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BEFORE THE LAND USE BOARD OF APPEALS
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY,)
an Oregon corporation,)
Petitioner,)
vs.)
WASHINGTON COUNTY,)
Respondent,)
and)
LLOYD POWELL AND ASSOCIATES,)
Intervenor-Respondent.)

LUBA No. 88-109
ORDER ON REMAND
FROM COURT OF APPEALS

On remand from the Court of Appeals.

SHERTON, Referee; HOLSTUN, Chief Referee; KELLINGTON,
Referee, participated in the decision.

DISMISSED 09/20/89

You are entitled to judicial review of this Order.
Judicial review is governed by the provisions of ORS 197.850.

1 Opinion by Sherton.

2 Our final opinion and order reversing the county decision
3 appealed in this case, Standard Insurance Co. v. Washington
4 County, ___ Or LUBA ___ (LUBA No. 88-109, April 26, 1989), was
5 appealed to the Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals reversed
6 and remanded our decision, with instructions to dismiss the
7 appeal proceeding. Standard Ins. Co. v. Washington County, 97
8 Or App 687, ___ P2d ___ (1989).

9 Accordingly, this appeal is dismissed.

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AND ORDER

Appeal from Washington County.

Jack L. Orchard, Portland, filed the petition for review and argued on behalf of petitioner. With him on the brief was Ball, Janik & Novack.

John M. Junkin and Cheyenne Chapman, Hillsboro, filed a response brief on behalf of respondent Washington County.

Lawrence R. Derr, Portland, filed a response brief and argued on behalf of intervenor-respondent. With him on the brief was Weiss, DesCamp & Botteri.

SHERTON, Referee, HOLSTUN, Chief Referee, participated in the decision.

REVERSED 04/26/89

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2 NATURE OF THE DECISION

3 Petitioner appeals Washington County Resolution and Order
4 No. 88-196, which approves a comprehensive plan map amendment
5 from Industrial (IND) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC) for a ten
6 acre tract at the intersection of Walker Road and 185th Avenue.

7 MOTION TO INTERVENE

8 Lloyd Powell & Associates moves to intervene on the side of
9 respondent in this proceeding. There is no opposition to the
10 motion, and it is allowed.

11 FACTS

12 This is the third time a plan map amendment from IND to NC
13 for the subject property has been appealed to LUBA. Our first
14 two reviews resulted in decisions remanding the amendment.

15 Standard Insurance Company v. Washington County, ___
16 Or LUBA ___ (LUBA No. 87-020, September 1, 1987) (Standard I);
17 Standard Insurance Company v. Washington County, ___
18 Or LUBA ___ (LUBA No. 88-005, June 7, 1988) (Standard II).¹

19 Our decision in Standard II was appealed to the Court of
20 Appeals, which issued an opinion affirming our decision on
21 October 5, 1988. Standard Insurance Company v. Washington
22 County, 93 Or App 276, 761 P2d 1348 (1988). A petition for
23 review of the Court of Appeals decision was filed with the
24 Oregon Supreme Court. The Supreme Court issued an order
25 acknowledging withdrawal of the petition for review on
26 January 10, 1989. The Court of Appeals issued its mandate in

1 Standard II on February 3, 1989.

2 On November 8, 1988, the Washington County Board of
3 Commissioners (board of commissioners) adopted a resolution and
4 order approving the plan map change from IND to NC for the
5 subject property. Petitions for reconsideration of that
6 decision were filed on November 8 and 9, 1988. Under the
7 Washington County Community Development Code (CDC), if a
8 petition for reconsideration of a decision of the board of
9 commissioners is timely filed, that decision does not become
10 final until notice is given that either reconsideration is
11 denied or a reconsidered decision is adopted.² On
12 November 9, 1988, the subject property was annexed by the City
13 of Hillsboro. On November 15, 1988, the board of commissioners
14 denied the petitions for reconsideration.³ Notice of the
15 denial of reconsideration was mailed on November 23, 1989.

16 MOTION TO DISMISS

17 On January 16, 1989, intervenor-respondent (intervenor)
18 filed a motion to dismiss on the ground that the county did not
19 make a final land use decision because it had no authority to
20 act on the pending requests for reconsideration after the
21 subject property was annexed by the City of Hillsboro.

22 Intervenor's motion to dismiss is based on the same premise
23 as petitioner's second assignment of error. The only
24 disagreement between the parties is with regard to the legal
25 consequence of the county's lack of jurisdiction over the
26 subject property when it denied the requests for

1 reconsideration. Intervenor argues this appeal should be
2 dismissed, whereas petitioner argues the county's decision
3 should be reversed. We consider intervenor's motion to dismiss
4 together with petitioner's second assignment of error, infra.

