



Marion County  
**Management Update**  
Swamp Fox Conference Room  
Marion County Courthouse Square

**REPORT**  
November 30, 2009

Commissioners present: Commissioner Milne, Commissioner Carlson and Commissioner Brentano

## INFORMATIONAL

### Ward Drive

Public Works Director Bill Worcester discussed a proposal to accept a portion of Ward Drive into the county road system and complete needed improvements to the roadway. Bill explained that in 1996 the state realigned Ward Drive as part of an I-5/Portland Road interchange improvement project. He said the original intent had been for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to request that the realigned portion of Ward Drive be accepted into the county road system. However, the request did not occur. Bill said about two years ago Public Works began receiving complaints about the condition of the roadway from area residents. At that time it was determined that ODOT had maintained jurisdiction for this portion of the roadway. Bill said the state will pay for reconstruction of the roadway and would then like the county to assume maintenance of Ward Drive. Bill said the county already has a project planned for the county portion of Ward Drive and can incorporate the remaining portion into the planned improvements. In response to a question by Commissioner Milne, Bill said the cost would be about \$285,000 and that the state will pay actual costs. Commissioner Brentano said he would only be interested in receiving maintenance jurisdiction if the road is properly repaired. Bill confirmed that a full reconstruction is planned. He said that other than regular maintenance the paving should last about 20 years. Cindy Schmitt, Public Works, added that ODOT will continue to maintain the traffic signal at Portland Road. Bill said Public Works will work with ODOT on a formal agreement that he will bring to the board for approval at a later date.

### Silverton High School Zone Requests

Cindy Schmitt, Public Works, provided an update of the proposal for school speed zones in Silverton near the high school. She said both the city and school district had reviewed the engineering report. In response to a question by Commissioner Milne, Cindy said the school district is willing to pay for the costs associated with the school speed zone on Pine Street and the police department is willing to enforce the speed zone. Commissioner Carlson wanted to ensure that the flashing light installation would meet county specifications. Cindy said yes. Commissioner Brentano said that if the local officials feel the speed zone is necessary and they are willing to

incur the associated costs then it would be appropriate to approve the request.

#### OTHER

John Lattimer said he has asked Public Works to review the final draft Solid Waste Management Plan at the December 7 management update meeting.

#### WORKSESSIONS AND OTHER MEETINGS

12/1 Work Session – Parks Plan, 8:30-10:00

12/2 Board Session, 9:00-1:00

Woodburn/County Meeting, 12:00-1:00

12/3 H1N1 Conference Call, 7:30-8:00

Salem/County Meeting, 8:00-9:00

Department Head/Elected Officials Meeting, 9:30-11:30

Elected Officials Quarterly Meeting, 12:00-1:00

12/7 Commissioners' calendar review, 8:30-9:00

Management Update, 9:00-11:00