Plan. The Board agreed to keep them active and have them meet with the new manager. Commissioner Hare asked about the Mining Committee saying he felt they had achieved their goal. The Board asked him to discuss it with the committee at their next meeting asking if they felt it was beneficial to continue. Commissioner Hare discussed setting up a Coordination Committee to assist meetings with agencies. After some discussion the Board agreed this was not the right time and to wait until relationships were strengthened.

Commissioner Hare said now that the Property Manager had been hired he would like to review his list of projects with him and set up some priorities.

Commissioner Walker advised she would be out April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 10 or 11<sup>th</sup>. She also said she met with Arthur O'Hare, Finance Director to get data for a potential public safety levy. Although it is not a popular concept she felt the people should decide. Commissioner Heck said he would profoundly prefer this plan be developed and reared up by a citizen group and doesn't believe it is best accomplished by the Board so he would not support it. Commissioner Hare felt there was merit to a different idea and didn't feel he could make a decision to shut the jail down without asking the people but he didn't come prepared to make a decision and requested Commissioner Walker wait until Thursday for his decision. The Board agreed to put a non-binding question on 3453 on the ballot to see if citizens wanted the State to take over Public Safety.

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The Board discussed the corporate tax of 2% of their gross earnings (IP28) and agreed Commissioner Walker would send a letter against the bill.

The Board discussed the contract with Kate Dwyer. The Board agreed to move forward with the Kate Dwyer contract.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.