

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Staff Presentation Worksheet

Presentation Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 **Time:** 1:30 pm **Length:** .5 Hour

Presentation Title: Session III- 2011 Oregon State Legislative Agenda * Check In

Department: Public and Government Affairs

Presenters: Troy Rayburn, Government Affairs Manager

POLICY QUESTION

Does the work completed and counsel provided to-date align with the Board's goals and objectives for the 2011 Legislative Session?

Is it the intent of the Board for staff to work with Commissioner Lininger, the Sherriff and Representative Tomei on the issue of domestic violence?

ISSUES AND BACKGROUND

This is the third and final scheduled study session. Its purpose is to (1) confirm Clackamas County's legislative interests for the 2011 Legislative Session, (2) highlight on-going work and (3) provide comment as to what staff believes to be some emerging themes for the 2011 Legislative Session.

Legislative Agenda -

Staff has been before the Board twice before. The Board approved the Legislative Agenda in the second work session on December 21, 2010. Commissioner Lininger had previously scheduled time out of state. Staff followed up with her on January 5. Staff highlighted the December 21 study session and spoke with the Commissioner about issues of interest to her.

Staff has worked with Public and Government Affairs production team to produce a distribution piece. Staff has used the draft in meetings with members of the Clackamas County legislative delegation as a tool to initiate dialog and as a visual aide (a test sample so-to-speak). The legislators and their staff have provided such comments as it is informational, well organized and easy to use. The legislators and their staff like the tiered structure. Per Commissioner Bernard's point at the December 21 study session, there will be a times when legislators will have a limited number of votes. The tiered structure provides them with direction. In sum, they find it useful and like it.

On-Going Work * Building and Maintaining Relationships -

Staff spent the convening of the legislature on Monday, January 10, scheduling time with the Clackamas County legislative delegation and their staff. As of January 25, staff has met with:

Senator Ted Ferrioli
Senator Fred Girod
Representative Chris Garrett
Representative Mike Schaufler
Representative Carolyn Tomei

Meetings scheduled after the date of this study session are with:

Senator Devlin
Representative Hunt
Representative Kennemer

Staff will follow up with those legislators that it has not heard back from as of yet and continue to work on building those fundamental relationships.

Staff will also include key committee members such as Ways & Means and committees related to public health and domestic violence.

In addition, staff is also working with the Health, Housing and Human Services Department (H3s) and our regional partners regarding a regional strategy for providing public health services. Meetings have taken place and are scheduled throughout the legislative session.

Staff is also in regular communication with the Association of Counties (AOC) and all of its regional partners.

Emerging Themes -

The following is a brief as to emerging themes regarding the 2011 Legislative Session:

1. It is all about relationships. Building and maintaining relationships with legislators, key staff and committees are crucial.
2. Members are already testy due to the prospect of filling a \$3.5 billion budget deficit.
3. Avoid wandering into uncharted waters. Build credibility by focusing on proposed policies and budgets that directly relate to county operations.
4. There seems to be a growing concern about a lack of checks and balance regarding state agencies.

QUESTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Does the work completed and counsel provided to-date align with the Board's goals and objectives?

OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Direct staff to move forward as recommended.

Direct staff to reconsider or change how work is accomplished.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Reaffirm direction for staff to move forward with the legislative agenda and continue to build relationships with legislators, committees, key staff, etc.

Please reinforce with department directors that they too should be tracking and looking out for their bills of interest. It is going to take a team effort and one person cannot do it all.

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Manager Approval



Department Director Approval

County Administrator Approval
