

**Report on issues discussed at the weekly  
Management Update meeting on February 2, 2009**

Commissioners present: Commissioner Milne, Commissioner Carlson and Commissioner Brentano

**INFORMATIONAL**

Cost of banking, current interest rates, and interest rates for FY09/10 budget

Laurie Steele, treasurer, provided a handout that showed current interest rates available for county investments. She said that for the next fiscal year she is only estimating 0.5% for interest earnings. John Lattimer, chief administrative officer, said that is one reason why revenues are down. Laurie said that she has had to pay substantially more in bank fees this year since earnings credits have not been sufficient to cover bank fees. She said she will be looking for supplementary funding during the second supplemental budget for the additional bank fees, armored car fees and interest to cover a loan to the general fund from the solid waste fund. In response to a question by Commissioner Milne, John answered that the additional dollars will likely come from the general fund contingency. He explained that a portion of interest earnings are recognized in the general fund while bank fees are paid from the treasurer's budget. Laurie reiterated the importance of planning for the upcoming year. Commissioner Brentano expressed his confidence that Laurie is keeping up to date on the financial situation.

**OTHER**

Dan Estes, senior policy advisor, discussed proposed legislation that would affect the Aurora Airport. He said the City of Wilsonville is seeking legislation that would allow them formal decision making authority for issues regarding the Aurora Airport. Each commissioner expressed the desire for the area governments to work together however, they were not in support of any legislation that would supersede the county's land use authority. Commissioner Milne provided background information regarding the current memo of understanding regarding the Aurora Airport and the City of Wilsonville's role in that process. Commissioner Milne said that the Oregon Aviation Department is beginning master planning for the Aurora Airport. She said the process involves considerable opportunities for public input. Dan recommended that a letter to Marion County legislators be prepared that clearly states the county's position. Dan will work on preparing a draft letter in conjunction with the other senior policy advisors.

**COMMISSIONERS' UPDATE**

Commissioner Carlson mentioned the article in yesterday's Statesman Journal written by John Lattimer. The commissioners agreed it was well done. Commissioner Milne will be submitting the next article and plans to discuss what business can expect from government.

Commissioner Milne discussed ideas for meeting preparation that would help meetings run more efficiently. She suggested adding a line that

indicates the purpose of the meeting near the top of the agenda request forms. She also indicated that it is helpful when all related information is distributed ahead of time rather than handed out at the meeting and requested a work session master calendar.

In addition, Commissioner Milne discussed a recent article she read in the Wall Street Journal discussing green business initiatives. She said the article talks about some of the drawbacks and costs of going green. She reiterated her commitment to looking at alternative energy and finding ways to keep costs down however, it will be important to be careful before jumping into something new.

Commissioner Brentano distributed his notes from a recent meeting where Rep. Kurt Schrader discussed the federal recovery and reinvestment package. He said Oregon could receive up to \$4 billion in stimulus funds. Commissioner Brentano also discussed a letter that is being prepared in support of the Woodburn interchange federal earmark request. He requested additional suggestions on to whom the letter should be directed to.

#### WORK SESSIONS AND OTHER MEETINGS

- 2/3 Work Session – Marion County public lands, 9:00-11:00
- 2/4 Board Session, 9:00-1:00  
Woodburn/County meeting, 12:00-1:00
- 2/5 City of Salem/County meeting, 8:00-9:00  
Department Head/Elected Officials meeting, 9:30-11:30
- 2/6 Meeting with Rep. Kevin Cameron, 7:00-7:45
- 2/9 Commissioners' calendar review, 8:30-9:00  
Management Update, 9:00-11:00  
Forum Series – Gregg Kantor, NW Natural Gas, 11:45-1:15

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