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**MINUTES OF THE
JOINT WORK SESSION
WITH YACHATS CITY COUNCIL
AND
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
6:00 PM, MARCH 15, 2017
YACHATS COMMONS CIVIC MEETING ROOM**

Chair Thompson convened the informal meeting at 6:00 pm. Also present were Commissioner Hunt, Commissioner Thompson, County Counsel Wayne Belmont, Public Information Officer Casey Miller, and Recorder Tanya Graham. Yachats City Council representatives included, Mayor Gerald Stanley, Councilors Max Glenn, Greg Scott, Barbara Frye and James Tooke.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Care and Condition of Ocean View Drive – Mayor Stanley stated that Ocean View Drive is the responsibility of the County. The City of Yachats and its citizens are very concerned about the condition of the road.

Roy Kinion, Director of Public Works encouraged Mayor Stanley to call him with any concerns. Marine and Ocean View Drive are on the schedule to be resurfaced sometime within the next two fiscal years. Due to the lack of timber dollars, the funds for road maintenance are down. Currently there is a Transportation Bill being worked on that will go before the Legislature. If passed, the extra funds will be provided to counties and can be used to help with road maintenance.

Commissioner Hall reported that he has been in Salem recently and the Comprehensive Transportation Package is moving forward to the Legislature for review.

Commissioner Hunt reported that a wide variety of options have been discussed to help raise revenues for transportation issues.

Suspended Walkway on Ocean Edge – Roy Kinion reported that this area is just north of the state park and potentially could be a jurisdictional transfer. There is currently a portion of the road that has eroded away and a variety of ideas have been discussed on how to repair it. The ideas range from a small walkway to a board walk. The discussion still needs to continue with State Parks, City of Yachats and Lincoln County.

Health Care for Yachats Area – Mayor Stanley reported that the City has conducted a variety of surveys with their citizens and one item that is always requested is healthcare in the Yachats area.

Cheryl Connell, Director of Lincoln County Health and Human Services reported that HHS and the City have been in discussions concerning healthcare for about a year and they are continuing to explore a collaboration with the Lincoln County Health Center in providing a part-time provider to the area. Lincoln County is committed to finding a solution.

Barbara Frye reported that the discussions with the Lincoln Community Health Board have been very positive and the quality of services is strong.

Commissioner Hunt asked what the biggest hurdle is to bringing healthcare to Yachats. Cheryl Connell stated the biggest hurdles are finding staff, space and a provider. The solution needs to be sustainable for the future.

Housing Shortage – Commissioner Hall reported that last year the Economic Development Alliance facilitated three discussions about workforce housing. Those discussions helped to elevate the subject and allow people to see how complicated of a problem it really is. The Association of Oregon Counties, Oregon Housing Alliance and other coalitions are advocating for ways to streamline the building processes. There are a number of Bills in front of the Legislature to help make housing issues less cumbersome. Currently housing is one of the top issues across the state.

Mayor Stanley asked if there is anything cities and counties can do to help with the housing process. Commissioner Hall stated that if local governments looked at shortening their application periods and restructuring their system development charges it could possibly help encourage developers.

Transportation – Cynda Bruce, Director of Lincoln County Transit reported that focus groups and technical advisory meetings are occurring as part of the process to update the Lincoln County Transit Development Plan. Transit is looking at what residents and riders want and need with a focus on seniors and disabled customers.

Barbara Frye stated that the City of Yachats would like to be a part of the conversation with Transit to help ensure the needs of their citizens are heard. Max Glenn requested updating to the bus stop in Yachats. It currently does not have a shelter and the property owners are willing to assist with the improvements. Also discussed was the possibility of a bus route going from Yachats to Florence.

Long-term Water Storage – Commissioner Thompson reported that the City of Newport received a grant to do a study on water storage. There are times when the Siletz River is very

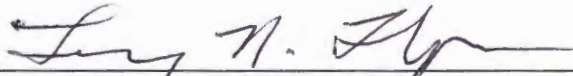
low and it has an adverse effect on the fish runs as well as puts the communities at risk for water shortages. If and when a new storage facility is developed, the County will need to use their land for placement.

Greg Scott stated that he has been representing the City of Yachats by participating in the regional meetings hosted by the City of Newport. He would like to be a part of the solution in an effort to help the City of Yachats plan for potential water shortages.

The joint session adjourned at 6:50 pm. These meeting minutes are approved on this

6th day of September, 2017.

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