

# Agenda Item Number 4.

## Report of the Executive Committee

**Presenter:** George Kloeppe

**Action Recommended:** None. Information Only

### Meeting Notes:

#### Meeting of February 15, 2007

The LCOG Executive Committee met at 5:30 on Thursday, February 15 in the LCOG Main Office in Eugene. Members present were:

LCOG Board Chair, Patrick Lanning, EWEB  
LCOG Vice Chair, Greg James, Willamalane  
Coburg Mayor Judy Volta  
Florence Mayor Phil Brubaker  
Bethel School District Director Alan Laisure  
Cottage Grove Mayor Gary Williams

Staff members attending included Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool, Kay Metzger, Jamon Kent, Ann Mortenson and George Kloeppe. The Committee considered:

#### February 22 Board Agenda

Kloeppe distributed and reviewed the agenda for the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on February 22 in the City of Veneta. He noted that the “special presentation” for the month would be an exploration of “*enriching opportunities in small communities, enhancing a ‘sense of place,’ revitalization and economic development.*” To initiate or catalyze the discussion, Gordon Zimmerman, Oakridge City Manager, and Mark Shrives, Creswell City Administrator, are slated to make a 10-15 minute presentation. Also scheduled to be considered by the Board were a consideration of the Lane Economic Committee’s response to the recommendations of the Board subcommittee on potential overlap of economic development efforts, election of two additional members of the Executive Committee, provision of “seat and voice” on the LCOG Board to a representative of the LTD Board, and reports on agency-owned real

estate, the Coordinated Population Forecast project, and the mid-year financial report.

### **Coordinated Population Forecast Strategy**

Associate Director Bob Swank distributed a memo and described the approach and schedule for the update of the regional Coordinated Population Forecast for the year 2030. He noted that all thirteen general purpose jurisdictions would be involved—initially at the chief administrative officer-level—and the process was expected to yield draft revised population allocation figures by the end of the fiscal year.

### **Letter of support for “Equity” for Transfer Area Agencies on Aging**

SDS Director Kay Metzger provided background on the prospective advocacy for “equity funding” for agencies such as LCOG which administer Medicaid programs in the state. This item is slated for consideration under the Board’s Consent Agenda in February and would address comments to the members of Lane County’s delegation to the State Legislature. By motion (\_\_\_ and \_\_\_) the staff was requested to prepare a letter for the Board’s consideration and signature of the Chair. Further, the model letter was to be provided to individual members of the Board for their use in advocating on behalf of the “equity” issue.

### **Economic Development Planning Coordination**

To be considered by the Board under agenda items 7.B, 11.A and 11.B, the Lane Economic Committee (LEC) had offered recommendations for appointments, a recommendation for a Bylaw amendment, and a response to the Board subcommittee’s advice on reducing duplication of effort in economic development planning. Associate Director Bob Swank summarized all three components of the LEC’s recommendation, stressing that the LEC had identified four key objectives within the Board subcommittee’s recommendation and had addressed these with a proposed “action plan” for which Board approval was sought. It was noted that the proposed Bylaw amendment would eliminate the “term limit” provision presently in place and that change would allow long-standing members to continue their service on the committee. By motion (\_\_\_ and \_\_\_) the Committee recommended approval of the proposed appointments to the LEC. And by motion (\_\_\_ and \_\_\_) the Committee recommended approval of the proposed amendments to the LEC Bylaws.

### **Transportation Planning, MPC/Executive Committee Consultation**

Technology Services Director Byron Vanderpool explained the scheduling difficulties that had resulted in the cancellation of the February 13 joint meeting of the MPC and the LCOG Executive Committee. He noted that efforts were underway to reschedule such a meeting. The Committee discussed the “interests” of the MPO with the understanding that those interests were not vastly different from those of the MPC. It was noted that Jim Johnson had been retained to facilitate the discussion of dispute resolution with the Executive Committee and the MPC.

### **Integrated Medicaid Project, Pilot Project**

SDS Director Kay Metzger described a prospective change in the way “transfer AAAs” in the Willamette Valley manage Medicaid expenditures. She noted that at present we are funded to provide case management, financial services and other oversight services to the Medicaid system (serving senior and disabled clients) in our region. In Lane County and in two other regions, consideration is being given to a structural change that would feature management of direct service resources as well as case management resources under a capitated system. She emphasized that, while discussions are underway between the State and representatives of our agency, Cascades West COG and Northwest Senior Services Agency, any implementation of such an experimental approach would require federal waivers and would be at least three years in the future. Kloeppel noted that the concept being pursued has some potential advantages to the clients, as well as to the public bodies providing the funding and the service. The Committee discussed the idea with the understanding that it was at a very preliminary stage.

### **Agency Owned Real Estate**

Associate Director Bob Swank reported that all of the obstacles had been cleared to refinance the Schaefers Building. The County Commissioners had authorized the County Administrator to repurchase the bonds and to release the title to LCOG. With that step taken, he indicated that the new financing through Umpqua Bank would be in place in about a month and a half. The interest rate has been set at 5.125 percent and \$3,000,000 would be the loan amount. Payments will be only slightly higher than existing debt service and the proceeds will provide, not only for the tenant improvements (new third floor tenant), but will provide an appropriate reserve for the agency. Swank also reported that agreement had been reached with the State for the Department of Transportation to lease the entire LCOG office building in Springfield.

## **Review of Appreciation Dinner**

Kloeppel asked the members of the Committee for feedback on the Appreciation Dinner in January. The general response was that the program was well received and of about the right length. Committee members who attended liked the Village Green venue and considered it appropriate for the event.

## **SDSD Highlights from 2005-06**

It was noted that an information item regarding SDS activities in the past fiscal year had been deferred by the Board at its December meeting because of time constraints. Board members, however, had received the written report. SDS Director Kay Metzger called attention to the report and, specifically, the experience of the Senior Connection and Senior Meals programs—the level and value of the services and the perpetual lack of adequate funding. She also noted that LCOG’s Medicaid case management services focused on providing the least restrictive care settings for the clients involved. Unlike some other areas of the country in which nursing homes were the primary long-term care venue for Medicaid clients, in Lane County, 44 percent were receiving in-home assistance, 13 percent were served in adult foster homes, and 24 percent lived in community-based licensed facilities. The Committee members discussed elements of the report and thanked Kay for bringing the two issues to their attention.