

# CLACKAMAS COUNTY EXTENSION AND 4-H SERVICE DISTRICT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BUDGET HEARING FOR 2021-2022

MAY 24, 2021 – 1:00pm

This meeting was held in the Public Service Building, Board Hearing Room, 2051 Kaen Road, Oregon City. All members introduced themselves.

The Board of Clackamas County Commissioners was in attendance: Chair, Tootie Smith and Commissioners Martha Schrader, Mark Shull, Paul Savas, and Sonya Fischer. Other county staff included: Gary Schmidt, County Administrator; Elizabeth Comfort, and Priscilla Montoya.

Clackamas County Extension and 4-H Service District Budget Committee consisted of Ed Winkler (Community), Chair; Rob Kappa (MG), Vice-Chair; Cheryl Keithan (4-H), Secretary; Don Wiley (FCH), and Rob Guttridge (Forestry). Extension Liaison, Leah Sundquist; Financial Coordinator, Pamela Whitten; Angela Sandino, NW Regional Director; and Staff Representative, Janaleen Williams were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Smith at 1:00pm. Commissioner Smith asked for a nomination for Chair of the EXTENSION AND 4-H SERVICE DISTRICT Budget Committee. Rob Kappa nominated Ed Winkler for Chair and Rob Guttridge seconded the nomination. Commissioner Smith called for the vote. The nomination was approved by all. Commissioner Smith turned the meeting over to the new Chair, Ed Winkler.

Chair Winkler asked for nominations for Secretary of the Extension District. Don Wiley nominated Cheryl Keithan for Secretary of the District. Rob Kappa seconded the motion. Chair Winkler called for the vote - the nomination was approved by all.

Chair Winkler asked for presentation of the Budget Message from Leah Sundquist, OSU Liaison for Oregon State University's Extension Service programs in Clackamas County.

Sundquist shared the District's PowerPoint presentation and Budget Overview which included: OSU's Mission, Vision, Core Values and Services; Service areas as they meet the County Commissioners priorities of Building Public Trust, Growing a Vibrant Economy, Building a Strong Infrastructure, Ensuring Safe, Healthy and Secure Communities; and Investing in our Natural Resources. Leah also discussed Major Accomplishments of each program area including 4-H Youth Development, Horticulture/MG, Family Community Health, Forestry and Community-wide support during the pandemic, wildfires, and the recent ice storm. She also discussed the continuing search for funding from other sources for the new Extension Education Center. Estimated costs for the current plans for a 22,000 sq. ft. building have risen to \$18M. Commissioner Shull inquired about the Special Services line in the budget that includes repayment of salaries, and expenses to OSU.

Chair Winkler asked for public testimony or comments and there was none either in-person or on Zoom.

Chair Winkler called for the motion and Rob Guttridge *“moved to approve the 2021-2022 Extension Budget as presented, and to impose the maximum permanent tax rate within the district's boundaries for the amount of \$0.05 cents (5 cents) per \$1000 of assessed value”*. Rob Kappa seconded the motion.

*Chair, Winkler called for the vote. “It has been moved and seconded that the OSU Extension Clackamas and 4-H Service District budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 be approved”. All members were polled for their response. Those present voted “Aye” and the motion to approve the budget passed anonymously.*

Since there was no further business, Chair Winkler adjourned the meeting at 1:45pm.

Discussion after the Budget Presentation:

Q. Sonya Fischer asked for more information on the status of funding the new building.

A. Leah has a meeting scheduled for June 2 with the OSU Architect to discuss all things about the new building to include number of floors, building plans, etc. She is hoping to get approval of OSU to put the building on their priority list which would help to get funding from other foundations that support the Extension Service.

Q. Martha Schrader asked if Extension will be consulting the Oregon Legislature about additional funding.

A. Leah responded that getting on the OSU building priority list will also put our building in-line for a legislative funding request.

Q. Chair, Tootie Smith asked if Extension is still considering bond funding from Clackamas County.

A. Leah responded that she is looking into support from Foundations right now and needs answers to many questions.

Budget Committee member, Rob Kappa spoke about the need for a speedy resolution on funding new building so ground breaking can begin.

Q. Sonya Fischer asked how the Pandemic has affected the needs/size of the building since programming is so different now.

A. Leah responded that Extension staff will need to re-evaluate the building plans for size and space needs. It will be earthquake resistant, and contain a community kitchen for teaching and emergency operations for community use.