

FINANCE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

February 12, 1976

Noon

A G E N D A

1. Call to order

2. Speakers:

Jerry Justice, Administrative Assistant,
Clackamas County
Donald Eppley, City Manager, Lake Oswego

3. Discussion

4. Adjournment

Jerry - \$10 million general fund
never adopted tax base
(30%) reliance on timber revenue > unique factors
4% CETA \$1.05 tax rate (3 1/3% - county
state shared 5 1/4% > schools
6
IED + ECC - 15%
extra 8%

RS - pays for 24 sheriffs (out of 70)
20% for human services
50% " statutory services state mandated
\$400,000 short revenue to meet budget
1 3/4 million base increase = 60¢ per increase
suggests: state support court, basic school support

Don

single family home doesn't pay for itself
in service levels

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/TAXATION COMMITTEE

Held: Thursday, February 12, 1976

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Chairman Simpson, Kirkpatrick, Landauer, Roberts

EXCUSED: Remainder of committee

Staff: Bukowsky, Raimondi, Rich

GUEST SPEAKERS: Jerry Justice, Administrative Assistant, Clackamas County
Don Eppley, City Manager, Lake Oswego

Jerry Justice: Clackamas not much different than other Oregon counties. Clackamas County does not have a tax base, which is unique. The county has relied on O & C timber land for 30% of its revenue in contrast to none for Multnomah and Washington counties. The county commissioners made the decision to go to the voters in April for a revenue tax base, for the following reasons: O & C revenue is down; drop in the interest rates; 8% increase in doing business. This places Clackamas County \$400,000 short of meeting the 1976-77 budget. This vote failing, the county will go to the voters again in June for a 6% levy in excess of the 6% limitation. Alternative: 10% cutback in general fund budget, cutback in services.

The County is carrying a nominal load of state mandated services. Example: If the state picked up court system, it would save Clackamas County \$400,000. Because of population increase, there will be an increase in judges' positions, necessitating greater expense for larger location to house them.

Justice stated mandatory service increases, "Biting into the Budget".

With extra money to provide better services, not more, it would mean 1/2 mil. for law enforcement and libraries. Question: Are there any joint facilities in Clackamas county, e.e. school and county libraries? Answer: "None that I am aware of."

Don Eppley, Lake Oswego, City Manager: The city gives service that the individual could not supply himself. It is literally a cooperative arrangement of individuals sharing the costs. Some don't want all service, but cooperative stance of the service won't allow individual to pick and choose. Some service can be on a user fee basis, i.e. water and sewers.

Lake Oswego's forecast to 1981 shows a \$2 million difference between revenue and expenditures. 1977 will be shy by \$600,000. We are setting up dual employees, trained for fire and police service to cut manpower at the same time maintain service. How do you go to the community with an economic downturn and ask for an increased budget? How do you prioritize needs? How do you know what importance each of the city departments is?

There is need to increase city growth not for growth sake, but for equity in services. That is to say to increase mix of dwellings from single family to multiple/commercial/some light industry. How do you tack on user fees for all services equitably? Solutions to problems of duplication is to share with other communities. This is being done by Lake Oswego in computer time with Clackamas County. "We are exploring other avenues of sharing."