LAND USE BOARD OF APPEALS

BEFORE THE LAND USE BOARD OF APPEALS

1 SEP 1 4 18 AM '87 OF THE STATE OF OREGON 2 HAMMACK & ASSOCIATES, INC.,) 3 BURNS BROS., INC., RALPH) ELLIGSEN, COMMUNITY FIRST) LUBA NO. 87-037 4 FEDERAL SAVINGS and ELVIN H.) FOSTER, FINAL OPINION 5 AND ORDER Petitioners, 6 Vs. 7 WASHINGTON COUNTY, 8 Respondent, 9 and 10 WORLD ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES 11 OREGON, INC., 12 Respondent-Participant.) 13 14 Appeal from Washington County. 15 Mark J. Greenfield, Portland, filed a petition for review and argued on behalf of petitioners. With him on the brief 16 were Mitchell, Lang & Smith. 17 Cheyenne Chapman, Hillsboro, filed a response brief and argued on behalf of Respondent, Washington County. 18 Joseph S. Voboril and Jeffrey H. Keeney, Portland, filed a 19 response brief and argued on behalf of Respondent-Participant, World Entertainment Services Oregon, Inc. With them on the 20 brief were Tonkon, Torp, Galen, Marmaduke and Booth. 21 HOLSTUN, Referee; DuBAY, Chief Referee; BAGG, Referee; participated in the decision. 22 REMANDED 09/11/87 23 You are entitled to judicial review of this Order. 24 Judicial review is governed by the provisions of ORS 197.850. 25

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Opinion by Holstun.

NATURE OF THE DECISION

This is an appeal of an amendment to the Washington County
Rural/Natural Resources Plan Exceptions Statement Document to
approve exceptions to Goals 3, 4 and 11 to allow development of
an outdoor performing arts center.

<u>FACTS</u>

The property includes 45.25 acres located outside the Portland Metropolitan Area Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) near the I-5 Stafford Road exit in Wilsonville, Oregon. The proposed outdoor performing arts center includes an amphitheater with 5,000 permanent fixed seats and a terraced sloping lawn above the fixed seating capable of accommodating an additional 10,000 people. The stage and fixed seating would be covered by a tent to provide shelter and act as an acoustical resonating chamber. Traffic to be generated would range from 3,750 to 9,000 vehicles, and parking would be provided on site. The center would connect to sewer and water service available on adjoining urban land from the City of Wilsonville. Record 18-19.

The Metropolitan Service District (Metro) denied a requested UGB amendment to include the property within its UGB. Metro's denial was affirmed by this Board. City of Wilsonville v. Metropolitan Service District, Or LUBA (LUBA No. 86-037, October 9, 1986).

The applicant, Stafford Hills Performing Arts Center,

subsequently requested plan amendments to allow the proposed performing arts center without amending the UGB. The county planning commission held hearings on the proposed plan amendment. The board of commissioners held a hearing on the proposal, twice continued the hearing, and then took action to approve the plan amendment. Additional relevant facts are discussed later in this opinion.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Petitioners' Motion to Strike

Petitioners moved to strike seven portions of participant-respondent World Entertainment Services' brief and one portion of respondent Washington County's brief. Petitioners claim the statements they want stricken from respondents' briefs either are not supported by the record, or are inaccurate.

While our rules do not expressly provide for motions to strike, OAR 661-10-065 does authorize the filing of motions generally. We do not believe petitioners' objections justify striking respondents' briefs as requested. Petitioners merely object that statements made in respondents' briefs are not supported by the record, or are inaccurate. Such objections may warrant a reply brief as provided in OAR 661-10-075(4), but the fact that an assertion in a brief is inaccurate or not supported by the record is not grounds for striking the assertion. We will, however, disregard any portions of respondents' briefs which assert facts which lack foundation in

- the record.
- Petitioners' motion to strike is denied.
- Respondent Washington County's Motion to Strike
- 4 Following oral argument, Washington County filed a motion
- 5 to supplement the record with the tapes of hearings before the
- 6 planning commission and board of county commissioners. Without
- objection from any party, the Board allowed the motion to
- 8 supplement the record. Washington County also filed an
- 9 alternative motion to strike 22 portions of petitioners' brief,
- contending the brief improperly included transcripts of those
- tapes or made references to the tapes. Because the record now
- has been supplemented to include the tapes, the alternative
- motion to strike is denied.²

14 FIRST AND SECOND ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR

- In the first two assignments of error, petitioner argues
- the proposed outdoor performing arts center is an urban use,
- and the county's action violates Goal 14, OAR 660-14-040 and
- 18 Comprehensive Plan Policy 18.3
- Goal 14 does not expressly prohibit urban uses on rural
- land. 1000 Friends of Oregon v. Wasco County Court, 299 Or
- 344, 703 P2d 207 (1985). Goal 14 defines "urban land,"
- "urbanizable land" and "rural land." While the effect of
- Goal 14 is to require that urban uses be located on urbanizable
- land or urban land (i.e., land inside UGBs) rather than rural
- land, no definition in the Goals describes "urban use." 1000
- 26 Friends of Oregon v. LCDC (Curry County), 301 Or 447, 724 P2d

i	268 (1986). The Supreme Court has made it clear, however, that
2	when a local government is faced with an objection that a use
3	it wishes to allow on rural land is an urban use, it has three
4	options:
5	"(1) make a record [showing] that the decision does
6	not offend the goal because it does not in fact

- convert 'rural land' to 'urban uses';
- "(2) comply with Goal 14 by obtaining acknowledgement of an urban growth boundary, based upon considering [sic] of the factors specified in the qoal: or
- "(3) justify an exception to the goal." Id. at 477.