5 FIRST ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR

6 "Washington County lacked jurisdiction to hear and
7 approve the Applicant's comprehensive plan amendment
8 because the matter was pending before the Oregon Court
of Appeals at all times relevant to the County's
purported actions relating to the approval."

9 Petitioner argues the county acted prematurely and without
10 jurisdiction in the matter of the appealed plan map amendment.
11 According to petitioner, once the appellate process is invoked,
12 the county does not have jurisdiction to take action on the
13 appealed decision until the appellate process is concluded. In
14 this case, although the county chose to treat the decision as
15 "remanded" to it based on the Court of Appeals September 14,
16 1988 opinion in Standard II, petitioner points out the Court of
17 Appeals did not enter its appellate judgment until February 3,
18 1989. Petitioner argues that under ORAP 11.03(2)(b), the Court
19 of Appeals decision is not effective until the court
20 administrator sends a copy of the appellate judgment to
21 LUBA.⁴ Therefore, petitioner contends the county lacked
22 jurisdiction at the time the county made the modified decision
23 appealed in this case because no remand of the decision to the
24 county had occurred at that time.

25 Petitioner argues that Oregon courts have held that
26 appellate court jurisdiction, once invoked by the filing of a

1 notice of appeal, "is exclusive and plenary, until such time as
2 the appellate courts have made disposition of the appeal,"
3 citing Murray Well-Drilling v. Deisch, 75 Or App 1, 9, 704 P2d
4 1159 (1985). Petition for Review 13. Petitioner also points
5 out that the Supreme Court has stated

6 "[i]t is a well-settled rule that after jurisdiction
7 has been vested in an appellate court by the taking of
8 an appeal the lower court cannot proceed in any manner
9 so as to affect the jurisdiction acquired by the
appellate court or defeat the right of the appellants
to prosecute the appeal with effect." State v.
Jackson, 228 Or 371, 382, 365 P2d 294 (1961).

10 According to petitioner, any lower tribunal proceedings
11 undertaken to modify a decision while an appeal of the same
12 decision is pending are void.

13 Petitioner also argues that although the county has been
14 delegated authority over land use matters by ORS ch 215, the
15 county has no "retained jurisdiction" to rehear and act further
16 upon a land use decision while an appeal of its decision is
17 pending before LUBA or the appellate courts. Petition for
18 Review 14. Petitioner contends there is no statutory basis for
19 such an exception to accepted principles of appellate
20 jurisdiction.

21 Petitioner points out that ORS 197.825 states that LUBA
22 "shall have exclusive jurisdiction to review any land use
23 decision of a local government * * * ." (Emphasis added.)
24 ORS 197.850(3) in turn confers exclusive jurisdiction for
25 review of LUBA decisions on the Court of Appeals. Petitioner
26 further argues that because ORS 197.850(2) provides that

1 judicial review of LUBA orders shall be solely as provided in
2 that section, and that section does not provide for LUBA
3 retention of any jurisdiction over a matter once its final
4 order has been appealed to the Court of Appeals, LUBA loses all
5 jurisdiction over a matter after it is appealed to the Court of
6 Appeals. Petitioner cites Cascade Aggregates v. Scappoose
7 Drainage Dist., 53 Or App 954, 633 P2d 854 (1981), in which the
8 court held that LUBA does not have the authority to withdraw
9 its final orders for reconsideration once an appeal is filed
10 with the Court of Appeals.⁵

11 Petitioner argues that the state's land use decision making
12 system is based on the principle that LUBA and the appellate
13 courts have exclusive jurisdiction to make legally controlling
14 decisions on decisions on appeal before them. According to
15 petitioner, if the concept of county "retained jurisdiction"
16 over a specific decision were endorsed, a county could negate
17 the appellate bodies' authority to make final, binding rulings
18 at any time, simply by taking further action on a decision
19 while it is on appeal.

