

**Report on issues discussed at the weekly
Management Update meeting on April 13, 2009**

Commissioners present: Commissioner Milne and Commissioner Brentano

INFORMATIONAL

Mid-Willamette Watershed Alliance Update

Matt Knudsen, environmental specialist, presented information and requested direction regarding the restructuring of the Claggett Creek, Pringle Creek, Mill Creek and Battle Creek Watersheds. Matt explained that the Oregon Watershed Enhancement board, a state policy and oversight board, will recognize and fund the Mid-Willamette Watershed Alliance. The four watersheds will no longer be directly funded and the area will be considered one watershed. The alliance is writing bylaws and will bring to the board for approval and recognition as a watershed. Matt volunteered to represent Marion County as a voting member on the Mid-Willamette Watershed Alliance, alongside voting members from Salem, Keizer and two members each from Claggett Creek, Pringle Creek, Mill Creek and Battle Creek. Commissioner Milne and Commissioner Brentano agreed and thanked Matt for representing the county on the watershed alliance.

Review revisions to Adopt-a-Road program forms

Don Clark and Mandy Follis, public works, discussed the Adopt-a-Road program form revisions. Don said that legal counsel assisted in developing the wording. The discussion included safety issues, use and return of equipment, signage vandalism and the minimum age for participants. Commissioner Milne suggested including younger children. Mandy said that for the city of Salem program the minimum age is 11 years old and for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) program the minimum age is 16. Bill Worcester said that they could change the wording to include 10 and 11-year-olds accompanied by a parent. Commissioner Milne thanked Bill, Don, and Mandy for their work on this program.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – Ferry Boat Discretionary Program Application

Alan Haley, public works, discussed the ferryboat discretionary program, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, for providing special funding for the construction of ferryboats and ferry terminal facilities. The application request will be \$3,424,608 for the full package of a ferryboat, ramp improvements, launching and advertising. There may be 100 percent funding available, subject to priority factors. Alan requested direction on making a commitment of \$200,000 in county funds to meet the final priority factor. He said that the new ferryboat could be available by January 2011. The new ferryboat would be large enough to accommodate four large vehicles and they are hoping to increase hours of operation. He said that the estimates have been done and that they are ready to request bids for designs. Commissioner

Brentano said that he is excited about the project. Commissioner Milne hoped that with fee and hour adjustments that use would increase. Jo Stonecipher said that the grant application would be presented for John Lattimer to sign and the actual acceptance of the grant would come to the board. The commissioners gave their support to pursue the grant application and for John Lattimer to sign.

OTHER

Jo Stonecipher gave the board copies of the Marion County zoning code and the county code. She said that they can also be found online on the Marion County internet home page. Additional copies can be ordered. The county codes online will be updated within 24 hours of the time they become effective. She said that paper supplements are supplied for the books regularly every six months. Staff will update the binders in the interim.

WORK SESSIONS AND OTHER MEETINGS

- 4/14 Stayton/County meeting, 7:30-8:30
Work Session – Plan to End Homelessness, 9:00-10:30
- 4/15 Board Session, 9:00-11:00
Covanta Flag Raising Ceremony, 11:00-1:00
- 4/17 Representative Kevin Cameron, 7:00-7:45
JOBS Council, 7:30-10:00
- 4/20 Commissioners' calendar review, 8:30-9:00
Management Update, 9:00-10:00
Work Session – History of Solid Waste System in Marion County, 10:00-11:00
Population Forecast presentation to the City of Keizer, 7:00-8:00

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