

## **Governance Steering Committee Association of Oregon Counties**

June 6, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Members: Present: Columbia County Commissioner Earl Fisher, Gilliam County Judge Pat Shaw (phone), Linn County Administrator Ralph Wyatt (NACA-Administrators- Phone), Jefferson County Commissioner John Hatfield (Phone), Tillamook County Commissioner Mark Labhart, Marion County Treasurer Laurie Steele, Lincoln County Clerk Dana Jenkins (Phone).

Guests: Alex Cuyler (Lane County), Brenda Wilson (City of Eugene and PERS Alliance)

AOC Staff: Mike Eliason, Paul Snider.

Co-Chair Fisher convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

### Affiliate Updates

Dana Jenkins gave the report for the clerks. He discussed the clerks' support for HB 3074, which adds the ability of military and overseas voters' to return ballots by scanned email. He also discussed HB 3148, which changes the procedures for candidates' collecting signatures to avoid paying fees for voters' pamphlet statements. He expressed disappointment that the bill to change precinct committee person elections appears to be dead but was encouraged by the passage of the E-Recording bill, HB 3195.

Ralph Wyatt reported that county administrators were interested in the health transformation bill, the bills that revise how civil filing fees are distributed to counties (HB 2710) and how criminal fines are distributed (HB 2712)- both bills essentially create a legislatively-controlled "super account" subject to the appropriations process. Administrators' are also interested in the community corrections budget, local budget law, and any last-week deals on PERS.

Laurie Steele reported the Treasurers were happy with the passage of SB 954, which allows a bit more time for CAFFA reporting to the state. She also discussed HB 2613.

### PERS Update

Brenda Wilson, lobbyist for the PERS Alliance and the City of Eugene, discussed the action, or lack thereof, on PERS during the session. She discussed HB 2456, which in some circumstances will take away the tax benefit payment that future out of state retirees now receive to offset benefits being subject to state income tax requirements, taxes out of state retirees typically do not owe. She also discussed the PERS Board's upcoming discussion on whether to adjust the current 8% Assumed Earnings Rate.

## Public Records

Paul Snider and Mike Eliason discussed SB 41, the Attorney General's bid to revamp Public Records Law. The bill has stalled in the Senate Rules committee, due in large part to objections from state agencies and local governments. The AG has expressed interest in continuing to pursue many of the proposed changes in the future, however.

Co-Chair Fisher adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

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