

FAIRBOARD MEETING
12/199

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. The minutes of the last meeting were handed out. Nellie moved, John seconded that we accept the minutes as handed out. Passed unanimously.

Bart Murray came to talk to us about renting the Health Department Area. It would be for a Youth Outpatient Center. He would also like to lease the Senior's Area for Administrative Offices, but would not be able to use that part until next November. He currently has a lease on another building until November 2000. He would like to rent the Health Department for the same price as the Health Department paid. He thought he could probably bring his own maintenance person. He would not need any of the big room. This group would also be interested in moving into the new "Central Building" when or if it gets built. We will try to make a decision on this before very long, and let him know. He is not on a strict time line. We took a tour of that area. The Health Department area has rest rooms, the other doesn't.

We have received the packet for applying for a Tourism Grant. It would appear to be geared more toward advertising, etc.

Brian Cole was here. The courthouse basement is going to be remodeled. The County Court is looking for some storage space for 6 to 8 months. Brian thinks the Senior's area would possibly work, but doesn't know for sure.

Brian is to look into getting the Health Dept. area cleaned up and the walls patched.

After discussion, Fred moved, chuck seconded, that we rent the Health Dept. area to Bart Murray's organization. Passed unanimously.

There is some confusion over \$3,000 which was to be transferred from the Court via a verbal commitment. This would be Video Poker Dollars.

Brian wants to schedule a work session to work out the rent for using the Senior's area for storage.

Brian doesn't see any problem with the Fair being here in 2000---in the old buildings!

The Oregon National Guard has put out a "request for qualifications". This means that they have requested Architects and Engineers to submit their qualifications for designing the New Armory. There is \$550,000 supposedly set aside for building design. It would be good if the Armory is designed so that the building could be used without needing security people. Currently the plan is to finish the design next summer, with demolition possibly starting next fall. Construction would potentially be done on the Armory in Spring 2002.

Representatives for the ONG will be here the middle of December to discuss taking down the community Center. It is good lumber which could be used to put up stock barns to go with the Pavilion. We should also look into the possibility of moving the Beef Barn intact.

Community Services Building – to go in place of the Extension Building. This would leave vacant buildings scattered around town. All of these are owned by out of town interests. The new building would be two 14,000 sq. ft. floors. Cost hasn't been figured yet, so needed rent, etc. isn't known. Brian is figuring on the building making a profit, which would go toward supporting the conference center and some of the non-profits which couldn't handle a high rent. Potentially this building would go up at the same time as the Armory.

Because of the ownership of the land, the Halfway Fairgrounds would not get any money from a bond levy. The land would have to be owned by the county. Currently the land is owned by the Pine Valley Fair Association.

The task forces will have to come up with "defensible" numbers and a business plan, and not just a list of who "might" do something.

Baker County is "competing" with Grant County for a Forestry Extension Agent. It looks, according to Brian, like Baker County may get the position.

If we are going to need to have a conditional use permit to build our Pavilion, we need to get the process started. We also need to work on the vacating of East Street so that we can, if necessary, build out that direction.

John moved, Nellie seconded, that we pay the bills. Passed unanimously.

The Fairboard is requesting that the Board of Commissioners to the Planning Commission to officially have East Street vacated so that it can be closed.

We also are requesting that the Board of Commissioners get started on a conditional use permit for building on the Fairgrounds.

OFA Convention will be January 7, 8, & 9th in Eugene.

We will have a potluck New Year's Party at the January meeting. It will start at 6:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 P.M. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 5, 2000. We will have a potluck starting at 6:00P.M.

Submitted by:

Chuck Buchanan, Secretary
Baker County Fairboard

ATTENDANCE: Chuck Buchanan, Nellie Forrester, John Leonard, Curt Jacobs, Fred Cockram.

Brian Cole, Bart Murray, Jerry Herbes, Robert Borgen, Allen Hack, Robin Hack, Jennifer Hack, Dick Herbes, Paul Grove, Annette Cockram.