

Association of Oregon Counties  
Legislative Committee

Monday, January 9, 2012  
12:00pm

Local Government Center, Room 113  
1201 Court Street NE  
Salem, Oregon

*Present: President Tammy Baney, Commissioner Mary Stern, Judge Pat Shaw, Commissioner Earl Fisher, Commissioner Janet Carlson, Commissioner Greg Malinowski, Commissioner Craig Pope, Commissioner Tony Hyde, Commissioner Mark Labhart, Commissioner Jim Bernard, Commissioner Diane McKeel, Commissioner Annabelle Jaramillo, Commissioner Jay Dixon, Commissioner John Lindsey, Commissioner Kathy George, Commissioner Andy Duyck, Judge Steve Grasty, Commissioner Bill Hansell, Commissioner Cheryl Hukill, Commissioner Larry Givens, Judge Gary Thompson, Commissioner Dennis Linthicum, Commissioner Fred Warner, Commissioner Chris Perry, Commissioner Al Switzer, Commissioner Ken Kestner, Administrator Ralph Wyatt, Sheriff Jack Crabtree*

*Via telephone: Judge Dan Joyce, Commissioner Peter Huhtala, Commissioner Alan Unger, Commissioner Simon Hare, Public Works Director Robb Paul*

*Guests: Greg Wolf, Lisa Howard, Troy Rayburn, Doris Penwell, Bobby Green,*

*Staff and consultants: Mike McArthur, Gil Riddell, Emily Ackland, Mark Nystrom, Mike Eliason, Paul Snider, Eric Schmidt, Laura Cleland, Kenneth Crick*

President Tammy Baney called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and asked for self-introductions.

**Judge Grasty moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Hansell seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

### **Priority Items from Committees**

#### **Transportation**

Commissioner Switzer spoke about LC64 and asked for the Legislative Committee's support in backing LC64. **Commissioner Bernard moved to support. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

#### **Public Safety**

Commissioner Bernard spoke about LC101 for HB2012 and advised that the Public Safety Steering Committee would be watching this amendment.

### **Steering Committee Work Plans**

#### **Economic and Community Development**

Ann Hanus provided highlights from the committee work plan provided in today's packet. **Commission Hyde moved to accept the Economic and Community Development Committee work plan. Commissioner Pope seconded the motion.** Commissioner

Carlson recommended moving to a standardized format for steering committee work plans.  
**Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

### **Energy & Environment**

Emily Ackland provided highlights from the committee work plan provided in today's packet. A lively discussion on fracking ensued. Several members of the Legislative Committee were interested in hearing the upcoming presentation on fracking. President Baney asked Emily Ackland if she would arrange for a presentation at a future Legislative Committee meeting.  
**Judge Thompson moved to accept the Energy & Environment Committee work plan. Commissioner Josi seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

### **Transportation**

Ann Hanus provided highlights from the committee work plan provided in today's packet.  
**Commissioner Bernard moved to accept the Transportation Committee work plan. Commissioner Pope seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

### **Public Lands & Natural Resources**

Gil Riddell provided highlights from the committee work plan provided in today's packet.  
**Commissioner Josi moved to accept the Public Lands & Natural Resources Committee work plan. Judge Grasty seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

### **Water**

Gil Riddell provided highlights from the committee work plan provided in today's packet.  
**Commissioner Hyde moved to accept the Water Policy Committee work plan. Commissioner Josi seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

### **Governance**

Michael Eliason advised the Legislative Committee that the Governance Steering Committee would have a work plan ready by the next Legislative Committee meeting.

### **Communications Policy**

Eric Schmidt advised the Legislative Committee that the Communications Policy Steering Committee will meet on January 23, 2012.

### **Human Services**

Commissioner Carlson advised the Legislative Committee that the Human Services Steering Committee will meet on January 23, 2012 to work on its work plan.

### **Public Safety**

Commissioner Bernard advised the Legislative Committee that the Public Safety Steering Committee will meet on January 23, 2012 to work on its work plan.

