

Report on issues discussed at the weekly  
Management Update meeting on October 19, 2009

Commissioners present: Commissioner Milne and Commissioner Brentano

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Marion County Housing Authority office relocation

Dennis Kilfoil, Marion County Housing Authority administrator, provided some background information about relocation of the housing authority office. Dennis said this is a project they have been working on for a couple of years. He said the new site will be on Portland Road. He said he feels they have negotiated a fair lease at a reasonable cost. He said the new space allows room for expansion and provides adequate parking. Dennis said that once the final lease agreement has been executed they will begin preparing for the move. Housing plans to have their offices moved by February 1, 2010.

Newberg-Dundee Bypass

Bill Worcester, Public Works director, discussed a new proposal that recently came to light regarding a Newberg-Dundee bypass that would connect I-5 to a proposed interchange near Hubbard. The proposed bypass would be a private toll road. Bill said that a meeting is planned for October 28 and asked if the board would like a representative from Public Works to attend. It was determined that the meeting will be part of the scheduled French Prairie work group meeting which Commissioner Milne and Dan Estes, senior policy advisor, regularly attend. Bill referenced a 2006 board resolution opposing placement of a regional bypass in Marion County. Commissioner Milne commented that the position of the board is well known and that it is not necessary to spend a lot of time on this proposal at this point. Commissioner Brentano said he had received some comments from community members regarding the proposal. He said while his position has not changed, he thought the drawing of the proposed route was the first he had seen that brought traffic congestion relief to the area. Commissioner Milne noted that other projects, like the Woodburn interchange, should be completed first.

Proposed PGE transmission line – Cascade Crossing

David Epling, Public Works planning, discussed a proposal by PGE for a new transmission line from Boardman to the Bethel substation on State Street. He said the new line involves multiple jurisdictions including Marion County and the intended route will parallel existing easements for the most part. David said that in Marion County the easement runs through a densely populated area in the Macleay area and an alternate route has been proposed for that portion of the line. David said he expects PGE to file a notice of intent with the Oregon Department of Energy (DOE) soon. This will establish the permitting process. Sterling Anderson, planning director, said at that time they could choose to follow the land use process through local jurisdictions or have the DOE act as the lead agency. In that case the DOE

would be responsible for handling the land use process. David said that PGE is currently conducting a public relations/information campaign about the proposal. He said PGE would like to schedule a presentation for an upcoming board session. Sterling or David will contact PGE to schedule the board presentation.

#### Appointment to Oregon Garden Foundation Board

John Lattimer, chief administrative officer, discussed the proposed appointment of Mark Krautmann to the Oregon Garden Foundation (OGF) board. Commissioner Milne said that she had recruited Mr. Krautmann to fill the vacancy on the board. She said he is a former member of the OGF board and is also a member of the Oregon Association of Nurseries. Commissioner Brentano said he was also pleased with the choice. The board will formally consider the appointment at the Wednesday, October 21, board session.

#### COMMISSIONERS' UPDATE

Jo Stonecipher, legal counsel, said the appeal of the Elkhorn decision had been heard by the Court of Appeals last week. She thought a decision would be issued prior to the end of the year.

Jo also mentioned that the appeal period for the City of Donald comprehensive plan amendment had expired.

#### WORK SESSIONS AND OTHER MEETINGS

10/21 Board Session, 9:00-1:00

Open House – Her Place, 3:00-6:00

10/26 Commissioners' calendar review, 8:30-9:00

Management Update, 9:00-11:00

10/27 Community Corrections Board, 8:30-10:00

Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee, 6:30-8:00

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