In City of Wilsonville v. Metropolitan Service District, supra, the Board affirmed Metro's denial of an attempt to pursue the second option through amendment of the UGB to include the property. 5 The applicant then proceeded under the first option, and Washington County concluded that the proposed outdoor performing arts center is a rural use for which no exception to Goal 14 is required.

Respondent Washington County asserts the first two assignments of error turn on the definition of urban use. The county argues

"The central issue in this case is what is an 'urban use'. The most straightforward answer is that no one knows for sure, because there is a 'definitional gap', 1000 Friends of Oregon v. LCDC (Curry County), 301 Or 447, 504, 724 P2d 268 (1986)." Respondent's Brief 6.

We believe this appeal only requires us to determine whether the proposed outdoor performing arts center is an urban The larger question of what the general concept of urban

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left to LCDC because it necessarily involves the exercise of significant discretion and policy choice. 1000 Friends of Oregon v. LCDC (Curry County), supra at 521. Thus, while there are some uses generally agreed to be urban (e.g., residential subdivisions with half-acre lots and community water and sewer) and some uses generally agreed to be rural (e.g., residential development on ten acre parcels), there remain a significant number of uses that will require a case-by-case analysis. Id. at 505-511. We believe the outdoor performing arts center falls in the category of uses requiring case-by-case analysis. Citing LCDC's decision in City of Sandy v. Clackamas County, 3 LCDC 139 (1979), our decisions in Conarow v. Coos County, 2 Or LUBA 190 (1981), and Ashland v. Jackson County, 2 Or LUBA 378 (1981), and the Supreme Court's decision in 1000 Friends of Oregon v. LCDC (Curry County), supra, petitioner says the outdoor performing arts center is an urban use. In City of Sandy, LCDC concluded that a 90,000 square foot shopping center located between, and approximately 4 miles from, the cities of Sandy and Gresham and clearly serving residents in adjoining urban areas was an urban use. Conarow, the Board concluded that a 2,500 square foot grocery store properly was considered a rural commercial use because it was "limited to, the needs and requirements of the rural area to be served." 2 Or LUBA at 193. In Ashland, the Board determined that the county's designation of 56 acres located

uses encompasses generally is one that the Supreme Court has

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near the city of Ashland's UGB and within an "area of mutual concern" as "interchange commercial" violated Goal 14 because it allowed intensive "urban" uses required by Goal 14 to be located within UGBs. 2 Or LUBA at 381-382.

In <u>Curry County</u>, the Supreme Court remanded LCDC's acknowledgment order because it was unable to determine whether extensive rural areas planned and zoned by the county for residential development at various densities resulted in impermissible urban use of rural land. 301 Or at 511. The Supreme Court did identify a number of relevant factors from previous cases applying Goal 14 to rural areas.

Respondents contend that under <u>Curry County</u>, the Board should defer to the county's determination that outdoor performing arts centers most properly are viewed as rural uses. According to respondents, such centers are a unique use. Respondents note that no single factor or consideration necessarily will determine whether a particular use is urban. In particular, respondents argue that our decision in <u>Conarow</u> specifically recognized that a recreational use may serve urban residents and, nevertheless, be rural. <u>Conarow</u>, <u>supra</u> at 193 n 4.

The county concluded the outdoor performing arts center is a rural use and set forth five reasons for that conclusion as follows:

"a. By virtue of the requirement of CDC Section 430-88.1.E, outdoor performing arts centers can only be located on parcels with a minimum lot

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size of 40 acres * * *.

- "b. In terms of use and appearance, an outdoor Amphitheatre is similar to [several] * * * uses which are permitted, either outright or conditionally, in the AF-10 Zone * * *.
- "c. In terms of use and appearance, an outdoor amphitheatre is similar to [several] * * * uses which are permitted in the exclusive farm use zones under ORS 215.213.
- "d. The ratio of land cost to improvement cost for an outdoor performing arts center is more reflective of a rural use * * *.
- "e. Outdoor performing arts centers are more appropriately located in rural areas * * *." Record 27, 28.

We agree with respondents that the county's explanation of why it believes the use is a rural use is entitled to some weight. However, as discussed below, we cannot accept the county's explanation.

We do not find the requirement for a minimum parcel size of 40 acres to be a significant factor in this case. As petitioner correctly points out, a 40 acre minimum lot size might be significant if the use proposed were a single family residence. Here, however, the proposed use is a performing arts center that may, at any given performance, accommodate as many as 15,000 patrons. Even though parcel size is relevant, the 40 acre requirement is an insufficient basis for concluding that the outdoor performing arts center is a rural use.

Respondents note that the proposed use is similar to other uses allowed in the AF-10 Zone such as golf courses and parks. Golf courses, parks, churches, public and private schools,

- 1 solid waste disposal sites, and commercial power generating
- 2 facilities are permitted or allowed conditionally in EFU
- 3 Zones. ORS 215.213.
- 4 We find all of these uses can and do generate impacts that
- 5 are urban in nature and may require services and facilities
- 6 that are urban in nature. The fact that they are allowed in an
- 7 EFU Zone does not mean they are rural. It simply means the
- 8 legislature apparently made a policy decision, these uses may
- 9 be a permissible use of rural EFU lands.
- 10 Further, while the performing arts center is said to be
- 11 seasonal and would offer less than 20 performances during the
- season, nothing in the county's approval limits the number of 12
- performances. In addition, even if the number of performances 13
- were limited, the center, on the days it is used, will generate 14
- significant noise, accommodate thousands of people, and 15
- generate significant traffic impacts that will require careful 16
- management to minimize impacts on the transportation system. 17
- While the use may exhibit urban characteristics only a few days 18
- a year, it is an urban use on those days. 19
- The respondents also argue that the county legislatively 20
- determined that the use is rural when the AF-10 Zone (a rural 21
- zone) was amended to allow outdoor performing arts centers. 22
- Respondents further claim that Metro and LCDC participated in 23
- this proceeding and participated in the county's amendments to 24
- the AF-10 Zone. 25

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The AF-10 Zone lists outdoor performing arts centers as a 26

- use permitted under a type III procedure. Code Section

 346-4.1(V). However, the Code also provides that approval of

 an outdoor performing arts center is subject to special use

 standards in Code Section 430-88. One of those standards is as
- "The applicant shall be required to submit findings for exception to LCDC goals pursuant to LCDC Goal 2, OAR 660-04-020. Any exception request shall be processed as a quasi-judicial plan amendment. The development review application may be heard and processed in conjunction with the plan amendment."

