

MINUTES OF THE LONG RANGE OPTIONS COMMITTEE

Held: November 10, 1976

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brickley, Chairperson; Schedeen, Vice-Chairperson; Hoover, Jaeger, Jordan, Lang, Russell, Snedecor, Stuhr, Yost

Jim McKillip - Commissioner Jordan's Office

EXCUSED: Keller

STAFF: Rich, Garbutt, Mitchell, McPherson

The Chairperson opened the first meeting of this committee at noon and introduced the members and staff. Linda McPherson will be the staff person for this committee.

MEETING TIME - Every other Thursday noon was generally agreed, with the exception of the next meeting which will be Wednesday, November 24 at noon.

Rich presented a list of suggested issues for this committee (LR-2).

There was a discussion of the charge of the Committee which will include alternative long range plans; something that would more clearly define what this committee feels should be accomplished in the next five to ten years.

The short range model leaves all the cities, counties and special districts in tact. The model we adopted in April consolidated the regional bodies with the consolidated county. The County Council would then be the regional governing body. The legislature has the authority to alter county boundaries.

Yost: The three counties we are discussing extend to large rural areas which will never be in the metropolitan area. Rationally this committee should propose boundary changes, but without a specific recommendation for counties.

A wall map of the area we are studying would be a very useful visual aid.

Jordan: We need a clear idea of our objectives: are we going to have rural and urban districts. There are financial problems with having the regional body governing the unincorporated areas as well as the incorporated areas. One possibility would be a massive annexation program to enlarge city boundaries.

Snedecor asked that the committee be sent copies of the Portland Metropolitan Study Commission Charter.

This will be mailed to committee members before the next meeting.

The staff will also extract pertinent long range information from the studies done in Phase I and Phase II by the other committees.

Rich pointed out that Oregon is one of the most difficult states in which to propose reorganization of government. According to the present constitution each city would have to vote individually on consolidation. The 6% limitation also presents a problem.

THE INTERIM COMMITTEE will have a more limited version of our proposals and we will present our own bill draft based on all the items adopted by this Commission. November 15 will be our last meeting with the Interim Committee.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.