20 The county argues that what is critical to resolving this
21 assignment of error is the relationship between the county's
22 jurisdiction and that of LUBA and the appellate courts and,
23 therefore, much of petitioner's argument is irrelevant. The
24 county argues that Murray Well-Drilling v. Deisch, supra, and
25 State v. Jackson, supra, cited by petitioner, are inapposite
26 because they construe statutes concerning jurisdiction of

1 appellate courts in appeals from trial courts, and do not
2 consider the jurisdiction of a local government when its
3 decision is appealed to LUBA. The county also argues that
4 Cascade Aggregates v. Scappoose Drainage Dist., supra, is
5 inapposite because it construes statutes concerning appellate
6 court review of LUBA and other state agency decisions. The
7 county maintains the situation presented by this case is
8 different, because there are no statutory provisions in ORS
9 ch 183, 197 or 215 which concern the jurisdiction of local
10 government to act on a decision which is the subject of a
11 pending LUBA or appellate court review proceeding.

12 Intervenor argues that this case is not analogous to Murray
13 Well-Drilling v. Deisch or State v. Jackson because this case
14 involves judicial review, rather than appeal, of a land use
15 decision. Intervenor argues that an appeal removes a case
16 entirely from the decision making tribunal, and the decision
17 making tribunal is not a party to the appeal. With regard to
18 review, intervenor states "a writ of error which is a form of
19 review removes only the law for reexamination," and the
20 original decision making tribunal is a party to the review
21 conducted on that tribunal's record. Intervenor derives this
22 distinction from the definition of "appeal" in Black's Law
23 Dictionary. (See n 12, infra.)

24 According to intervenor, an appeal is initiated when an
25 aggrieved party files a notice of appeal as provided in ORS
26 ch 19. Intervenor recognizes that under ORS 19.033(1), when a

1 notice of appeal is filed, jurisdiction over the case transfers
2 from the trial court to the appellate court. Intervenor
3 contends, however, that ORS 197.825 only grants LUBA the right
4 to review a local government's land use decision for legal
5 error.

6 Intervenor argues the policy expressed by ORS 19.033(1),
7 Murray Well-Drilling v. Deisch, supra, and State v. Jackson,
8 supra, that the trial court cannot act on a case while it is on
9 appeal to the appellate court is based on the fact that both
10 courts involved are independent bodies. Intervenor contends it
11 would create confusion if both were able to take action at the
12 same time, on the same matter, with potentially inconsistent
13 results. Intervenor argues, however, that this policy does not
14 apply to judicial review. According to intervenor, in judicial
15 review the lower decision making body (in this case, the
16 county) is a party to the review. If that lower body takes
17 further action in the matter pending before the reviewing
18 tribunal which another party to the review proceeding believes
19 improper, intervenor contends the other party would have
20 recourse in the pending review proceeding.⁶

21 Intervenor also argues that ORS ch 215 clearly delegates
22 land use decision making authority to the county. Furthermore,
23 intervenor contends ORS 197.005(3) expresses a legislative
24 policy that counties should retain authority to manage land
25 conservation and development. Intervenor claims petitioner
26 cites no statute or case supporting its contention that the

1 county is divested of this authority to act on a land use
2 decision while judicial review of its decision is pending.

3 Both intervenor and the county argue our decision in
4 DeWolfe v. Clackamas County, 6 Or LUBA 56 (1982), supports the
5 position that a local government has jurisdiction to take
6 further action on a decision while that decision is being
7 reviewed by LUBA. In that case, the county reconsidered its
8 decision and made a new decision in the same matter after a
9 notice of intent to appeal the earlier decision was filed with
10 LUBA. According to respondents, the parties and LUBA
11 apparently assumed that the county had jurisdiction to take
12 such action, and LUBA dismissed the appeal of the earlier
13 decision as moot, without discussing the jurisdictional issue.

14 The county also argues that the courts have consistently
15 recognized that local governments "retain jurisdiction" or
16 authority over property within their boundaries even during the
17 pendency of an appeal of a land use decision involving that
18 property, citing Warren v. Lane County, 297 Or 290, 686 P2d 316
19 (1984); Carmel Estates, Inc. v. LCDC, 51 Or App 435, 625 P2d
20 1367, rev den 291 Or 309 (1981); Citadel Corporation v.
21 Tillamook County, 66 Or App 965, 675 P2d 1114 (1984). The
22 county argues that its reliance on this line of authority is
23 reasonable and should be upheld.

24 Finally, the county argues that in the absence of a
25 specific statutory prohibition against its taking action based
26 on a Court of Appeals opinion, as opposed to an appellate

1 judgment, it should be allowed to do so. The county maintains
2 that in this case it was clear, upon issuance of the court's
3 opinion, what was required of LUBA and the county, as the
4 opinion specified that it "leads to the same disposition
5 [remand] as LUBA's but requires different considerations and
6 actions by the county on remand." Standard II, 93 Or App at
7 85, n 3.