 Gode Section 430-88.3.

Since the code expressly requires goal exceptions for 10 outdoor performing arts centers, we are unable to agree with 11 respondents that the fact that the AF-10 Zone is a rural zone, 12 results in a legislative determination that the use is rural. 13 While Section 430-88.3 does not specify the goals an exception 14 must be taken to, we find nothing in the county's code to 15 clearly state that an exception to Goal 14 will not be required 16 for an outdoor performing arts center. It may be that the 17 county has determined that if an outdoor performing arts center 18 is to be permitted in a rural area, it may be allowed in the 19 AF-10 Zone subject to exception to all appropriate goals. 20 may also be that smaller less intensive centers could be 21 allowed as rural uses while larger more intensive centers, such 22 as the one proposed, are urban and will require an exception to 23 In any event, we do not believe the code says an 24 exception to Goal 14 is never required for any outdoor 25 performing arts center in the AF-10 Zone. 26

follows:

Finally, with regard to the parties' various claims regarding the participation in the local proceedings by Metro 2 and the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), we assign no significance to their participation or lack of participation. Metro or DLCD could have intervened or 5 participated in this proceeding to make their views known. For reasons that may well have nothing to do with their views on 7 the merits of this appeal, they have elected not to do so. We will not speculate as to their views on the county's action. The first and second assignments of error are sustained.

THIRD ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

Petitioners next contend that the county's order violates Goal 11 and Comprehensive Plan Policy 22 because it allows extension of urban facilities to rural land outside the urban growth boundary. Petitioners contend the county's Goal 11 exception is inadequate and not supported by substantial evidence.

Goal 11 requires the county to "plan and develop a timely, orderly and efficient arrangement of public facilities and services to serve as a framework for urban and rural development." The Goal further requires that

"urban and rural development shall be guided and supported by types and levels of urban and rural public facilities and services appropriate for, but limited to, the needs and requirements of the urban, urbanizable and rural areas to be serviced."

Washington County concluded that the proposed outdoor performing arts center is a rural use. However, the county

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nevertheless took an exception to Goal 11. Respondent contends
the exception was taken "because public facilities will be
technically 'extended' beyond the UGB..." Respondent's Brief
13. Respondent contends Goal 11 does not prohibit extension of
urban facilities outside the UGB. Respondents note that the
Supreme Court observed in Curry County that "the restrictions
on urban facilities in [rural] areas are not absolute." 301 Or
at 508.

Because the facilities extended to the outdoor performing arts center are clearly urban facilities, and because we have concluded that the outdoor performing arts center is an urban use, respondent's answers to the third assignment of error are inadequate.

Respondents also argue, however, that pursuant to OAR 660-04-020(2)(a) the county set forth the following four reasons why the policy in Goal 11 against extending urban services into rural areas should not apply:

"First, public facilities will not be extended into a new area. Rather, as required by CDC Section 430-88.1D, the applicant will simply connect to existing public facilities adjacent to the project site. * * * Second, the city of Wilsonville has determined that existing services are adequate to service the project. * * * Third, the nature of the use does not mandate that it be connected to public The facility could operate using rural facilities. type, on-site services. However, because the site is located adjacent to the city of Wilsonville, it is both logical and convenient to take advantage of existing facilities. Finally, given the nature of the proposed use and the way the site will be developed, there is no danger that urban densities will follow."

Petitioner takes issue with each of these reasons as a

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justification for an exception to Goal 11.

We cannot accept respondent's argument that the extension of sewer and water facilities to the 45 acre site does not involve extension of urban facilities into a new area. While it is true that the sewer and water facilities exist adjacent to the property within the UGB, extension of those services to the proposed site requires extension of urban facilities onto rural lands. The county's suggestion that connection of a 45 acre parcel, located outside a UGB, to water and sewer facilities located adjacent to the parcel but inside the UGB, does not involve extension of urban facilities into a rural area is erroneous. Whether termed an extension or connection, the fact remains that 45 acres of rural property will be serviced by urban water and sewer facilities.

The county's second reason (existing services are adequate) and third reason (the proposed use could be serviced by on-site facilities without extending urban services from the adjoining urban area) do not demonstrate that the proposal is consistent with the policies in Goal 11. The fact that the services to be extended have capacity to provide service to the proposed project does not mean the extension of those services into a rural area is consistent with Goal 11. The argument that the proposed outdoor performing arts center could be serviced by on-site facilities, even if correct, has no apparent relevance to the Goal 11 issue. The applicants do not propose to service the outdoor performing arts center on-site; rather, they

- propose to extend water and sewer from the adjoining urban area.
- 2 The fourth reason stated by the county is premised on
- 3 assumption the proposed use is a rural use. That assumption is
- 4 erroneous. See our discussion under the first and second
- 5 assignments of error.
- 6 For the reasons stated above, the third assignment of error
- 7 is sustained.

