

January 11, 2012  
6:00 P.M.  
Newport, Oregon

**JOINT WORK SESSION  
NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL AND THE  
LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSION**

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

Commissioners present: Thompson, Hall, and Lindly.

Staff present: Voetberg, Hawker, Tokos, Paige, Gross, Miranda, Belmont, Yuille, Chambers, Landers, Eames, and Miller.

Others present: Doug Hunt, Jennifer Landers, Debra Jones, Caroline Bauman, Ginny Goblirsch, and Larry Coonrod.

Lindly called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATE**

Hall reported that the preliminary plan is to move forward with an animal service district that would appear on the ballot in November. He noted that approvals would be required from each Lincoln County city. He added that the rate per \$1,000 would be equal to or less than the current assessment. It was noted that materials would be available to the city by February 15, 2012, for inclusion in the City Council packet of February 21, 2012. It was also noted that if the service district question passes, the current levy would be cancelled.

**WORKFORCE HOUSING ISSUES**

Hall distributed a handout containing a PowerPoint presentation. He reported that the Land Trust is moving forward with a variety of projects, and once the city's land bank is organized, this would facilitate projects in the city.

**LINCOM UPDATE**

Voetberg reported that this discussion was initiated by the users. Landers reported that the users recommended that contract negotiations begin with the Willamette Valley Communications Center. It was noted that Belmont is facilitating this process. Belmont reviewed progress to date.

## **WAVE ENERGY/TERRITORIAL SEA PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS**

Allen updated the group on the wave energy/Territorial Sea Plan amendment process. He asked how coordination should occur. McConnell noted that he would broach this topic with the Lincoln County mayors at the end of February. He added that Lincoln County would be invited to attend this meeting.

## **COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLANS UPDATE**

Chambers updated the group on Mike Miller Park and plans for this facility, and its connectivity to the Wilder development. He briefly reviewed other county facilities, and noted that funding is limited for additional park and open space development.

## **ANNEXATION OF BIG LAKE**

It was reported that the city is interested in annexing the Big Lake watershed lands (lake and road). It was further noted that the city is not interested in changing the historic use of the facility. Gross addressed the water issues and noted that processes would be streamlined if the city had jurisdiction. County representatives were amenable to the annexation.

## **CAMPING IN VEHICLES**

Hall distributed two handouts regarding camping in vehicles. He noted that the county is looking at allowing limited camping in vehicles, and that the City of Portland just instituted a one-year pilot program. Miranda stated that he had no objection.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICIES, TRAINING, AND FUNDING**

Thompson distributed a hand-out with questions that he plans to ask law enforcement agencies throughout Lincoln County. He stated that since his DUII arrest, he had received 65 communications from throughout the state. He read the questions. Allen stated that this matter could have been brought to the city manager rather than this forum.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Golbrisch addressed the group with concerns law enforcement agencies response to specific issues.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.