



# Management Update Summary Minutes

**Monday, September 19, 2016, 9:00 a.m.**

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem  
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Silverton Conference Room

## ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Commissioner Sam Brentano, Commissioner Carlson, John Lattimer, Jan Fritz, Jolene Kelley, Steve Dickey, Chris French, Justine Flora, Rex Weisner, Gloria Roy, Tamra Goettsch, Sarah Cavazos, Joe Fennimore and Kenna West as recorder.

John Lattimer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## COMMUNICATION UPDATE

- Jolene Kelley, Public Information Coordinator, provided current updates.

## INFORMATIONAL

### **Potential Changes to CARTS Bus Service in the Santiam Canyon**

#### *Summary of Presentation:*

- Steve Dickey, Director of Transportation Development for Cherriots and Steve French Cherriots Senior Planner, are proposing changes to the CARTS system;
- Would like to be as effective as possible with their limited resources;
- Consultants came in last year to evaluate;
- Took recommendations into consideration and now ready to propose a service design to the community for feedback;
- Ridership patterns, regional demographics; input from community leaders and elected officials all taken into consideration;
- Will hold public outreach events this fall to gain more input from community;
- The approved plan will go before the public February 2017;
- Will be implemented in the spring of 2017;
- CARTS is funded through federal and state resources, as well as a limited amount of passenger fares;
- This service is for those who are not covered under Medicaid and receive services through CherryLift or TripLink;
- The CARTS service has not been well run nor has it been effective for those who may want to use it;
- It's infrequent, unpredictable and at times very costly;
- New plan offers more ride times and coordination with Cherriots Bus Service;
- Shifting to predictable fixed route coverage;
- Eliminating flex route;
- Ridership from Santiam Canyon is low and the cost is high:
  - Have had to make some hard decisions about where to spend dollars;
  - Spending about \$40,000 per year to benefit about five people who use route 30:
    - Transporting students home to Gates from private school in Stayton.
  - Not seeing the trips used for medical appointments or employment in Salem;
  - Feedback that Cherriots is cutting off a lot of people is not substantiated by research;

- 73 percent of the ridership east of Stayton is in Linn county; and
- No other arrangements have been looked into.

*Summary of Discussion:*

- Recommends conversation with Linn County who might be able to share the cost of trips up the canyon;
- Suggested reducing trips instead of eliminating all of them;
- Could contract with someone in Gates and if they had a physical facility in Gates where a driver could leave a vehicle that could work;
- If the priority is to run trips all the up the canyon, then there would be a reduction of trips between Stayton and Salem and also Woodburn and Salem;
- Eliminating transportation to jobs in the canyon really hurts the local businessman so figuring out another way is important;
- Try not to think of this as a zero sum issue with no alternatives;
- Board strongly suggests not eliminating the route up the canyon and can partner with Linn County or Economic Development Advisory Board in order to find a solution;
- May need to go to legislature to get something changed for rural counties; and
- Would like Mr. Dickey to find another way to provide transportation to the canyon residents.

**Discuss Marion County Code relating to Recreational Vehicle (RV) Length of Stay Provisions**

*Summary of Presentation:*

- The code provides for temporary stay of up to 120 days on private property;
- Certified medical hardships are an exception for up to one year; and
- The code relates only to Marion County and is not required by state statute.

*Summary of Discussion:*

- RV's and mobile homes have different standards;
- Homeless Initiative Task Force is looking at Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's);
- Need to be rethinking the code that came out of the 1980's;
- Apartment availability rate is very low in Marion County;
- Low income housing voucher wait is 2-3 years and even then there are no available units to rent;
- Currently only have a one year hardship available for those wanting ADU's long term;
- Most of the enforcements are in the rural residential or farm zones;
- The state does not allow ADU's in rural zones;
- Would like to have input from neighbors;
- Do not want to encourage impromptu RV parks on rural land;
- Tiny houses are becoming more popular and the county needs to get ahead of the trend;
- If there are more than one ADU then it is considered an RV park;
- Would like issue sent to the Marion County Planning Commission;
- Board would like a work session with recommendations from planning; and
- Okay for code enforcement to address any solid waste issues with temporary dwelling units.

**Health Insurance Study Committee (HISC) Benefits Update**

*Summary of Presentation:*

- Update on vendor searches for the county health plan;
- Committee has tentatively selected Regence, Delta Dental and Kaiser Permanente; and
- One more HISC meeting to finalize recommendation to the board.

## **Salem-Keizer Education Foundation College and Career Readiness Center Funding Request**

### *Summary of Presentation:*

- Requests \$50,000 for the Mike McLaren Center for Student Success;
- Education based non-profit meant to help students thrive;
- There are available dollars in the approved 2016-2017 economic development budget;
- Ms. Krina Lee met with Mr. Lattimer and Commissioner Cameron to request support for this project;
- Project has access to several different grants; and
- Funds likely coming from a contingency fund rather than an actual grant program in the county.

### *Summary of Discussion:*

- Community Project Grants will be released in November;
- Already received substantial grants;
- Should be leveraging private grants before asking for public grants;
- No limit on amount they can request from the Community Project Grant; and
- Would like Salem-Keizer Education Foundation to apply through the regular process.

## **Discuss Marion County Participating in the Oregon Homeownership Stabilization Initiative Tax Benefit Program**

### *Summary of Presentation:*

- State of Oregon is receiving federal funds to assist homeowners who are behind on their mortgages;
- This is a voluntary on the part of the county;
- Would need a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place to satisfy requirements of the U.S. Treasury;
- Pays off back taxes to the county and at the end of five years it's forgiven;
- Must be able to pay property taxes going forward;
- Very little administrative work required of the Assessor's Office; and
- \$94.5 million available, which may last one to two years.

### *Summary of Discussion:*

- County won't send names of eligible properties;
- Would like to get senior deferrals taken care of;
- Does not appear to have a downside to signing the MOU; and
- This is a benefit to our citizens and would like this to go to Board Session.

## **Discuss Second Amendment Preservation Ordinance**

### *Summary of Presentation:*

- Several counties have adopted an ordinance supporting the Second Amendment;
- Mr. Allen Barker contacted the Board's Office requesting Marion County to do the same; and
- Passed a resolution supporting Second Amendment and Article 1 Section 27 rights at public meeting March 18, 2015.

### *Summary of Discussion:*

- Decided to enact a resolution versus an ordinance at the public meeting

## **Northwest Oregon RAC Title II Projects Prioritization**

### *Summary of Presentation:*

- Commissioners need to rank the Title II projects received by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

*Summary of Discussion:*

- Priority is:
  - Northfork Parking Improvements;
  - Law Enforcement Contract; and
  - Sinker Flats.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE

**Commissioner Sam Brentano:**

- MWACT ranked Connect Oregon projects and voted bike trail on an abandoned railroad last, but it went to the next level; and
- Local farmers showed up at the following meetings protesting.

**Commissioner Kevin Cameron:**

- Went to meeting on reducing lanes on State Street which had over a hundred supporters;
- Commissioners strongly disagree with the plan and will be drafting a letter;
- Toured Detroit High School and will not move forward with renovation;
- Will be an additional road constructed in 2019; and
- Marion County received an award at the last SEDCOR meeting.

**Commissioner Janet Carlson:**

- Organizing a training for staff members who staff advisory boards;
- Appointed to three additional committees; and
- Need to schedule the next offsite board meeting.

Adjourned at: 11:02 AM

COMPLETED BY: **Sarra Sparks**

*Reviewed by:* Kristy Witherell