

**Report on issues discussed at the weekly
Management Update meeting on November 2, 2009**

Commissioners present: Commissioner Milne, Commissioner Carlson and Commissioner Brentano

INFORMATIONAL

Economic development grant requests – Travel Salem and SEDCOR

Dan Estes, senior policy advisor, discussed two grant applications for economic development funding; one for Travel Salem and the second for SEDCOR. Dan said the North Santiam Canyon Economic Development Corporation is also working on a grant application. He mentioned that Travel Salem is also submitting a project grant through the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB). Commissioner Milne said she would like EDAB to discuss dual grant applications by the same organization. Commissioner Carlson had questions regarding the grant for the North Santiam Canyon EDC. Dan said he had spoken to the director and they are working on their grant application. He said they are getting some paperwork caught up following the departure of a board member. Commissioner Carlson asked that Dan follow up with the executive director. Note: The board formally considered both grant applications at the Wednesday, November 4, board session.

Commissioners' Holiday discussion

John Lattimer, chief administrative officer, said that following last week's discussion he had looked at the productivity and overtime costs related to the proposed Commissioners' Holiday. He discussed the costs of another holiday. Commissioner Milne said that many employees may already have plans for the day and she would be hesitant to not grant the day with such short notice. She thought it would be appropriate to discuss the Commissioners' Holiday during the next budget process. Commissioner Brentano agreed. He said further discussion of the Commissioners' Holiday is a consideration of the current economic conditions. Commissioner Carlson also agreed. John felt that the Commissioners' Holiday is part of a broader use of leave discussion. Commissioner Milne asked for additional discussion at the next department head/elected officials meeting. A letter will be drafted informing employees of the Commissioners' Holiday for this year.

ACTION

Appointment to the Public Defender of Marion County Board of Directors

John Lattimer said the term for Teresa Cox on the Public Defender of Marion County Board of Directors expired on October 31, 2009. He said Ms. Cox has indicated interest in being reappointed to the board. Commissioner Carlson said she is in favor of the appointment. However, she would like a review of the various boards and commissions with a named Marion County participant. She said this had not been looked at for some time and she was unsure if there were any unfilled appointments and whether there was a complete listing of the boards and commissions the county participates in.

Commissioner Milne agreed that an overall review would be a good idea. Sara McDonald, senior policy advisor, will work on this project for the board.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved to reappoint Teresa Cox to the Public Defender of Marion County Board of Directors. Seconded by Commissioner Carlson; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

OTHER

John Lattimer discussed an e-mail he received from the City of Salem regarding a proposed red light camera at an intersection with both county and city jurisdiction. Commissioner Brentano said he had received an e-mail from Cindy Schmitt regarding the issue. He explained that the proposal outlined in Cindy's e-mail was somewhat different than what he recalled was proposed by the city. He said his understanding was that the equipment would be installed on county facilities. However, enforcement action would only be taken on violations that occur in the city right-of-way. Commissioner Milne said this had also been her understanding. John said he would work with the city and public works to find out what the final proposal is. He will report back to the board at a future management update meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' UPDATE

Commissioner Brentano provided updates and handouts from recent meetings he had attended. Meetings included the Chemawa Interchange committee and the Salem River Crossing policy committee.

Commissioner Brentano said he recently participated in an H1N1 flu statewide coordination conference call. He said there was no new information presented and he plans to participate in future conference calls.

Commissioner Milne discussed a letter by Woodburn Mayor Kathy Figley who is representing small communities in the rural reserve process. Commissioner Milne read from the letter and was pleased that Mayor Figley's position regarding cooperation with Metro on issues of mutual interest, rather than inclusion as a member of Metro, was similar to the county's position.

Commissioner Milne discussed the Aurora Airport Master Plan update. She said she planned to attend the initial meeting scheduled for November 3. She said the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA) would be outlining the statutory process they will follow as they complete the update. She said it would be helpful to have someone from Public Works participate on the committee as well. Commissioner Milne said she will provide additional information to the board following the meeting.

Commissioner Carlson said she had recently attended the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District annual dinner. She said the event was well attended with informative presentations on recent projects.

Commissioner Carlson said she also attended a recent Solid Waste Management Advisory Council (SWMAC) meeting. She said she talked with a representative from the hauler's association who had been surprised by a recent amendment to the solid waste ordinance. She requested that the haulers be kept informed of these types of issues.

Commissioner Carlson provided an update of a proposal to move the Worksource Center from a contract with Chemeketa Community College to a program out of the Enterprise for Employment and Education. She said the executive committee had unanimously recommended the proposal and it will go to the full committee next week.

WORK SESSIONS AND OTHER MEETINGS

11/9 Commissioners' calendar review, 8:30-9:00

Management Update, 9:00-11:00

Salem Area Chamber of Commerce – Forum Series, 11:45-1:00

This all-county e-mail authorized by John Lattimer, chief administrative officer.