

February 2, 2011
6:00 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

**JOINT WORK SESSION
NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL
And
LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Councilor Members present: McConnell, Brusselback, Allen, Sawyer, and Roumagoux

Commissioners present: Thompson, Hall, and Lindly.

Staff present: Voetberg, Hawker, McCarthy, Tokos, Miranda, Belmont, Yuille, Valerie Soilihi, and Miller.

Others in attendance: Caroline Bauman, Keira Morgan, John Baker, Linda Neigebauer, and others.

Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

WAVE ENERGY

A discussion ensued regarding the status of wave energy projects in the territorial sea. Allen distributed a handout related to "Part Five - Oregon Territorial Sea Plan," and "Options for Oregon's Coastal Local Governments: Participation in Planning for Ocean Alternative Energy." A discussion ensued regarding the impact of wave energy devices on the viewshed.

LINCOLN COUNTY'S NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY GRANTS

A discussion ensued regarding the process used by Lincoln County for awarding grants to non-profit social service agencies. A copy of the process was included in the packet. It was noted that the amount of monies distributed is determined by the budget process; the project is supported by the general fund; funds are distributed on a quarterly basis; and there are reporting requirements.

UPDATE ON LINCOLN COUNTY'S 10-YEAR PLAN ON HOMELESSNESS

Hall discussed the 10-year plan to deal with homelessness in Lincoln County. The packet contained the "Report to the Community: Year 3," which Hall reviewed.

PROPOSED COMMUNITY “CONTACT” CENTER

Hall explained that the idea is for a possible day center for homeless and folks in transition. It was noted that several local churches have discussed the possibility of rotating the center among churches on a monthly basis, although no final decisions have been made.

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS AND POSSIBLE FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

A discussion ensued regarding the Blue Ribbon Committee recommendations to the County Commissioners, which was included in the packet. Specific discussion focused on the use of transient room tax funds to pay for an “expo center” type of facility; potential uses; and possible partners. Thompson and Allen indicated that they preferred the matter go to an election. It was the consensus of the group that the matter requires further discussion.

ANNEXATION OF POCKETS OF PROPERTY IN SOUTH BEACH

Brusselback noted that he had asked the item be discussed. Tokos reported that the annexation of some of the properties may ultimately facilitate development of the area.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.