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FOURTH ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

- 9 In this assignment of error petitioner contends that the
- county's decision violates Code Section 430-88.2 by allowing a
- use that will create a significant change and significantly
- increase the cost of farming practices on nearby lands.
- 13 Petitioner contends the county's findings failed to address
- relevant testimony, are inadequate to show compliance with the
- plan and are not supported by substantial evidence.
- 16 Code Section 430-88.2 requires findings which demonstrate
- that "the amphitheatre or activities associated with it, will
- not force a significant change in or significantly increase the
- cost of accepted farming or forest practices on nearby lands
- devoted to farm or forest use."
- Petitioner Elligsen leases 55 acres adjacent to the
- proposed outdoor performing arts center and owns 100 acres
- one-third mile from the proposed center. Mr. Elligsen raises
- cows, sheep, timber, hay, grain and clover. In a letter
- submitted to the board of county commissioners petitioner
- claimed the proposal adversely affects his farming operation.

Petitioner Elligsen claimed he would be required to install an electric fence, increase his liability insurance, cease aerial spraying and stop leaving tools and farm equipment in the fields. Mr. Elligsen claimed he would likely have to stop leasing the adjoining property which he currently used for farm purposes.

Respondents acknowledge that under McCoy v. Tillamook

County, 14 Or LUBA 108 (1985) "when an opponent presents

focused and relevent testimony, the issues raised must be

discussed in the final order." Respondents! Brief 17.

Respondents contend the county addressed all of petitioners'

issues and that their conclusions are supported by substantial evidence.

The county's findings disputed the need for an electric fence noting the purpose of an electric fence is to keep animals in, not to repel potential trespassers. The county also noted the entire site would be surrounded by a security fence and there would be security personnel to minimize offsite impacts. In their findings, the county concluded the proposed use would prevent aerial spraying and questioned whether aerial spraying was critical to Mr. Elligsen's current farming operation. The county also rejected petitioners' claim that Mr. Elligsen would have to increase his liability insurance coverage, citing the security fence and the security personnel as the primary reasons.

Finally, in rejecting Mr. Elligsen's other claims and his

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- claim that he would be forced to stop leasing the adjoining
- 2 property for farm purposes, the county essentially relied on
- 3 the design features of the property including the proposed
- 4 buffer along the eastern boundary, the security fence, security
- 5 personnel and the requirement for personnel to direct traffic
- 6 at the beginning and at the conclusion of performances. The
- 7 county concluded
- 8 "* * * Close examination by the Board of
- Mr. Elligsen's allegations reveals that either the allegations are factually inaccurate or, if accurate,
- fail to support the conclusion that the amphitheatre
- will significantly impact Mr. Elligsen's farming
- practices. Given the natural terrain and the proposed
- method of operations, the Board finds that nearby
- farming practices will not be significantly impacted."
- Record 22.
- The relevant code standard requires the county to conclude
- there will be no "significant change in or significant increase
- (in) the cost of accepted farming or forest practices." We
- find the evidence relied upon by the county to be sufficient.
- 17 Younger v.City of Portland, 86 Or App 211, ___P2d___ (1987).
- We believe the county has adequately responded to
- petitioners' concerns that the proposed use will "force a
- significant change in or significantly increase the cost of
- accepted farming or forest practices on nearby lands devoted to
- farm or forest use.
- This is not to say there may not be some impacts. However,
- the standard only requires the county to conclude that there
- will not be significant changes or significant increase in
- costs. As the Court of Appeals has stated in rejecting spray

drift, field burning smoke and plowing dust as a basis for irrevocable commitment of affected property to non-farm use, "people who build in an agricultural area must expect some disadvantages to accompany the perceived advantage of a rural location." 1000 Friends of Oregon v. LCDC, 69 Or App 717, 728, 688 P2d 103 (1984).

We believe the county interpretation and application of Code Section 430-88.2 simply reflects the county's view that outdoor performing art centers will be expected to tolerate reasonable negative impacts from adjoining agricultural operation. In our view, that understanding and the county's application of Code Section 430-88.2 in this case is reasonable and supported by substantial evidence in the record.

The fourth assignment of error is denied.

FIFTH ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

Petitioners next contend that their right to due process was violated by the county's refusal to accept and consider rebuttal evidence.

At its April 17, 1987 hearing in this matter, the board of county commissioner's refused to accept an offer of proof, an affidavit and a letter from Northwest Farm Bureau Insurance Company. Petitioners claim the offer of proof, affidavit and letter were submitted because rebuttal testimony submitted by the applicant in the form of an affidavit raised an issue of petitioners' credibility. Therefore, according to petitioners, under Yost v. Ontario, 2 Or LUBA 49 (1980), there was a right

to correct the misleading statements notwithstanding the county
code's failure to provide for surrebuttal testimony.

Petitioners were given an opportunity to rebut proposed findings and testimony at a February 24, 1987 hearing.

Petitioner submitted over 100 pages of written testimony at that hearing. The hearing was continued to March 10, 1987 to allow the applicant time to submit rebuttal testimony. A rebuttal memorandum together with exhibits, including the challenged affidavit, was submitted. At the April 7 hearing portions of the applicant's rebuttal memorandum and two exhibits were determined by the county to be new evidence, not rebuttal testimony, and were deleted with the agreement of the applicant.

Petitioner's complaints regarding the applicant's affidavit are rejected. The county did not err in refusing petitioners' offer of proof, affidavit and letter. We disagree with petitioners' claim that the thrust of the applicant's affidavit is that Mr. Elligsen does not need to spray his crop. Rather, the applicant's affidavit appears to be an attempt to establish the past spraying history of the area and that the adjoining properties could be sprayed as long as the amphitheatre was not in use 24 hours a day. According to the affidavit if the center were used on summer evenings and weekends, it would be possible to spray in the morning. Record 278-280. We believe the county was correct in concluding the affidavit was rebuttal testimony. If the county does not wish to allow surrebuttal

- testimony in such circumstances, it need not do so. Fasano v.
- Washington County Commissioners 264 Or 524, 507 P2d 23 (1973)
- only requires the county to allow rebuttal testimony. 9
- 4 The fifth assignment of error is denied.