8 The county argues there is only minimal risk if it proceeds
9 to reconsider its decision prior to entry of the appellate
10 court judgment. If the Court of Appeals reconsidered its
11 decision, or the Supreme Court agreed to review the decision,
12 "LUBA and the county would have to review any actions taken in
13 the interim and determine if they needed to be done again or
14 done differently." Respondent's Brief 6. On the other hand,
15 according to the county, if the county lacks authority to act
16 based on a Court of Appeals opinion, "weeks or months could be
17 added to the timeline for any land use decision simply by
18 [parties] filing motions of reconsideration and requests for
19 review." Id.

20 We agree with the county that the issue critical to this
21 assignment of error is the relationship between the county's
22 jurisdiction over a land use decision, and that of LUBA and the
23 appellate courts, when that decision has been appealed.
24 However, the county's argument that it retains jurisdiction
25 over property within its boundaries, during pendency of an
26 appeal of a land use decision concerning that property, is not

1 relevant to this issue. There is no disagreement that a county
2 continues to have jurisdiction over the property that is the
3 subject of a decision on appeal and, therefore, has
4 jurisdiction to adopt a new quasi-judicial or legislative
5 decision concerning the same property, based on a separate
6 proceeding. That is the principle implicitly recognized by the
7 courts in the cases cited by the county, Warren v. Lane County,
8 supra (adoption of new comprehensive plan while appeal of
9 amendment to prior plan pending); Carmel Estates, Inc. v. LCDC,
10 supra (new ordinance amending comprehensive plan and zoning
11 designations for subject property adopted, based on new
12 proceeding, while appeal of prior amendment pending); Citadel
13 Corporation v. Tillamook County, supra (new ordinance amending
14 zoning of subject and other properties adopted while appeal of
15 decision denying zone change pending).

16 Respondents are correct that in DeWolfe v. Clackamas
17 County, supra, we dismissed the appeal as moot because a
18 modified decision was made by the county while the appeal of
19 its original decision was pending. Respondents are also
20 correct in contending we should not have dismissed that appeal
21 as moot if the county had no jurisdiction to adopt a modified
22 decision while the appeal of the original decision was
23 pending. However, our opinion in DeWolfe v. Clackamas County
24 shows that this issue was not raised or considered by the
25 parties or LUBA.⁷ In deciding whether a county has
26 jurisdiction to act further on a land use decision while its

1 earlier decision is on appeal to LUBA or to the appellate
2 courts, we do not consider ourselves bound by a case where the
3 issue was never raised or discussed in the opinion.

4 Thus, we must construe the statutes which grant land use
5 decision making authority to the county, and those which create
6 the process for review of such decisions, without benefit of
7 previous LUBA or appellate court opinions on point.

8 ORS ch 215 generally establishes county authority for
9 planning and zoning. ORS 215.050 grants county governing
10 bodies authority to adopt and revise comprehensive plans, and
11 ORS 215.060 sets out procedural requirements for such actions.
12 ORS 215.431 allows county governing bodies, in certain
13 instances, to authorize planning commissions or hearings
14 officers to make final decisions on comprehensive plan
15 amendments. However, we find no provisions in ORS ch 215 which
16 address a county's jurisdiction over a comprehensive plan
17 amendment decision, or any other type of land use decision,
18 while that decision is on appeal to LUBA or to the appellate
19 courts.

20 Statutes codified at ORS ch 197 generally establish the
21 state-wide comprehensive land use planning system, including
22 the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) and the
23 Land Use Board of Appeals. The legislative findings in
24 ORS 197.005 state as follows with regard to local government
25 decision making authority:

26 " * * * * *

1 "(3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of
2 this section, cities and counties should remain
3 as the agencies to consider, promote and manage
4 the local aspects of land conservation and
5 development for the best interests of the people
6 within their jurisdictions.

7 "(4) The promotion of coordinated state-wide land
8 conservation and development requires the
9 creation of a state-wide planning agency to
10 prescribe planning goals and objectives to be
11 applied by * * * cities, counties and special
12 districts throughout the state."

13 The above-quoted findings were enacted prior to the
14 creation of LUBA, and explain that while LCDC is to adopt
15 state-wide goals and objectives for comprehensive planning,
16 these goals and objectives are to be implemented locally by
17 local governments through their comprehensive plans and land
18 use decisions. We believe these findings address the
19 legislature's intent as to the allocation of land use decision
20 making authority between local governments and LCDC and not, as
21 intervenor suggests, the jurisdiction of local governments to
22 act on land use decisions while those decisions are being
23 reviewed by LUBA or the appellate courts.

