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MEMORANDUM

Agenda Date: June 25, 2003

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Teresa J. Wilson, County Counsel



Subject: Possible Questions for Application to East Lane Commissioner Position

Attached to this memo is a draft of a potential Page 1 for the East Lane Commissioner Position application. I simply melded the front pages of the 1989 and 1994 applications that you received earlier.

Below is a list of all of the questions from the 1989 and 1994 applications (duplicates eliminated), plus the questions submitted to Correne Mashaw since your initial discussion at the June 4 Board meeting. Melinda Kletzok, Public Information Officer, sent out a news release on June 5 requesting citizens' input on possible questions for the application. When the question has a year in brackets, it indicates which application it came from, as there were similar, but not identical questions. Also attached is one e-mail that identifies issues and concerns, but not in the form of questions.

When you go into the Board meeting on June 25th, the underlined heading for each of the questions will be listed on the white board, and there will be a spot for you to mark which are your top 5 choices for the application. At the appropriate time on the agenda, you will then have the opportunity to discuss whether these meet your needs for the application, whether there are other questions you would like to ask on the application, as well as select a date for the applications to be due. Right now, the draft front page indicates applications are due at 5 pm on Wednesday, July 9th. This allows time to receive them, make and distribute copies if the Board would like to proceed the next week to review and select candidates. But the dates are simply suggestions; the Board can choose to set any date it wishes for the applications to be due, or for the Board review/selection of interview candidates.

**Possible questions:**

1. Desire for the Position – Why do you want to be a County Commissioner?
2. Long Range Goals – Name at least three long-range goals you would like the county to achieve. Explain in your answer why these goals are your highest priority.
3. Timber Harvest Management [1989]
  - a. Describe your philosophy and attitude regarding federal forest (US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management) timber harvest management.
  - b. What level of protection should be afforded the spotted owl and old-growth timber?
4. Natural Resources [1994] - Outline your philosophy toward the appropriate use of natural resources and the protection of resource lands.

5. Serial Levies [1989] – Explain why you support or do not support the continuation of the serial levies for the Sheriff's police patrols and for corrections operations.
6. Serial Levies [1994] – Explain why you support or do not support continuation of the serial levies for law enforcement. Also give your thoughts on a differential rate property tax serial levy to fund rural patrols.
7. River Road/Santa Clara [1989]
  - a. Explain what you like and do not like about the City of Eugene's annexation policy for the River Road/Santa Clara area.
  - b. What is the appropriate role for the Board of Commissioners to play in the River Road/Santa Clara annexation issue?
  - c. Should annexation be required in order to hook-up to the sewer system?
8. Urban Growth Boundaries [1994] – What do you believe is your role and the role of the Board of Commissioners in dealing with people and businesses in your district who live or are located outside the city limits but within the urban growth boundary?
9. County Budget [1989]
  - a. If Lane County is faced with a serious revenue shortfall, which general approach would you favor, reducing expenditures through a reduction of services or seeking additional revenue?
  - b. If any expenditure reductions are favored, which services would you reduce?
  - c. If any additional revenue is favored, what revenue source or sources do you believe would be most appropriate?
10. County Budget [1994] – What approach do you favor for dealing with the County's revenue shortfall, reduction of services or seeking additional revenues?
11. Sharing of Road Funds [1989] The Board of Commissioners has chosen to share road fund revenue with cities in Lane County.
  - a. Explain why you support or do not support continuation of this program.
  - b. Would you increase, decrease, or maintain the share currently given to cities?
12. Sharing of Road Funds [1994] Do you support the current program of road fund revenue sharing with cities in Lane County, and what changes, if any, would you recommend?
13. Property Rights – Property rights are very important. Do you favor efforts at Lane County government to protect real property from intrusions of excessive noise, air pollution, or water pollution?
14. Land Use Planning – Several times, Oregon voters have approved Oregon's land use planning system. This system requires cities and counties to establish and protect land outside of urban growth boundaries (UGB). Do you support this system? Do you want to change UGBs in Lane County?

15. Accomplishments – Describe what you want to accomplish as a Lane County Commissioner over the next 15 months.

16. Controversial votes – Over the past few years the Board has had several high profile and split votes. In no particular order, please say how you would vote on any five of the 3-2 votes you've read about. Examples of these votes would include:

- a. Pursuing a "last resort" herbicide policy on county roadsides.
- b. Establishing a fee for visitors to Mt. Pisgah.
- c. Approving the West Eugene Parkway.

17. Difficult Financial Problems – Lane County has difficult financial problems. How would you like to solve these financial problems:

- a. Cut services,
- b. Raise revenues, or
- c. Other

Please describe how you'd deal with this problem.

18. Predecessor's votes – Commissioner Lininger cast several important votes while on the Board. Are there any with which you would disagree?

19. Vision – Where would you like to see the county in 2-5 years?

20. Funding Priorities – What are your priorities for funding?

21. Pressing Needs – What are the most pressing needs? Urban –Rural?

22. Development Models – What models of development would you like to emulate?

23. Conflict Resolution – How would you integrate issues and resolve conflicts around economic, environmental and energy needs?

24. Sustainability – Can you envision the elements of sustainability, i.e., environmental health, economic vitality and social equality, as a model of development?

Application for Appointment  
to the East Lane County Commissioner Seat

(Please submit an original and five copies of this application)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

Date you established residency at this home address \_\_\_\_\_

Date you established residency in Lane County \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Business address \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered voter of the state of Oregon? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you have resided within the county for two years prior to August 15, 2003?

Will you have resided within the district for two months prior to August 15, 2003?

Lane County's charter requires that commissioners serve "full-time." Is there anything which would inhibit you from fulfilling this commitment? ( ) yes ( ) no if the answer to this question is "yes," please attach an explanation.

Please provide answers to all questions on the reverse side of this page. If possible, please provide typewritten responses.

Your application must be submitted not later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2003.

Note: All material submitted is considered public information.

## GILSTRAP Zoanne M

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**From:** MASHAW Ethel C  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2003 4:34 PM  
**To:** GILSTRAP Zoanne M  
**Subject:** FW: Issues, concerns, questions

**Categories:** NoHTML

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I've only received two of these for the commissioners for their questions to ask the applicants when they interview for Tom's replacement, do I send them to anyone else?

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jerome Garger [mailto:jsgarger@att.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 16, 2003 4:11 PM  
**To:** MASHAW Ethel C  
**Subject:** Issues, concerns, questions

Dear Ms Mashaw,

My issues and concerns have to do with finding an East Lane County commissioner replacement who is dedicated to strict enforcement of zoning laws in order to protect the serenity and beauty of our homes -- and the long-term health and well being of the citizens of our community.

A replacement who will stand up and vote for environmental values, for drinkable water, clean air, healthy soil, ancient trees.

A replacement who will make developers and the extraction industry pay the true actual costs for their profits and for the damage that they do - and not be allowed to foist them off on us common taxpayers.

A replacement who will not allow a gravel mining operation like Bradford's in close proximity to 80 families and many very expensive homes and pieces of property.

A replacement who will not allow the scofflaws at the Cottage Grove Speedway to do whatever they want and receive only minor fines.

A replacement who will support locally owned businesses and not give endless tax exemptions and other breaks to corporations that value Lane County only for the scams that they can run on us and the profit they can make at our expense.

I don't know how to express these concerns as specific questions, but I hope they give you a sense of the kind of enlightened replacement I would like to see working the common good of the community and not beholden to big-money special interests.

Thank you.

Jerome Garger