SIXTH AND SEVENTH ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR

- 6 Petitioner's sixth through eleventh assignments of error
- 7 challenge the reasons exceptions taken by the county to satisfy
- 8 Code Section 430.88.3. ORS 197.732, Goal 2, Part II and LCDC
- 9 rules OAR 660-04-020 and OAR 660-04-022 require consideration
- of four factors. Those four factors are: 1) reasons; 2)
- alternative locations; 3) consequences; and 4)
- compatibility. 10 In assignments of error six and seven,
- petitioners challenge the findings regarding the reasons
- 14 factor. Assignment of error eight challenges the alternative
- 15 locations findings. Assignments of error nine and ten
- challenge the county's findings regarding consequences and
- assignment of error eleven challenges the county's findings
- with regard to compatibility.
- 19 Petitioners contend under the sixth and seventh assignments
- of error the county's decision violates Goal 2, Part II(c)(1),
- ORS 197.732(1)(c)(A), OAR 660-04-020(2)(a) and
- OAR 660-04-022(1) because the county's exception fails to
- demonstrate a need for the use or justify why goal policies
- 24 should not apply. Petitioners also contend the findings
- 25 supporting the reasons exception failed to address relevant,
- focused testimony, are conclusional and are not supported by

substantial evidence in the whole record. 1

Petitioners argue the county is required to provide reasons why the state's policies and applicable goals should not apply. OAR 660-04-022(1)(a). Petitioner argues the county is also required to show "there is a demonstrated need for the 5 proposed use based on one or more requirements of Statewide Goals 3-19." OAR 60-04-022(1)(a). Petitioner contends that 7 there are a number of underutilized facilities that can easily 8 accommodate the proposed use. 11 Petitioner contends 9

> "While there may be no facilities exactly like the one proposed, there are clearly facilities within the region available for outdoor and indoor concerts, including the zoo, civic stadium, civic coliseum, Schnitzer Hall, waterfront park and the Clark County Fairgrounds." Petitioners Brief 32.

Petitioner cites Still v. Board of County Commissioners, 42 Or App 115 600 P2d 433 (1979) and argues that market demand for the proposed facility does not constitute a demonstrated need. Petitioner also argues the record is insufficient to support a finding of need for a 15,000 person capacity outdoor performing arts center.

Respondents claim the findings of a demonstrated need based on the requirements of Goal 8 " to satisfy the recreational needs of the state and visitors" is supported by substantial evidence. Respondents cite three items in the record. first is a two page letter from Brian T. Becker, President of Pace Entertainment Group to Michael Seaman, Executive Vice President of World Entertainment Services, Inc. In that

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letter, Mr. Becker concludes without any supporting analysis "I 1 am certain that the Portland area will strongly support your 2 efforts * * *, I believe there is a strong market demand and 3 need for such a project." Record 286. Respondents next cite 4 to a one page letter from Carlos Wilson, managing director of 5 the Oregon Symphony Association, in which Mr. Wilson indicates 6 the Oregon Symphony Association is willing to discuss the 7 future possibility of performances at the center. Mr. Wilson 8 states he has little information regarding the proposed center, 9 but indicates the Oregon Symphony has plans to establish an 10 outdoor festival or concert series. Respondents next cite to a 11 one page article in Business Week in which the popularity of 12 outdoor amphitheaters is discussed. Finally respondents cite 13 to a two page letter to respondents attorney by Thomas Laskey, 14 a local entertainment and marketing consultant. In that 15 letter, Mr. Laskey criticizes a memorandum prepared by a Mr. 16 Millinoff for petitioners for failing to recognize the unique 17 nature of outdoor performing arts centers. Mr. Laskey states 18 that such facilities cannot be compared with the existing 19 facilities in the Portland metropolitan area. Mr. Laskey 20 contends that "what the Stafford Hills Performing Arts Center 21 will offer is another dimension in touring, which is an option 22 already available in many other cities." 23

Respondents contend this is an instance in which the commissioners received conflicting testimony and elected not to accept petitioners' memorandum. Instead, they chose to rely on

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the applicant's evidence in support of the finding of need.

The Board recognizes that our review is only to assure that the county's decision is supported by substantial evidence.

"Substantial evidence consists of evidence which a reasonable mind would accept as adequate to support a conclusion * * * where there is conflicting evidence based on differing data, but any of that data is such that a reasonable person might accept it, a conclusion based upon a choice of any of the data is, by definition, supported by substantial evidence."

Homebuilders v. Metro Service Dist., 54 Or App 62-63, 633 P2d 1320 (1981); See Younger v. City of Portland, supra, 86 Or App at 216.

We are unable, however, to conclude that the portions of the record cited represent substantial evidence of a need for the proposed facility based on Goal 8. Conclusional statements regarding the uniqueness and expected success of the proposed use and the existence of such uses in other metropolitan areas are an insufficient basis upon which to decide there is a need that justifies not applying the state policies in Goals 3, 4, 11 and 14.

The proposed outdoor performing arts center may well be consistent with Goal 8. However, in order to justify an exception the county must show both a need for the use and that the proposed site is required to satisfy that need.

OAR 660-04-022(1). It is the demonstrated need for the proposed use and the uniqueness of the site under

OAR 660-04-022(1) that warrants overriding the competing state policies and other goals to allow an exception. This demonstration requires more than simply showing a proposed use

would be consistent with another goal.

Petitioners also contend there has been no need shown based on Goal 9. The policy in Goal 9 is "[t]o diversify and improve the economy of the state." Petitioner points out that the proposed use would only employ 250 part-time and 10 full-time people. Record 25. Petitioner argues adjoining industrial properties "could provide over 1,250 full-time jobs on those acres." Petitioner's Brief 32.

