

TRI-COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION MEETING

Held: February 19, 1976

PRESENT: Cease, Chairperson; Halvorson, Vice Chairperson; Bryson; Burgess; Campbell; Gisvold; Gregory; Herrell; Hoover; Jaeger; Keller; Kirkpatrick; Linstone; Mays; Rieke; Roberts; Schwab; Snedecor; Sprecher; Stahl; Stuhr; Telfer; Tippens; Yost

Staff: Rich; Bukowsky; Bushong; Cross; Etlinger; Garbutt; Raimondi

Guest Speaker: Charles Warren, Project Director, NAPA

Excused: Bonyhadi; Brickley; Coleman; Frewing; Hays; McGilvra; Nees; Nelson; Nightingale; Shepherd; Simpson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ronald Cease. Roll call was taken. A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Sprecher.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE - A motion to delete the second paragraph was rejected. A motion to amend the second paragraph was made by Mr. Yost and seconded by Ms. Burgess. After considerable discussion, it was determined to delete "such qualities as." Amended copies will be sent to Commission members.

CONFERENCE APRIL 10-11 - Commission will pay \$15, members will pay \$10 of the cost of accommodation at The Inn at Otter Crest. The Chairman requested all members who have not done so to turn in their reservations. The Portland Junior Symphony will give a concert at Otter Crest, Saturday, April 10. Contact Bill Cross for tickets.

FUNDING - The letters to businesses requesting support were mailed February 2. Approximately \$4,500 has been collected to date.

POLICY STATEMENT ON REIMBURSEMENT has been adopted and will be sent out to all members.

WORK PROGRAM will be reviewed by the Executive Committee on March 3. It and a revised budget will be distributed to the Commission.

REPORTS

Neighborhood Organizations & Citizen Involvement Committee - Cliff Campbell, Committee Member.

The students were asked to develop a team to gather information. The review of their findings will be completed the end of this week. The schedule of activities for Phase II will be refined.

Regional Governments & Agencies Committee - Snedecor, Chairperson

Representatives from the Port of Portland and from Tri-Met will give reports at the next two meetings of the Committee. This will complete the list of the agencies from which they sought information. Staff has provided them with a summary chart on the various regional agencies.

Local Government & Intergovernmental Relations Committee - Gisvold, Chairperson

The Committee is finding the relationships between the counties and cities to be complex; it is difficult to thoroughly examine their activities. Gisvold commented on Dr. Brady's interest in the work of the Commission.

Finance and Taxation Committee - Stahl, Vice-Chairperson

This Committee has heard from representatives of each of the three counties and from a city in each county, and will be hearing from representatives of special districts. In addition to the weekly meeting, the Committee met with Gil Gutjhar to review budget procedures and terminology. There is concern about decreasing property tax revenue and the instability of revenue sharing funds. Services may have to be cut back.

There is a general trend toward unionization and this is have a budgetary impact on these jurisdictions. The Committee is starting to receive information from the smaller service groups. They are also examining overview of school finances.

If other Committees have requests for fiscal information, the Committee Chairperson would appreciate knowing your requirements at the earliest possible time.

State-Local Relations Committee - Yost, Chairperson

The Committee has met with representatives of DEQ, LCDC, Health Dept. and other state agencies, from whom they are receiving candid response. Most agencies feel more money would solve their problems.

Cease reminded the members that committee reports must be turned in to the staff no later than Friday, March 26.

Chairman Cease introduced Charles Warren, NAPA Project Director, who congratulated the Commission on getting the project off to such a good start. A copy of his speech is being mailed to Commission Members.

In addition, Mr. Warren reported on the Denver Metropolitan Study Commission. Two or three people from the TCLGC will attend an April 1 & 2 conference in Denver. The Denver project is a four county study area. The Chairman is also a University person. Their first meeting was December 20, and they have approved a work program and a budget. There are seven functional committees. The staff is augmented by 28 research people from the University faculty. They also will prepare reports in late March on their first phase. Public hearings will begin in April.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Thursday, March 18, at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting adjourned.