24 There are, however, two provisions in ORS ch 197 which deal
25 directly with jurisdiction over review of local government land
26 use decisions. One of these is ORS 197.825(1), which states:

27 "Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this
28 section, [LUBA] shall have exclusive jurisdiction to
29 review any land use decision of a local government
30 * * * in the manner provided in ORS 197.830 to
31 197.845." (Emphasis added.)

32 The "exceptions" in ORS 197.825(2) and (3) to LUBA's exclusive
33 review jurisdiction, mentioned in ORS 197.825(1) above, refer

1 to specific instances where the court of appeals or LCDC has
2 jurisdiction to review decisions by local governments, or to
3 instances where LUBA does not have jurisdiction to review a
4 local government decision because petitioner failed to exhaust
5 all available remedies below.⁸ The "exceptions" do not
6 describe any instances in which a local government is
7 authorized to review, reconsider, or modify its own land use
8 decision while review of such decision is pending before LUBA.

9 The second provision in ORS ch 197 which deals directly
10 with jurisdiction over review of local government land use
11 decisions is ORS 197.850(3), which provides:

12 "Jurisdiction for judicial review of [LUBA]
13 proceedings under ORS 197.830 to 197.845 is conferred
14 upon the Court of Appeals. * * * "

15 Furthermore, ORS 197.850(2) provides:

16 "Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 183.480 to
17 183.550 [governing judicial review of administrative
18 agency orders], judicial review of orders issued [by
19 LUBA] under ORS 197.830 to 197.845 shall be solely as
20 provided in this section."

21 Nowhere in that section is there any authorization for LUBA or
22 local governments, to take any action with regard to their
23 decisions while judicial review of those decisions is pending
24 before the appellate courts. In Cascade Aggregates v.
25 Scappoose Drainage Dist., supra, the Court of Appeals ruled
26 that LUBA's jurisdiction while appellate court review is
27 pending is governed solely by ORS 197.850.⁹

28 Statutes governing jurisdiction in other appellate review
29 proceedings are also instructive. As previously mentioned,

1 with regard to appeals from trial court judgments in civil
2 cases, ORS 19.033 provides once an appeal has been perfected,
3 the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court has jurisdiction over the
4 case, but sets out certain instances in which the trial court
5 retains jurisdiction to take specific actions with regard to
6 the case.¹⁰ Furthermore, the appellate court decisions cited
7 by petitioner, Murray Well-Drilling v. Deisch, supra, and State
8 v. Jackson, supra, make it clear that a trial court does not
9 generally retain jurisdiction to act on a case while appellate
10 review is pending.

11 Statutes concerning judicial review of administrative
12 agency contested cases confer jurisdiction on the Court of
13 Appeals. ORS 183.482(1). Jurisdiction for review of orders in
14 other than contested cases is conferred on circuit courts.
15 ORS 183.484(1). The statutes grant administrative agencies no
16 authority to take further action on orders in other than
17 contested cases while appellate review is pending. However,
18 ORS 183.482(5) and (6) do grant administrative agencies
19 authority, in certain instances, to modify or withdraw their
20 orders in contested cases while appellate review of those
21 orders is pending.¹¹ The clear inference is that
22 administrative agencies lack authority to act upon an order
23 while appellate review of that order is pending, unless such
24 authority is specifically provided for by statute, as it is in
25 ORS 183.482(5) and (6).¹²

26 We find there is a clear pattern to these statutory

1 provisions for appellate review. Where jurisdiction is
2 conferred upon an appellate review body, once appeal/judicial
3 review is perfected, the lower decision making body loses its
4 jurisdiction over the challenged decision unless the statute
5 specifically provides otherwise. In this case, the statutes do
6 not authorize the county to take further action on its decision
7 while that decision is being reviewed by LUBA or by the Court
8 of Appeals.¹³ Therefore, the county was without jurisdiction
9 to adopt the challenged decision. This requires us to reverse
10 the county's decision. OAR 661-10-071(1)(a).

11 The first assignment of error is sustained.

12 SECOND ASSIGNMENT OF ERROR/ MOTION TO DISMISS

13 Petitioner's second assignment of error states:

14 "The county lacked jurisdiction to enter a final order
15 in this case because the subject property was annexed
16 to the City of Hillsboro prior to the time a final
order was entered."

