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AGENDA COVER MEMORANDUM

AGENDA DATE: April 20, 2005

TO: LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FROM: Faye Stewart, East Lane County Commissioner

PRESENTED BY: Peter Thurston, Community and Economic Development Coordinator

AGENDA ITEM: ORDER/IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING COMMISSIONER FAYE STEWART AS LANE COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FIBER SOUTH CONSORTIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE REGIONAL FIBER CONSORTIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I. MOTION

IT IS MOVED THAT THE ORDER BE ADOPTED IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING COMMISSIONER FAYE STEWART AS LANE COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FIBER SOUTH CONSORTIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE REGIONAL FIBER CONSORTIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

Shall Lane County appoint Commissioner Faye Stewart as Lane County's representative on the Fiber South and Regional Fiber Consortia boards of directors?

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

Lane County is a member of Fiber South Consortium and Regional Fiber Consortium along with Klamath County, Coos County, and Lincoln County, and approximately 20 cities in the region. The consortia were formed as public intergovernmental organizations under Chapter 190 of Oregon Revised Statutes to promote broadband telecommunication in the region, including provisioning of improved distance learning services, wireless systems, high speed Internet access, economic development, public safety communications, medical, and public school services. The Consortia operate as a public-private venture, with a private-sector system operator maintaining and developing the regional system.

Lane County funded an economic development project in 2003 to light a fiber optic line between Eugene and Oakridge, which was accomplished in February 2004.

B. Analysis

The Board of Commissioners may appoint anyone to represent the county. Typically, commissioners are the first choice for appointment to an outside agency. Other members of the consortia usually appoint elected officials as their representatives.

The attached report from Lane Council of Governments, administrative agency for the Consortia, describes the current status and development opportunities this year. Included with the report is the list of Fiber South Consortium members. Also attached is a list of the Regional Fiber Consortium members.

Appointment of Lane County representative to the Consortia boards will insure formal involvement in current planning for use of the lit portion of the system and other opportunities to facilitate broadband services throughout Lane County.

C. Alternatives/Options

The Board may:

- 1) Approve the ORDER directing the appointment of Faye Stewart to represent Lane County on the consortia boards of directors, or
- 2) Appoint another person to be Lane County's representative, or
- 3) Decide not to make appointments to the consortia boards.

D. Recommendations

Number 1 is recommended, appointing Faye Stewart to the consortia boards of directors.

E. Timing

It is important to make appointment of a representative to the consortia boards so there will be an officially appointed representation on these board when they conduct business later this month, and over the next year.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP

Upon approval of the Board, the consortia will be advised of the appointments.

ATTACHMENTS

ORDER

A – LCOG update letter, with attached Fiber South Consortium list

B – Regional Fiber Consortium list

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO.) **IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING**
) **COMMISSIONER FAYE STEWART AS LANE**
) **COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FIBER**
) **SOUTH CONSORTIUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
) **AND THE REGIONAL FIBER CONSORTIUM**
) **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

WHEREAS, Lane County is a member of the Fiber South Consortium and the Regional Fiber Consortium with a voting position on each consortium board of directors; and

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners may at its discretion appoint a Commissioner to represent Lane County on these telecommunications consortia boards of directors; NOW, THEREFORE:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Commissioner Faye Stewart is hereby appointed to represent Lane County on the Fiber South Consortium board of directors and the Regional Fiber Consortium board of directors.

Signed this 20th day of April, 2005.

Anna Morrison., Chair
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 4/12/05 Lane County
Terese J. [Signature]
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

FIBER SOUTH CONSORTIUM★

Local Governments Working to Improve Telecommunications Services

March 17, 2005

Fiber South Consortium Member:

In 2000 the Fiber South Consortium was established to develop fiber optic resources in the Coos, Douglas and Lane County areas. After acquiring a diverse route from the Coos Bay area to the Eugene area, the Consortium solicited proposals from private companies to make use of the fiber routes. The Consortium goal was to establish improved telecommunications services along the route and to the member communities of the Consortium that might connect to the route.

Unfortunately, while the Consortium was finalizing arrangements with the selected private provider, PCINW, the economy of Oregon and the nation collapsed, led by a very severe decline in the telecommunications industry.

The Consortium and PCINW have survived, although for a long time there has been little to show beyond the fact of survival. There are beginning to be some signs of revitalization. With Consortium assistance, PCINW established service in Oakridge. There has been little service activity there so far. PCINW is in the final stages of establishing service to Florence and Reedsport (this may be completed within a month). PCINW has formed a partnership with Comspan, and together they are working on plans for a major deployment in Bandon. PCINW has plans to expand service to additional areas.

Like PCINW, the Consortium has had moments of difficulty, but has survived thus far. The Consortium has, among other steps, modified its agreement with PCINW in light of the economic and technical changes that have taken place since the original agreement was signed.

One problem for the Consortium has been attendance at Consortium meetings. It is understandably difficult to maintain a commitment to an organization that started with high hopes and achieved very little. If, however, the Consortium is ever achieve any of its goals it must maintain some level of support from its members. There have been instances when the Consortium has not been able to conduct meetings because it was unable to form a quorum. For those of you who have not attended recently, most Consortium meetings are attended by telephone by most attendees.

Included with the letter is a list of Consortium members and some of their representatives. For some members it is out of date. For some receiving this letter, this may be the first you know of the Consortium because we have not been able to keep up to date with changes among our members. Please take a minute to review the information. Also included is a membership information form. If the information on the Consortium list is in any way incorrect, please fill

out the membership information form and return it to me by mail, fax or email. Most of the Consortium communications have been by email. If that does not work for you, please indicate that – and be sure to give me an address for mailing information.

There will be several Consortium meetings this year. The next one will probably be in April. If you do not expect that you will be able to attend in person or by telephone, please consider the possibility of designating another member as your proxy. If you wish to consider designating a proxy, you may want to contact another member, perhaps one geographically close to you, and discuss a proxy. This letter is being sent to all members of the Consortium, so other members should at least be informed of the possibility of a proxy exchange.

In light of the optimistic statements made in the past, I need to be careful about any predictions about the future for the Consortium and its goals. Telecommunications continues to be an important measure of economic development potential. Even though there has been an improvement in telecommunications services made available everywhere, including the rural areas of the region, there is still a long way to go. So the potential offered by the Consortium is still significant. So far all the technological advancements in areas like wireless and internet services still ultimately rest on transmission through a fiber optic network, so the potential value of the Consortium asset remains.

At the last Consortium meeting, while members were waiting to assemble a quorum by telephone, there was some speculative discussion about restructuring the Consortium. The consensus was to not do so. The Consortium has made it to here, and while its ability to “make it happen” is different than it was, keeping the commitment is the only practical way to have any effect on the outcome.

Please respond to the information request to help the Consortium strengthen its operational abilities. If you have any questions, or want more information, please contact me at 541-682-4023 or mmecham@lane.cog.or.us.

Thank you.



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(Revised January 2005)

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