Respondents answer petitioners'challenge to the county's Goal 9 finding by pointing out that the petitioner's attack ignores the present AF-10 Zoning on the property which would not permit industrial uses. Respondents also note that the amphitheatre will attract large numbers of people who may patronize nearby business. We have not been cited to other portions of the record which explain the magnitude or significance of secondary economic impacts from the proposed facilities. Even though the proposed may comply with Goal 9, we do not believe the county's findings are sufficient to show a demonstrated need for the proposed use based on the requirements of Goal 9, that would justify not applying applicable Goals.

Petitioner also challenges the finding of need based on Goal 13 because "the proposed site is far out on the fringe of the UGB, many miles from centrally located downtown Portland where other alternative facilities exist * * *." The policy in Goal 13 is "[t]o conserve energey." According to petitioner

the site "could hardly be farther away from the center of population." Petitioners' Brief 33.

Respondents argue that the proposed outdoor performing arts center is a unique facility that requires a sylvan-like setting. Such sylvan-like settings, according to respondents, are typically far away from urban populations. Respondents contend the county recognized this and concluded that there was a need to locate an amphitheatar near a freeway interchange on the fringe of a UGB in order to conserve energy by taking advantage of the nearby freeway and availability of public transportation.

Even if it is accepted that a sylvan-like setting is required and typically found away from urban populations, the most that respondents' argument demonstrates is that Goal 13 would require location near a freeway interchange and since the proposed facility is so located, there would be no violation of Goal 13. Mere consistency with Goal 13 is not sufficient for compliance with OAR 660-04-022(1). The requirement that the proposed use be located close to a freeway interchange, and the resulting transportation advantages, does not demonstrate a need for the proposed use based on the requirements of Goal 13.

The sixth and seventh assignments of error are sustained.

EIGHTH ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

Under this assignment of error petitioners contend the county's decision violates Goal 2, Part II(c)(2),

ORS 197.732(1)(c)(B), and OAR 660-04-020(2)(b) and (c) because

there are areas which do not require a new exception that can readily accommodate the use. Petitioner also contends that the county's findings are conclusional and not supported by substantial evidence.

OAR 660-04-020(2)(b)(A) requires the county to identify alternative areas. OAR 660-04-020(2)(b)(B) requires the county to discuss why other areas which do not require a new exception cannot reasonably accommodate the use and why the use cannot be located inside a UGB. The applicant identified seven alternative sites. Record 140-210. Petitioners say the respondents findings with respect to these sites are conclusional, and fail to explain why these sites cannot reasonably be used. 12 Petitioners also argue that the Board should sustain this assignment of error because the record contains no substantial evidence or statement of reasons showing why the proposed use cannot reasonably be accommodated within the UGB "especially when the proposed site lies immediately adjacent to the UGB."

Respondents answer that the county properly identified alternative areas and discussed why these other areas, which do not require a new exception, cannot reasonably accommodate the Respondents note that each of the seven alternative sites was considered and described in the order. Respondents contend the county properly explained why the alternative sites could not reasonably accommodate the proposed use.

We sustain this assignment of error. We agree with

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petitioners that the findings with respect to the alternative sites identified by the applicant are conclusional. The county's explanation regarding the Sunnyside East site is representative

"Located south of the Keizer-Sunnyside Medical Center on SE 97th Street. Access to I-205 is too far (over a half mile), over a winding two lane road and past a hospital. Potential noise impact on adjacent residential areas and a hospital. Part of site is under development." Record 30.

These findings fail to explain why the sites cannot be reasonably be used for the proposed use. In particular, the factors identified are stated without explanation of why those factors render the site unacceptable. Such findings are insufficient to demonstrate that the alternative sites factor required for an exception is met.

In addition, OAR 660-04-020(2)(b)(B)(iii) requires the county to answer the following questions

"Can the proposed use be reasonably accommodated inside an Urban Growth Boundary? If not, why not?

The county essentially answered that question by taking the position that the proposed outdoor performing arts center is not an urban use. We conclude the county is incorrect. The proposed site adjoins the UGB. We find nothing in the record to explain why the UGB could not be amended to include this site. Without such an explanation the decision does not comply with OAR 660-04-020(2)(b)(B)(iii).

Petitioners also say they identified ten additional alternative sites and argue the county's findings inadequately

address those sites.

Respondents say that the 10 additional sites identified by petitioners, were not identified with the specificity required by OAR 660-04-020(2)(b)(C) which states

"A detailed evaluation of specific alternative sites is thus not required unless such sites are specifically described with facts to support the assertions the sites are more reasonable by another party during the local exceptions proceedings."

Respondents note that even though the petitioners failed to "'ring the bell' under OAR 600-04-020(2)(b)(C)" the county did evaluate ten sites identified by petitioners.

We agree with respondents. The ten alternative sites identified by petitioners on pages 141 and 142 of the record are simply identified by location and size. In addition, petitioners submitted real estate listings of vacant industrial lands showing area zoning, services availability and price. Record pages 151-152. Petitioners also included an inventory and assessment of industrial lands prepared by the Metropolitan Service District. Record 173-210. The petitioners' submittal does not satisfy the requirements of OAR 660-04-020(2)(b)(C). That rule requires a specific description of alternative sites "with facts to support the assertion that the sites are more reasonable...." While these materials may supply the basis for petitioners to comply with OAR 660-04-020(2)(b)(C), they do not do so in and of themselves.

25 For the reasons stated above, the eighth assignment of error is sustained.

NINTH AND TENTH ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR

Petitioners contend that the county's decision violates

Goal 2, Part II(c)(C), ORS 197.732(1)(c)(C), and

OAR 660-04-020(2)(c) because the order fails to address

advantages and positive consequences of each alternative site

and the disadavantages and negative consequences of the

proposed site. Petitioners further contend the county failed

to address relevant and focused testimony and that the county's

findings are not supported by substantial evidence.

