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Appreciation Lunch for Lane County Legislators

**Representatives Bob Ackerman, Alan Brown, Terry Beyer,
Phil Barnhart, Debi Farr, Bruce Hanna, Paul Holvey and Arnie Roblan.**

Senators Bill Morrisette, Floyd Prozanski, Joanne Verger and Vicki Walker

Hosted by the Lane County Board of Commissioners

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| <i>1. Welcome & Introductions</i> | <i>Anna Morrison</i> |
| <i>2. Highlights of Legislative Session</i> | <i>Legislators</i> |
| <i>3. Review of County's Issues</i> | <i>Board Members, County Officials</i> |
| <i>4. Opportunities for the future</i> | <i>All</i> |

Summary Review of Issues

2005 Oregon Legislative Assembly

Lane County

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Methamphetamine:** Legislative package increased criminal penalties for certain activities related to use, possession and manufacturing of meth. Also restored some funding in Community Corrections of treatment services for offenders. Creates opportunity, through E-Board, for counties to receive grants to help fund local drug courts. Biennial budget does not provide any supplemental funding for deputy district attorneys, or witness fees, leaving counties to fund all of the prosecution function (other than salary of the District Attorney).
- **Civil Forfeiture:** Legislature restored and revised civil/criminal forfeiture. Provides resources for asset forfeiture oversight, illegal drug cleanup fund, state general fund, with the balance divided between law enforcement use and substance abuse treatment.
- **Community Corrections Funding:** Legislature preserved funding for community corrections services through counties at a level that preserves basics of SB 1145 agreement. No inflation included in the appropriation. HB 2766, which proposed an alternate, long-term funding formula, did not pass.
- **Public Safety District:** Legislature passed HB 3301, which provides Lane County additional options in addressing chronic funding deficiencies in its public safety system.
- **Jail Inspections:** Legislature passed HB 3157, making optional the annual inspection of non-county detention facilities in the county.

EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

- **Collective Bargaining:** Legislature declined to pass changes in collective bargaining laws that apply to public safety employees (SBs 319, 320 and 321) and that could increase costs for public employers.
- **Peace Officer Definitions:** Legislature modified definition to accommodate narrow concerns of some Parole/Probation officer associations, but retained restrictions on P&P officers ability to make arrests in general. Interim study will be undertaken to further inform discussion of next legislature.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

- **OHP Benefits:** Restored significant level of dental benefits provided through Oregon Health Plan to low-income children and adults.
- **Veterans Service Officers:** Provided additional funding for county veterans services offices, reflecting the higher demand for those services by military personnel and their families.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- **Public Contracts:** House passed measure to reform contract language contained in agreements with state agencies that disadvantage county governments or expose counties to unfair degrees of risk. (HB 3303).
- **Revenue Sharing:** Budget package preserved counties' long-standing agreements with state to not regulate at local level video lottery and other vices in exchange for defined share of state's proceeds.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES

- **Urban Renewal Reforms:** HB 2964 would have provided more opportunity for all affected taxing districts to have a say in creation of new urban renewal districts. Issue needs more attention because of financial hardship (loss of tax revenues) urban renewal can impose on overlapping jurisdictions.
- **Court Facilities:** State courts and counties need to agree on facility standards and financing mechanism to bring existing court facilities up to some minimum level, and provide on-going resources for maintenance and operations of those facilities which house circuit courts.
- **Eminent Domain Reforms:** Depending on outcome of anticipated ballot measures, legislature may need to review and consider a focused review of the appropriate use of condemnation by local jurisdictions when purpose is for economic development.
- **Land Use Planning:** Depending on status of court decisions on Ballot Measure 37 validity and experience of state/county/city governments in resolving individual claims, legislature may need to consider substantive and procedural remedies in next session.

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