17 The parties agree the county lacked authority to act on the
18 pending requests for reconsideration after the subject property
19 was annexed by the City of Hillsboro on November 9, 1989.
20 Petitioner argues that because the county lacked jurisdiction
21 to adopt a plan designation amendment for the subject property
22 after the annexation occurred, the final order which resulted
23 from the board of commissioners' November 15, 1988 action
24 denying the petitions for reconsideration should be reversed.

25 Intervenor moves to dismiss this appeal, arguing that when
26 the notice of intent to appeal in this case was filed on

1 November 23, 1989, no final land use decision had been made by
2 the county, because the county lacked authority to act upon the
3 requests for reconsideration.¹⁴ Intervenor contends LUBA has
4 no jurisdiction to act on the merits of an appeal of a decision
5 that is not a final land use decision. Intervenor terms this
6 appeal a "premature filing," and argues it should be dismissed
7 for lack of jurisdiction, citing Bettis v. City of Roseburg, 1
8 Or LUBA 174 (1980) and Beem v. Union County, 4 Or LUBA 140
9 (1981). Memorandum in Support of Motion to Dismiss 2.

10 Under CDC 211-2.2, quoted at n 2, supra, if a petition for
11 reconsideration is timely filed and denied, a county decision
12 on an application for a plan map amendment becomes final on the
13 date notice of the denial of reconsideration is provided to the
14 parties. In this case, there is no dispute a timely petition
15 for reconsideration was filed. On November 23, 1988, a written
16 "Notice of Decision" that the petitions for reconsideration had
17 been denied was mailed to the parties. Record 1-2. Thus,
18 under the CDC, the "Notice of Decision" document purports to be
19 a final decision in the matter of the requested plan map
20 amendment.¹⁵ There is also no dispute that the county lacked
21 jurisdiction to make such a decision after the subject property
22 was annexed to the City of Hillsboro. The appealed decision,
23 therefore, exceeded the county's jurisdiction and must be
24 reversed.¹⁶ ORS 197.835(8)(a)(A); OAR 661-10-071(1)(a).

25 The second assignment of error is sustained. Intervenor's
26 motion to dismiss is denied.

1 THIRD THROUGH EIGHTH ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR

2 The third through eighth assignments of error attack the
3 merits of the county's decision to approve a plan map amendment
4 for the subject property. With regard to these assignments,
5 petitioner states "[t]he following assignments of error apply,
6 only if LUBA determines the County had jurisdiction to approve
7 the plan amendment." Petition for Review 22.

8 Under both the first and second assignments of error,
9 supra, we determined that the county's decision exceeded its
10 jurisdiction. Thus, our determination on either of these
11 assignments would require that we reverse the county's
12 decision. We are aware that ORS 197.835(10)(a) generally
13 requires us, when reversing or remanding a land use decision,
14 to decide all issues presented to us.¹⁷ However, we believe
15 the purpose of this provision is to provide needed guidance to
16 the local government making the decision, so that it may, if
17 possible, correct all deficiencies in its decision without the
18 need for repeated appeals to this Board. We do not believe
19 that addressing all issues raised by petitioner with regard to
20 the merits of the county's decision would serve a useful
21 purpose in this case. The county could not correct any
22 deficiencies in its decision because it does not have
23 jurisdiction to adopt a plan map amendment for the annexed
24 property. We, therefore, decline to address the third through
25 eighth assignments of error.

26 The county's decision is reversed.

FOOTNOTES

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In addition, development review approval for a supermarket on the subject property was appealed to us in Standard Insurance Company v. Washington County, LUBA No. 88-015 (Standard III). On July 7, 1988, we issued an order reversing that approval. However, our decision was appealed to the Court of Appeals, and in Standard Insurance Company v. Washington County, 93 Or App 276, ___ P2d ___ (1988), the court directed that we change our disposition of the case to a remand. See Standard III, ___ Or. LUBA ___ (LUBA No. 88-015, Order on Remand from Court of Appeals, January 13, 1989).

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Washington County Community Development Code (CDC) 211-2 provides:

"Decisions of the Board on an application shall be deemed final as follows:

"211-2.1 If no petition for reconsideration is timely filed, the decision shall be deemed final on the date notice of the decision was provided to the parties;

"211-2.2 If a petition for reconsideration is filed and denied, the decision shall be deemed final on the date notice of the denial of reconsideration is provided to the parties;

"211-2.3 If a petition is filed and reconsideration granted, the decision shall be deemed final on the date notice of decision on the development, as reconsidered, is provided."

