

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: August 6, 2013 **Approx Time:** 9:00 **Approx Length:** ⁶⁰~~30~~ minutes

Presentation Title: ~~Oak Lodge Library Options~~ Library Measure Effects

Department: Business and Community Services

Presenters: Gary Barth, Chris Storey, and Doris Grolbert

Other Invitees:

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Business and Community Services staff is seeking direction from the Board regarding the course of action going forward to ensure the long term provision of library services to the Oak Lodge Library community.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Library District in Clackamas County was approved by voters in November 2008. After the District was established, two Intergovernmental Agreements were developed. The District IGA is between the District Board and 10 participating library cities. The District IGA addresses the distribution of District revenue, obligations of the District and library cities. The IGA states that the County libraries are treated the same as city libraries as a separate service center to be funded.

In section 1.6 Transition Payments in the IGA between the City of Gladstone and the District, the agreement outlines the steps to transition the county-run Oak Lodge Library to the City of Gladstone in order to provide the citizens of both areas quality library service into the future and to extract the county from the being the provider of retail library services per the direction of the Board of County Commissioners.

1.6 Transition Payments. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that the District shall distribute funds to Clackamas County for the operation of the Clackamas Corner and Oak Lodge Libraries pursuant to the alternative Service Area Maps described on Attachment B until such time as the City of Happy Valley and the City of Gladstone construct facilities sufficient to serve such area. During the term of such distributions, the Parties anticipate that the County libraries will be operated in a manner consistent with the Service Standards. Upon completion of such facilities, distributions shall be made based on the indicated Service Area Maps. To the extent the annual distribution of funds to Clackamas County is greater than the annual need to operate such libraries; the District shall retain such funds in trust for the Cities of Gladstone and/or Happy Valley, respectively, for distribution at such time as such City is constructing new library facilities.

Recently, citizens in the City of Gladstone voted not to proceed on the construction of a new library facility sufficient to serve the joint populations of Gladstone and Oak Grove and therefore the City of Gladstone cannot provide library services to Oak Grove residents as anticipated in the IGA. The Board of County Commissioners have directed staff to transition out of providing library services and the one option planned for Oak Grove appears to no longer be an option. The citizens of Oak Grove were to receive comparable level of library services within relative proximity comparable to all other

citizens throughout the newly formed Library District. Staff will present for the Board's consideration several options and is seeking direction on alternative solutions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

There are potential financial implications to the county should the Board reverse prior Board decisions regarding the long term provision of library services. These cannot be quantified until more clarity is provided regarding the Board's direction moving forward.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

The District-Library Cities IGA sets goals for levels of library service within Clackamas County. These options are designed to meet the level of service goals and comply with the IGA language.

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

During the Library District informational campaign the County stated the following in literature and presentations:

If the ballot measure passes, the City of Gladstone would work with the Oak Lodge Library community to build a new joint Gladstone/Oak Lodge Library. Oak Lodge Library would remain open until the facility is built. The Oak Lodge community would be represented on the new library board. If the measure does not pass, Oak Lodge Library would close by June 2009.

OPTIONS:

1. Does the Board still wish to transition out of providing direct library services to the public?
 - a. If yes, does the Board wish to continue working with the City of Gladstone to provide library services to the residents of Oak Grove as anticipated when the District was formed and as outlined in the IGA between the Library District and the City of Gladstone?
 - b. If the City of Gladstone elects not to provide services to this expanded unincorporated area outside their city service area, does the Board wish to engage the City of Milwaukie in discussions to replace the City of Gladstone as the provider of library services to the citizens of Oak Grove?
 - c. Does the Board want to consider developing a "branch" library facility in Oak Grove sufficient to meet the threshold level of service standards for the citizens of Oak Grove and then transition management of that facility to either Gladstone or Milwaukie, similar to the arrangement with the City of Sandy who assumed management of the county-run Hoodland Library after the District was formed.
 - d. Does the Board wish to reverse the prior Board's decision and remain a direct service provider of library services to the citizens of Oak Grove?
 - e. If yes, does the Board want staff to begin the analysis for a new or improved library facility in the Oak Grove area sufficient to meet threshold level of services as outlined in the city IGA's?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff does not have a recommendation as to whether the county should remain a direct library service provider. Staff continues to operate under the Board directive to transition out of the role as a direct library service provider. Once the Board reaffirms or reverses that decision, then staff will present to the Board and is prepared to offer recommendations under either scenario outlined above.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____

Department Director/Head Approval _____

County Administrator Approval _____

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Fiscal Impact Form

RESOURCES:

Is this item in your current work plan and budget?

YES

NO

START-UP EXPENSES AND STAFFING (if applicable):

ONGOING OPERATING EXPENSES/SAVINGS AND STAFFING (if applicable):

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

COSTS & BENEFITS:

Costs:							
Item	Hours	Start-up Capital	Other Start-up	Annual Operations	Annual Capital	TOTAL	
Total Start-up Costs							
Ongoing Annual Costs							

Benefits/Savings:							
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