

**Community Development Steering Committee  
Transportation Steering Committee**

**Association of Oregon Counties**

November 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Members: Diane McKeel, Chair, (Multnomah), Al Switzer, Chair (Klamath), Wayne Fording, Vice-Chair (Jefferson), Gary Thompson (Sherman), Mary McArthur (EDD's), Tony Hyde (Columbia), Seth Crawford (Crook), Mark Labhart (Tillamook), Craig Pope (Polk County), Tammy Baney (Deschutes), Michael Weimar (Gilliam), Don Skundrick (Jackson), Peter Huhtala (Clatsop), Brad Winters (Lake), Scott Hege (Wasco), Seth Crawford (Crook), Hulette Johnson (Umatilla), Jay Bozievick (Lane), Fred Messerle (Coos), Terry Tallman (Morrow), Greg Malinowski (Washington), Don Lindly (Lincoln), Tony DeBone (Deschutes),

Guests: Larry Niswender (Lottery), Greg Wolf (Regional Solutions); Clyde Saiki (ODOT), Rick Crager (DHCS), Beth Vargas Duncan (ODOT Active Transportation Section), Nick Batz (Congressman DeFazio), Kathy Erickson (Congressman DeFazio), Celia Barry (Lane), Scott Liesinger (HW Lochner Engineering), Sandi Pittman (Morrow), Lynn Schoessler (OBDD), Joel Shapiro (Multnomah)

AOC Staff: Ann Hanus, Art Schlack, Doris Penwell, Jon Oshel, (AOC), Mike McArthur (AOC)

Chairs Diane McKeel and Al Switzer convened the joint meeting of the Community Development and Transportation Steering Committees at 1:15 pm. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Tony Hyde and seconded by Commissioner Wayne Fording. Motion approved.

**Approval of Principles and Resolutions**

The Community Development Principles were reviewed, and no changes were proposed. Commissioner Tony Hyde moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Craig Pope. Motion was approved.

The Transportation Principles were reviewed and two new principles were discussed. Commissioner Mark Labhart moved for approval and Commissioner Don Lindly seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Commissioner Joe Laurance spoke in favor of his NACo Resolution in Support of Legislation to Limit Closures of Rural Post Offices. Following discussion of the motion, Commissioner Craig Pope moved for support of the resolution and Commissioner Jay Bozievich seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Commissioner Tony Hyde spoke in favor of the NACo Resolution in Support of EDA funding. Following discussion of the motion, Commissioner Tony Hyde moved for support of the resolution and Commissioner Wayne Fording seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Commissioner Al Switzer spoke in favor of the NACo Resolution on Federal Forest Highways. Following discussion of the motion, Commissioner Mark Labhart moved for support of the resolution and Commissioner Craig Pope seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

### **Oregon Lottery Outlook – Larry Niswender, Director, Oregon Lottery**

Larry Niswender, Director of the Oregon Lottery, gave a power point presentation on the current status and outlook for the Oregon Lottery.

### **Emerging Transportation Policy and Funding Issues – Deschutes County Commissioner and Oregon Transportation Commission member Tammy Baney and ODOT Deputy Director Clyde Saiki**

Using a power point presentation, ODOT Deputy Director Clyde Saiki spoke about the funding outlook for ODOT and the significant challenges the agency will face as a result of significant declines in state and federal transportation revenues.

Commissioner Craig Pope asked ODOT to give counties an opportunity to compete with ODOT for the delivery of road services. He expressed frustration that barriers need to be removed and there should be a better model for the transportation system. Beth Vargas Duncan with ODOT Active Transportation Section said counties have been working on federal compliance requirements to deliver projects are their own rather than only through ODOT.

Commissioner Tammy Baney implored county commissioners to voice their opinions and be involved in the development of transportation programs and funding issues. She stressed the importance of the Area Commissions on Transportation (ACT's) and urged all counties to have representation.

## **Housing and Community Services Issues –**

### **Oregon Housing and Community Services Deputy Director Rick Crager**

Department of Housing and Community Services Deputy Director Rick Crager outlined the different potential budget scenarios that will impact food banks, programs for the homeless, and affordable housing. He mentioned that OHCS lost its contract with HUD; however, HUD reviewed the process and decided to start over after many states lost their contracts to entities in other states. Their HUD contract has been extended to at least March 31, 2012 and probably will be extended another six months longer.

He mentioned the Oregon Home Stabilization Program where Oregon received a large grant to help individual homeowners facing foreclosure. They have had 18,000 applications of which about 6000 are eligible. They will be sending \$30 million to homeowners as of November 16, 2011.

### **Update on Regional Solutions, Greg Wolf**

Greg Wolf, Governor's Office, provided an update on the Regional Solutions Program. He said that as of the following week, ten of eleven Regional Solution committees will have met. Issues identified to date include O&C lands, access to federal timber, workforce housing needs, workforce training needs, wetland permitting, industrial land availability, business retention, and regulatory reform.

## **Other Business**

Ann Hanus urged members to attend the "Show me the Money" session on Wednesday, 3-4:30 p.m. and "Future of Transportation Funding" on Thursday, 8-9:15 am.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.