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On December 20, 1988, the Hillsboro City Council denied the same petitions for reconsideration. That decision is on appeal in Standard Insurance Company v. City of Hillsboro, LUBA No. 88-120 (Standard V). A separate final opinion and order in that appeal is issued this date.

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ORAP 11.03 provides in relevant part:

"(1) As used in this rule,

1 "(a) 'Appellate judgment' means a decision of the
2 Court of Appeals or Supreme Court together with a
3 final order and the seal of the court. * * *

4 " * * * * *

5 "(2) The decision of the Supreme Court or Court of
6 Appeals is effective:

7 " * * * * *

8 "(b) With respect to judicial review of
9 administrative agency proceedings, on the
10 date that the Administrator sends a copy of
11 the appellate judgment to the administrative
12 agency, unless the court orders otherwise.

13 " * * * * "

14 Petitioner argues ORAP 11.03 is applicable in this case because
15 ORAP 5.55 states that, unless otherwise provided by statute or
16 the ORAP, the procedure for judicial review of LUBA decisions
17 shall be the same as for judicial review of administrative
18 agency proceedings.

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20 5 We note that the court's ruling in Cascade Aggregates v.
21 Scappoose Drainage Dist., supra, was based on the following
22 provision in Oregon Laws 1979, chapter 772, section 6a:

23 " * * * judicial review of [LUBA] orders issued under
24 sections 4 to 6 of this 1979 Act shall be solely as
25 provided in this section."

26 This initial statutory provision for judicial review of LUBA
27 decisions is identical in substance to current ORS 197.850(2),
28 which replaced it in 1983. Oregon Laws 1983, ch 827, sec 35.

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30 6 We note, however, intervenor does not cite any statutory
31 authority supporting this contention with regard to the
32 authority of LUBA or the appellate courts, while review of a
33 local government land use decision is pending, to consider or
34 act upon subsequent actions of a local government concerning
35 its decision. Compare ORS 183/482(6), quoted infra at n 11.

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37 7 This issue likewise was not raised or considered by the

1 parties or LUBA in our decision in a separate appeal affirming
2 the county's second decision in the matter. DeWolfe v.
3 Clackamas County, 6 Or LUBA 249 (1982). Furthermore, our
4 decisions in both DeWolfe v. Clackamas County appeals were
5 affirmed per curiam by the Court of Appeals in a consolidated
6 appeal, DeWolfe v. Clackamas County Bd. Comm., 66 Or App 580,
7 674 P2d 1191 (1984). However, the court's opinion also
8 discloses no consideration of this jurisdictional issue.

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ORS 197.825(2) and (3) provide in relevant part:

"(2) The jurisdiction of the board:

"(a) Is limited to those cases in which the
petitioner has exhausted all remedies
available by right before petitioning the
board for review;

"(b) Is subject to the provisions of ORS 197.850
relating to judicial review by the Court of
Appeals;

"(c) Does not include those matters over which
the department has review authority under
ORS 197.430 to 197.455 and 197.640 to
197.650;

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"(3) The provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection (2)
of this section do not affect the authority of
the board to decide issues not raised in the
local government proceedings."

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See n 5, supra.

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ORS 19.033 provides, in relevant part:

"(1) When the notice of appeal has been served and
filed as provided in ORS 19.023, 19.026 and
19.029, the Supreme Court or Court of Appeals
shall have jurisdiction of the cause, pursuant to
rules of the court, but the trial court shall
have such powers in connection with the appeal as
are conferred upon it by law and shall retain

1 jurisdiction for the purpose of allowance and
2 taxation of attorney fees, costs and
disbursements or expenses pursuant to rule or
statute. * * *

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4 "(4) Notwithstanding the filing of a notice of appeal,
5 the trial court shall have jurisdiction, with
6 leave of the appellate court, to enter an
appealable judgment if the appellate court [makes
certain determinations].

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ORS 183.482(5) and (6) provide, as relevant:

10 "(5) If, on review of a contested case, before the
11 date set for hearing, application is made to the
12 court for leave to present additional evidence,
and it is shown to the satisfaction of the court
13 that the additional evidence is material and that
there were good and substantial reasons for
14 failure to present it in the proceeding before
the agency, the court may order that the
15 additional evidence be taken before the agency
under such conditions as the court deems proper.
16 The agency may modify its findings and order by
reason of the additional evidence and shall,
17 within a time to be fixed by the court, file with
the reviewing court, to become a part of the
18 record, the additional evidence, together with
any modifications or new findings or orders * * *.