Petitioners argue the county did not properly address the long term environmental, economic, social and energy consequences resulting from the use at the proposed site as required by OAR 660-04-020(2)(c). According to petitioner the county did not properly address positive and negative consequences at the proposed or the alternative sites. Petitioners say negative consequences to elk and deer habitat, adjoining businesses, and the Tualatin Fire District were ignored.

Respondents answer first that none of the applicants' seven alternatives is located on land that would require an exception. Therefore, respondents argue OAR 660-04-020(2)(c) did not require a detailed evaluation of these seven sites. Respondents also argue the county was not required to address the 10 sites identified by petitioners under OAR 660-04-020(2)(c) because petitioners did not sufficiently describe their alternatives to show they would

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As pertinent, OAR 660-04-020(2)(c) requires

"(c) the long term environmental, economic, social and energy consequences resulting from the use at the proposed site with measures designed to reduce adverse impacts are not significantly more adverse than would typically result from the same proposal being located in other areas requiring a goal exception. * * * A detailed evaluation of specific alternative sites is not required unless such sites are specifically described with facts to support the assertion that the sites have significantly fewer impacts * * *." (emphasis added)

OAR 660-04-020 establishes a We agree with respondents. logical, albeit demanding, progression of standards. First, an applicant must demonstrate with reasons that there is a need for the use proposed under OAR 660-04-020(2)(a) and OAR 660-04-022(1). Second, the applicant must show there are no reasonable alternatives under OAR 660-04-020. This requires demonstrating that the use cannot be accommodated on (1) rural land that is not resource land; (2) rural resource land that is already committed to nonresource use; or (3) land inside an existing or amended UGB. Third, the applicant is required to minimize the consequences of the exception by demonstrating that use of the resource land will not have adverse impacts "significantly more adverse than would typically result from the same proposal being located in other areas requiring a goal exception (i.e., other rural resource lands)."13

Here the applicants identified no alternative areas that would require an exception. Petitioner identified a number of

- sites, but did not do so with sufficient specificity or facts to comply with OAR 660-04-020(2)(c). Record 144-148. None of the applicant's alternative sites are outside the UGB and
- 4 therefore none are rural resource lands requiring an exception.

In view of these circumstances, there were no sites to

which the comparative consequences analysis required by

OAR 660-04-020(2)(c) applied. Therefore, the very general

discussion of environmental, economic, social and energy

9 consequences by the county at pages 32-33 of the record, is

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The ninth and tenth assignments of error are denied.

ELEVENTH ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

Under this assignment of error petitioners argue the county failed to address relevant testimony concerning incapatibility of the proposed use with existing adjacent uses and that the county improperly deferred consideration of these impacts until design review. Petitioners argue the findings are not supported by substantial evidence of the record. Petitioners say the county's failure to address these issues violates Goal 2, Part II(c)(4), ORS 197.732(1)(c)(D), and OAR 660-04-020(2)(d).

Petitioners argue the county failed to adopt adequate findings explaining how the proposed use would be rendered compatible with the Tualatin Fire District operation adjacent to the proposed site. The fire district testified that the proposed use would seriously impact its operation and cause it to exceed, by many times, its emergency response time. Record

1 119-120. Petitioners also say the county failed to respond to
2 testimony regarding the possible impact from noise and
3 congestion on adjoining commercial properties. Petitioners
4 repeat their concern that nearby farming operations would be
5 negatively impacted.

Respondents answer that the commissioners did address all the compatibility issues raised by petitioners. With regard to the Tualatin Fire District's objections, the county found as follows:

"As required by CDC Section 430-88.1b, the applicant will provide traffic control personnel which will minimize the impact of the parting vehicles on the arterial streets." Respondent's Brief 38.

Respondents also argue that this is a two-step approval process and that specific operational issues will be addressed during the design review stage yet to be completed.

Respondents argue that this design review process is "another 'measure' designed to reduce adverse impact as contemplated by OAR 660-04-020(2)(d)." Respondent's Brief 39.

We have previously concluded, under our discussion of the fourth assignment of error, that the county's response to concerns regarding possible impacts on adjoining farm uses was sufficient. With one exception, we also believe the findings with regard to impacts on adjoining businesses is sufficient for compliance with OAR 660-04-020(1)(d). Record 21-22, 33-34. We do not believe the county's findings are sufficient to demonstrate that the proposed use will be made compatible

with the Tualatin Fire District operation. The fire district's testimony identified potential severe consequences to its operation from traffic arriving and departing the proposed facility. It may well be that acceptable solutions can be developed during the subsequent design review stage. However, the existing circulation pattern and approximate numbers of vehicles are currently known. We believe the concern expressed by the fire district requires a more detailed demonstration in the exception that the proposed use is compatible with the Tualatin Fire District's operation. While specific design and management aspects may be deferred to design review, the record must adequately demonstrate that expected traffic impacts will not be incompatible. The county's finding quoted above is insufficient to comply with OAR 660-04-020(2)(d). The eleventh assignment of error is sustained. The decision is remanded.

FOOTNOTES

final item is contained in Respondent Washington County's brief:

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The portions of respondent's brief petitioners object to are quoted below. The first seven portions are contained in Participant-Respondent World Entertainment Services' brief; the

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1) "Metro did not object and, in fact, filed a Statement of Intent to Participate in this appeal supporting the order."

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2) "In this case, the county, after consulting with Metro and LCDC, determined that the first option applied to applicant's request."

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3) "In this definitional vacuum, the county, together with Metro and LCDC, concluded that an outdoor performing arts center is not an 'urban use.'"

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4) "As noted above, both Metro and LCDC participated in the drafting of the ordinance."

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5) "In this case, the county, Metro and LCDC all have decided that the AF-10 zone is...appropriate."

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6) "The applicant will provide traffic control personnel who will direct traffic away from the Elligsen property."

