

**Report on issues discussed at the weekly
Management Update meeting on October 5, 2009**

Commissioners present: Commissioner Milne, Commissioner Carlson and
Commissioner Brentano

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Impact of Hubbard residential UGB expansion on Measure 37/49 claims

Brandon Reich, planning, discussed the impact of the proposed City of Hubbard urban growth boundary (UGB) expansion on two properties with Measure 37/49 claims. Staff provided the board with several options including the recommended option of rezoning the property that would allow the uses requested under existing Measure 37/49 claims. The new zone would be urban transitional (UT) 1.5. Commissioner Milne said she was in favor of the recommended option since it would not negatively affect opportunities provided under Measure 37/49. Commissioners Carlson and Brentano agreed. Brandon said he has been in contact with both property owners, and will contact them again prior to the October 7 board session.

School Construction Excise Tax (CET) legislation HB 2014

Warren Jackson, building official, discussed HB2014 relating to collection of the School Construction Excise Tax (CET). HB2014 requires collection of the tax by local governments that issue building permits on behalf of school districts that adopt the tax. It also allows local governments to retain more than 1% of the tax to offset the cost of collecting the tax. Warren said that based on current data, actual costs for the county are between 1.75% and 2%. In response to question by Commissioner Brentano, Warren answered that changing the amount the county retains will not raise overall costs for the builder. Laurie Steele, treasurer, added that she expects the cost of banking services to increase in the next year. This includes costs for credit card transactions. This payment method is often used for building permit transactions. In anticipation of increased banking fees, Warren said that a 2.5% increase would be closer to covering true costs. The legislation provides a cap of 4%. Warren said the county is currently collecting the CET for four school districts and has collected about \$26,600 in the last six months on their behalf. Warren also pointed out that they have also added a clause in section 9 of the intergovernmental template that provides for an additional .25% deduction if the Department of Consumer and Business Services establishes an administrative fee pursuant to ORS 320.179. The board agreed to retaining 2.5% of the collected tax to cover county costs.

Request for school zone designations for Pine Street High School in Silverton

Cindy Schmitt, county engineer, discussed a request by the City of Silverton and Silver Falls School District to designate areas on Pine and Grant Streets as 20 mph school zones near the new high school. In addition, a petition from area residents in favor of the school zone designation was also received. Cindy said public works staff is still gathering information regarding this request, and therefore have not prepared a recommendation on all of the outstanding issues. She said that staff initially denied the request when first presented last spring. Cindy said in general the 20 mph school zone is not used for high schools. She said it is geared more toward pedestrian traffic. After checking the area Cindy thought there were other things that needed to be done as well to adequately address safety issues. Commissioner Milne asked how the issue had been addressed at the old high school. Steve Kaye, City of Silverton, said there had been a 20 mph school zone designation. Commissioner Carlson asked Mr. Kaye

whether the city had any interest in taking jurisdiction of the roadway since the area was now encompassed within the Silverton city limits. Commissioner Milne pointed out areas that are city or county jurisdiction depending on what side of the road you are on. Mr. Kaye answered that the city did not intend to assume jurisdiction of the roadway. He said that the school district had agreed to pay for and install signage for the requested school zone designations. Commissioner Carlson said that if the school district is interested in improving safety in the area and is willing to assume the costs associated with equipment, etc. she is in favor of approving the request and would like to do so quickly. Commissioner Milne agreed and said it is a school and community decision. She said that the new school is only a few blocks from the old high school and affects the same neighborhood. Commissioner Brentano said he preferred the idea of adding flashing lights to determine when the school speed would be in effect. Cindy said she will prepare additional information and a recommendation for presentation at a future management update meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' UPDATE

Commissioner Milne discussed a letter the board had received from the City of Independence regarding a regional third bridge across the Willamette River. She said they would like a letter of support from the board. Commissioner Brentano said he has been participating on the committee that is working on this issue. Barb Young, senior policy advisor, will draft a letter for the board to sign.

Commissioner Brentano said there will be an open house regarding the Chemawa Interchange project on October 14. The meeting will be at the Keizer City Hall and is from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Commissioner Brentano circulated a brochure regarding with more information about the open house.

Commissioner Brentano next discussed a letter from the City of Salem regarding draft updates to the Solid Waste Management Plan. Barb Young will work with environmental services on a response.

Commissioner Brentano commented on county flu plans that have recently been completed. He said he was pleased with the work that had been done and feels the plans provide a good framework to deal with flu related issues that may come up. He said it is his hope the plans won't be needed. Commissioner Milne added that Rod Calkins, health department administrator, will be making a presentation at the Woodburn Rotary meeting this week.

WORK SESSIONS AND OTHER MEETINGS

- 10/7 Board Session, 9:00-1:00
Woodburn/County meeting, 12:00-1:00
- 10/8 Keizer/County meeting, 7:30-9:00
- 10/12 Commissioners' calendar review, 8:30-9:00
Management Update, 9:00-11:00
- 10/13 Stayton/County meeting, 7:00-8:30
Work Session – Veteran's Service, 9:30-11:00
BOC/CAO Quarterly meeting, 2:00-3:30

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