### **NACo Workforce Funding Resolution & Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization**

Ann Hanus spoke about these resolutions which are provided in today's packet.  
**Commissioner Hyde moved to support both of these resolutions. Judge Thompson seconded the motion. Commissioner Stern found a grammatical error. Discussion ensued. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

### **AOC 2012 Federal Agenda: Legislative fix for NEDC v. Brown/Decker**

Gil Riddell spoke about this resolution. Discussion ensued. **Commissioner Hansell moved to support this resolution. Commissioner Hyde seconded the motion. Motion passed with one opposed vote from Commissioner Lindsey.**

### **AOC 2012 Federal Agenda: Biomass from Federal Lands**

Emily Ackland spoke about this resolution.

**Judge Grasty moved to support this resolution. Commissioner Bernard seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

The new Executive Director of the Department of Human Services Erin Kelley-Siel spoke to the Legislative Committee about restructuring and other changes taking place. She also answered questions from those present.

Director of Local Government Affairs at the Oregon Health Authority Bobby Green spoke to the Legislative Committee about changes taking place at OHA.

## **Steering Committee Reports**

### **Economic & Community Development**

The name of this committee has changed from Community Development to Community and Economic Development.

### **Energy & Environment**

Commissioner Givens advised the Legislative Committee that the Energy & Environment Steering Committee plans to bring a resolution to the next Legislative Committee meeting to support of Senator Wyden's Energy Storage Act.

### **Governance**

Commissioner Fisher reported the Governance Committee heard from speakers today about Facebook and Data Centers.

### **Human Services**

Commissioner Carlson stated that the Human Service Steering Committee will meet on January 13, 2012. She also talked about their discussions on means of communicating with committee members and others interested in the committee. She asked the Legislative Committee how they would like to hear about what's going on. Commissioner Josi recommended email. Commissioner Pope talked about the citizen's concerns about being able to choose their own doctors. Commissioner Carlson also spoke about county government's role, risks and liabilities in health care transformation. Commissioner Lindsey talked about his conversations with local doctors and how they feel about health care transformation. Discussion continued about the different means of communicating and the need for speedy notification when issues arise. Discussion also continued about a need for better timelines for legislative response.

### **Public Lands & Natural Resources**

Judge Grasty assured everyone that the check is in the mail.

### **Public Safety**

President Baney announced that Commissioners Bernard and Dixon will be chairing a new task force on juvenile services.

## **Transportation**

Commissioner Switzer advised the Legislative Committee that he, Commissioner Warner and Ann Hanus visited with Pat Egan the new chair of the OTC to discuss county issues. They also had a good meeting with Lynn Peterson in the Governor's Office. He and Ann Hanus went to a Freight User's meeting and saw a presentation on the Columbia River Crossing. He thought it would be beneficial for the rest of the Legislative Committee to see this presentation since it will affect ODOT's budget. President Baney thought it would be a very good idea to see this presentation and since no one had any objections she asked Commissioner Switzer and Ann Hanus to set it up.

## **Water**

Commissioner Pope advised the Legislative Committee that the Water Policy Committee will have resolutions coming.

## **Affiliate Organizations Reports**

### **Administrators**

Ralph Wyatt advised the Legislative Committee that they had a good meeting with Chief Operating Officer and DAS Director Michael Jordon about the new budget process.

### **Sheriffs**

Sheriff Crabtree thanked the Legislative Committee for its work on HB2712. He thanked everyone for their support of the Commission for Public Safety. It has helped lower the crime rate in Oregon to the lowest it's been since 1960.

## **Other Business**

### **AOC Legislative Reception**

Mike McArthur reminded everyone about the AOC Legislative Reception on February 20, 2012 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at the Capitol Galleria. He reminded everyone that this will be an excellent time to meet with legislators.

### **NACo**

Eric Schmidt announced that the NACo Legislative Conference starts on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. He asked that attendees arrive on February 29<sup>th</sup> as we are setting up hill visits on March 1<sup>st</sup> and other visits on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Up & Coming**

Laura Cleland announced a new electronic publication that will only be going out to the county family. This publication will include meetings and conferences that the AOC staff will be attending in the next week. Judge Grasty thought that this was a great idea.

Commissioner Labhart thought we should hear from Greg Wolf from the Governor's Office. Greg Wolf wanted to introduce Lisa Howard. She worked with Governor Kitzhaber during his previous term. He also wanted to announce that regional solutions are growing and if they have missed any issues in our communities to please let him know.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.