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7) "After the applicant and the proponents of the amendment concluded their testimony, the petitioners deposited more than 100 pages of written 'testimony' into the record, including Mr. Elligsen's letter."

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8) "The county consulted with DLCD and Metro staff before reaching a conclusion."

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At oral argument in this appeal, both respondents objected to petitioners' attachment, to its brief, of transcripts of portions of the hearings before the local governing body in this matter. Respondents noted, correctly, that the record initially submitted by the county included minutes of local hearings, but did not include the tapes of those proceedings. The respondents are also correct that OAR 661-10-025(3)(e)

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provides a procedure for objecting to the sufficiency and accuracy of the minutes, and the Board may order partial transcripts in response to such objections.

Our rules do not require that local governments submit transcripts or tapes as part of the record. We do not require complete transcripts due to the cost and possible delay such a requirement might pose. We do not require that tapes be submitted, because some local governments do not have convenient access to tape duplication facilities.

It has been this Board's view that even though the tapes or a transcript are not submitted as part of the record, as required under 661-10-025, the words that are spoken at a local hearing are part of the record. When the tapes are retained locally, they are available to the parties. The Board has permitted parties who wish to transcribe portions of the taped record and attach the transcripts to their briefs. The other parties, of course, are free to contest the accuracy of such transcripts in their opening brief or in a reply brief submitted pursuant to OAR 661-10-075(4). This practice frequently eliminates the need to delay appeals to resolve

Goal 14 establishes the goal of "effective transition from rural to urban use" and requires the establishment of UGBs to separate urbanizable land from rural land. OAR 660-14-040 provides requirements for an exception to Goal 14 to allow urban development on rural land. Comprehensive Plan Policy 18 is the county's rural development policy. In our view, the only issue presented by the first two assignments of error is whether the county is correct in its position that the outdoor performing arts center is a rural use. If the county is correct, Goal 14 is not violated, OAR 660-14-040 is not applicable and Comprehensive Plan Policy 18 is complied with. If the county is incorrect, each of those standards is violated.

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These terms are defined in the goals as follows:

"RURAL LAND: Rural lands are those which are outside the urban growth boundary and are:

- (a) Non-urban agricultural, forest or open space lands or,
- (b) Other lands suitable for sparse settlement, small farms or acreage homesites with no or hardly any public services, and which are not suitable, necessary

or intended for urban use.

"URBAN LAND: Urban areas are those places which must have an incorporated city and may also:

- Have concentrations of persons who generally reside (a) and work in the area
- (b) Have supporting public facilities and services.

"URBANIZABLE LAND: Urbanizable lands are those lands within the urban growth boundary and which are identified and

- Determined to be necessary and suitable for future (a) urban uses
- Can be served by urban services and facilities (b)
- (c) Are needed for the expansion of an urban area."

5 We note that the requested UGB amendment in that case was pursuant to Metro's acknowledged procedure for locational adjustments to the UGB to permit more efficient land development patterns. Under the locational adjustment provisions, whether there is a need for additional urban land is not relevant.

Under the Supreme Court's decison in 1000 Friends v. LCDC (Curry County), it may well be there is nothing inherently rural or urban about residential, commercial or even industrial uses. Rather, under current LCDC interpretive rules there are merely a number of relevant factors such as parcel size, intensity, necessity for urban facilities and proximity to the UGB. 301 Or at 507.

As respondents argue, this may be an urban use that generates unacceptable and unmanageable offsite impacts (e.g., noise) such that it cannot practicably be located in urban areas. Record 28. If that is the case, an exception may be justified to permit its location outside the urban area. problems do not render an otherwise urban use a rural use.

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⁸ Mr. Elligsen refers to a New Zealand electric fence. 26 have found nothing in the record which suggests a "New Zealand 35

electric fence" differs from any other kind of electric fence.

Our decision in Yost v. City of Ontario supra, does not support petitioners. In that case, the petitioner was denied all right to testify, and the findings in support of the local government's decision were misrepresented. Rebuttal testimony frequently may be such that a local government will be called upon to determine who it believes is more credible. When credibility is put at issue by rebuttal testimony, that does not, alone, create a right to submit surrebuttal evidence.

As respondent-intervenor notes the exception taken in this case to Goals 3, 4 and 11 is somewhat unusual. A committed exception to Goals 3 and 4 was previously taken for this property. Record 23. The property is therefore, considered rural property not available for resource use, however, Code Section 430-88.3 quoted supra at page 10 requires the applicant to submit findings for exception to the Goals. The exception to Goal 11 was taken to allow extension of urban (water and sewer) services. As we concluded under the first two assignments of error, the use proposed is urban, so a Goal 14 exception would also be required, absent a UGB amendment.

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Petitioners contend that existing facilities have the capacity to accommodate any demonstrated need for the center as follows: the Washington Park Zoo can accommodate up to 5,000 people for outdoor concerts (Record 133); Civic Coliseum can accommodate up to 13,000 (Record 134); Schnitzer Hall and Civic Auditorium have a seating capacity of 3,000 (Record 136); the Clark County Fairgrounds has seating for 8,200 and a grassy area for seating for 3,000 to 4,000 additional persons (Record 136-137).

Petitioners also contend that the respondents' analysis of other sites is faulty because OAR 660-04-020(2)(c) requires

"the exception shall describe the characteristics of each alternative areas [sic] considered by the jurisdiction for which an exception might be taken, the typical advantages and disadvantages of using the area for uses not allowed by the Goal, and the typical positive and negative consequences resulting from the use of the proposed site * * *"

Examination of advantages and disadvantages of alternative sites is required under the environmental, economic, social and energy consequences factor, not the alternative areas factor set forth in OAR 660-04-020(2)(b). We address the applicability of OAR 660-04-020(2)(c) under the ninth and tenth assignments of error. The fourth requirement, compatibility with adjacent uses, is addressed under the eleventh assignment of error.

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