

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Minutes

Monday, July 8, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Sam Brentano, and Colm Willis, Jan Fritz, Joe Kast, Laurie Steele, Jane Vetto, Tamra Goettsch, Anne Potter, Melissa Rounds, Hitesh Parekh, Jessica Paler, Barb Young, Chad Ball, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Discuss Dog Licensing for Homeless Population

- Tamra Goettsch, Anne Potter

Summary of presentation:

- Approached by a community member with an idea to distribute 150 dog licenses for free to homeless individuals in the community during a community event on September 7, 2019;
- The policy states who the county can give licenses to for free:
 - o A person who is blind and uses a dog as a guide; or
 - Used as an assistance animal.
- The county does not have the authority to authorize free licenses to homeless individuals;
- Revenues lost would be \$3,000-\$4,000;
- Actual revenues lost would be one dollar per license to the county;
- Ms. Potter has personal experience writing grants that awarded money to take care of pets:
 - The grant reimburses half of the license fees back to the county; and
 - o This event could be covered by a grant in the future to cover costs.
- The homeless population does not license their pets voluntarily; and
- Looking for board direction.

Board discussion:

- Will be partnering with ARCHES during the event;
- If the dog is not licensed, it would be in violation of the code;
- Unsure of the address the homeless individual would use on the license application;
- Either need to change the code, or use the Good Neighbor Fund;
- Licensing is proof that the dogs have their rabies shot;
- The commissioners do not have an interest in changing the code;
- The commissioners approve using the Good Neighbor Fund; and

- The commissioners will allow participation in the event:
 - Would like staff to track the number of dog licenses, and cost at the event; and
 - o Come before the board to request use of the Good Neighbor Fund at a board session.

Review of Investment Policy #496 and Practices

- Laurie Steele

Summary of presentation:

- The board order coming to board session is for authorization of investing surplus funds;
- There are a few approved investments the county is allowed to invest in:
 - Have to be very well rated;
 - Cannot enter into an agreement to purchase an investment with more than 14 business days settlement; and
 - Cannot invest funds past 18 months duration, unless the county has an investment policy that states that the county can:
 - The county does have a policy that says the county can go out five years.
- Oregon statute states that there cannot be more than 35 percent of the portfolio invested in commercial paper.

Board discussion:

- In the early 1980's, Marion County made bad investments, which bankrupted the county:
 - o The county now has stricter regulations on investing.

Discuss LCDC report on the 2018 UGB Growth Management Decision

- Chad Ball, Barb Young

Summary of presentation:

- In 2018, Metro decided to look into expanding their boundaries into four main cities:
 - o Hillsboro;
 - o Wilsonville;
 - o King City; and
 - Beaverton.
- The expansion will include 9,800 new homes;
- In January, the county sent a letter opposing the expansion and included concerns:
 - Most were water related.
- The county received a report stating that Metro rejected the county's objections:
 - o If the county would like to participate in alternative dispute resolutions, Metro is willing to help with that, but doesn't believe it will help in this process.
- There is a response that needs to be sent by July 12th;
- The water is already allocated to Metro;
- The study did not take into consideration drought;

- Hillsboro bought rights to the City of Salem's water:
 - o Wilsonville has water from the Willamette River; and
 - o Beaverton is going to draw from their basin.
- Marion County was the only entity that opposed the expansion; and
- The letter gives the county standing on the issue.

Board discussion:

- Traffic issues were not a part of the original letter and the commissioners would like to add it to the new letter;
- Ms. Goettsch will look through Tom Hogue's emails to see if there is any more information on the issue;
- The commissioners would like to have traffic counts be conducted; and
- The commissioners would like the county to stay involved in the issue.

Review Public Safety Coordinating Council and Community Corrections Board Agreements

- Hitesh Parekh, Lisa Trauernicht

Summary of presentation:

- Both meetings met monthly for a two hours long period each;
- The two groups have been working to move the meetings to a quarterly basis, and an hour and a half long each;
- Will have an executive committee meet and take action on items quarterly;
 - Will have a 16 member executive committee, with seven needed for a quorum.
- The community corrections board meeting rarely focused on community corrections issues;
- The commissioners used to meet monthly with the Community Corrections Board, but the meetings turned into work sessions:
 - Will need to schedule quarterly work sessions that are two hours long;
 and
 - The work sessions will make the Sheriff's Office operate like other departments.
- Budget issues will come through the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council and to the board for final approval;
- Commissioner Cameron is trying to reorganize the meetings back to the way they were intended to be;
- Will help the Sheriff's Office to consolidate what subject is at each meeting;
- The bylaws for the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council are being updated:
 - o Would like to get the bylaws approved at tomorrow's meeting.
- The next Community Corrections Board Meeting is July 23rd.

Board discussion:

- Ms. Trauernicht worked with Legal Counsel to prepare the new bylaws and agreements:
- Commissioner Cameron's goal is to streamline the two meetings and keep the lines of communication open;
- It will help the Sheriff's Office to consolidate the meetings; and

• The Board of Commissioners has statutory authority over community corrections.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Barb Young

Summary of presentation:

- Senate Bill 451:
 - o Died in committee; and
 - Meeting with Covanta later this week.
- Looking at labor union contract changes;
- Senators passed 150 bills that were related to policy and budget;
- The governor is threatening to do an executive order passing Cap and Trade;
- Some trickle through funds may cover sheriff patrols and parks;
- Unions were very successful in their legislative bills;
- Modified plastic straw ban passed;
- Plastic bag ban passed; and
- Return postage on ballots passed.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATE:

Kevin Cameron:

Attended the St. Paul Rodeo.

Sam Brentano:

- Attended O&C Meeting a couple of weeks ago:
 - o The Bureau of Land Management are logging off the trees that fell in the snow storm, but only the ones by the road:
 - Others are just lying there and there is no reseeding.
 - The pipeline would need to be protected by 150-foot right-of-way, instead of 30 feet;
 - o Lane County wants to withdrawal from the O&C Counties:
 - The group needs to make up the share of costs from Lane County leaving.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: Kristy Witherell Reviewed by: Joanna Ritchie