19 "(6) At any time subsequent to the filing of the
20 petition for review and prior to the date set for
hearing the agency may withdraw its order for
21 purposes of reconsideration. If an agency
withdraws an order for purposes of
22 reconsideration, it shall, within such time as
the court may allow, affirm, modify or reverse
23 its order. If the petitioner is dissatisfied
with the agency action after withdrawal for
24 purposes of reconsideration, the petitioner may
file an amended petition for review and the
25 review shall proceed upon the revised order.
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2 We disagree with intervenor's contention that there is a
3 significant difference between appellate review processes
4 statutorily termed appeals and those statutorily termed
5 judicial review, with regard to the retention of jurisdiction
6 by original decision making bodies. We note that review of
7 state agency decisions is statutorily termed judicial review,
8 and fits intervenor's description of judicial review in that
9 the agency is a party to such review. However, it is clear
10 from ORS 183.482 that a state agency only has jurisdiction to
11 take further action upon its appealed orders where such
12 jurisdiction is specifically conferred upon the agency by that
13 section.

14 We further note that the definition of "appeal" in Black's
15 Law Dictionary, Fifth Edition, 1979, cited by intervenor, is
16 "[r]esort to a superior (i.e. appellate) court to review the
17 decision of an inferior (i.e. trial) court or administrative
18 agency." (Emphasis added.) Black's Law Dictionary also
19 defines "judicial review" as a "form of appeal from an
20 administrative body to the courts for review of either findings
21 of fact, or of law, or of both. See also Appeal." (Emphasis
22 added.)

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25 We do not agree with respondents' view that such an
26 interpretation of the statutes poses dire consequences for
local governments. While it is true that this interpretation
means that a county cannot act further on a specific land use
decision until all appeals of its decision are concluded, we
agree with the parties that a county still has jurisdiction
over the subject property. Thus, a county could supersede its
earlier decision while review is pending, with a new decision
concerning the property made as a result of a separate land use
proceeding. Furthermore, we note that a county's land use
decisions are effective while review by LUBA and the appellate
courts is pending, unless a stay is specifically granted by
LUBA pursuant to ORS 197.845.

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29 The notice of intent to appeal in this case mistakenly
30 identified the date the appealed decision became final as
31 November 15, 1988, the date the board of commissioners voted to
32 deny the petitions for reconsideration, rather than
33 November 23, 1988, the date notice of the board of
34 commissioners' decision was mailed to the parties. Record 1-2;
35 see CDC 211-2.2, quoted at n 2, supra. At oral argument,
36 intervenor claimed the citation of November 15, 1988 in the

1 notice of intent to appeal means petitioner did not appeal from
2 a final decision and, therefore, the appeal should be
3 dismissed. However, we note that on November 23, 1988, the
4 date the notice of intent to appeal was filed, a final decision
5 in the matter had been made by the county. The notice of
6 intent to appeal clearly described the decision challenged, and
7 apparently neither intervenor nor respondent were confused as
8 to the identity of the decision appealed by petitioner. In
9 such circumstances, we regard the error in petitioner's notice
10 of intent to appeal concerning the date the decision became
11 final as technical, harmless and not a basis for dismissing the
12 appeal. See Atwood v. City of Portland, 4 Or LUBA 177, 179
13 (1981), aff'd without opinion 56 Or App 396 (1982).

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9 We note that intervenor's characterization of the situation
10 presented in this appeal would probably be correct if, after
11 annexation of the subject property by the city, the county had
12 issued a decision that it did not have jurisdiction to act on
13 the petitions for reconsideration. According to the CDC, such
14 a decision by the county would not result in the county's
15 November 8, 1988 decision approving the plan amendment becoming
16 a final decision. Therefore, there would arguably be no county
17 final decision for LUBA to review.

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15 We note the circumstances in this case differ significantly
16 from those in Bettis v. City of Roseburg, supra (appeal from
17 minutes of city council meeting dismissed where city argued it
18 intended eventually to issue written resolution and findings in
19 matter appealed), and Beem v. Union County, supra (appeal from
20 county order dismissed where another appeal was filed from
21 subsequently adopted county ordinance in same matter).

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20 ORS 197.835(10)(a) provides:

21 "Whenever the findings, order and record are
22 sufficient to allow review, and to the extent possible
23 consistent with the time requirements of
24 ORS 197.830(12), the board shall decide all issues
25 presented to it when reversing or remanding a land use
26 decision described in subsections (2) through (8) of
27 this section."

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