



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

REPORT
December 7, 2009

Commissioners present: Commissioner Brentano and Commissioner Carlson

INFORMATIONAL

Leave donation program policies and procedures

Pat Donenfeld, Business Services, presented the County's new leave donation policy. She indicated it hadn't been updated since 1995 and needed updating to be better aligned with leave taken under the family medical leave laws. She also said that it now reflects and clearly defines that leave donations are for serious medical issues rather than routine events. Commissioner Brentano asked about exceptions for family members. Pat said the new policy allows for exceptions for a sick family member when approved by the Chief Administrative Officer.

School Construction Excise Tax (CET) IGA

Warren Jackson, Public Works, proposed changes to the template for Intergovernmental Agreements with school districts for collection of the Construction Excise tax (CET). The template was created so that the county, as an intermediary, does not end up subsidizing school districts. His proposed changes would allow for changes in the administrative fee the county charges to school districts when the county incurs increased costs. Commissioner Carlson expressed concerns about making changes to the template since it was already approved by the school districts. She was also concerned that the changes would not allow them to know their future costs with any certainty. Jo Stonecipher said she would draft language that will let school districts know in advance if there is to be a fee change. She will bring proposed wording back to a management update.

Solid Waste Management Plan

Jeff Bickford explained that Public Works has been working on the County's new Solid Waste Management Plan for twenty-two months. They have hosted approximately twenty-four public presentations, workshops and meetings. They have not had much public comment. Jeff believes the public is satisfied. He would like direction from the commissioners on next steps before it is presented for adoption at a formal board meeting.

Both Commissioners Brentano and Carlson agreed they would like to make available more opportunities for public comment. They suggested a public hearing on January 20 as well as a work session before the plan is adopted at a regular board session.

FY 09-10 first supplemental budget

Jerry Woelke provided an overview of the first supplemental budget. He said the overall budget will increase from \$323,564,413 to \$335,761,428. He said this is

largely due to intergovernmental (federal and state) grants. The supplemental budget is scheduled for formal consideration by the board at an upcoming regular session. Commissioner Carlson asked for clarification on what the line "charges for services" meant and explained it could be misleading. For instance, she said that the children and families commissions by statute cannot provide direct services. Listing revenues that are actually grants as 'charges for services' makes it appear that the commission is in conflict with the statute. Jerry said that was a result of the new Chart of Accounts system. Commissioner Carlson asked that board staff discuss the issue with the Finance Department. Commissioner Brentano asked about the decrease in traffic fines. Jerry said that is a result of people not paying their traffic fines due to the economy.

Once approved at an upcoming session, the FY 09-10 first supplemental budget will be posted on the website.

ACTION

Workers' Compensation Claims Settlement

Mina Hanssen requested approval of the settlement in the matter of H. Hutchinson and authorization for the risk manager to sign the claims deposition agreement. The board approved this request.

Consider Approving settlement agreement with Arbuckle Costic Architects, Inc.

Jo Stonecipher asked the commissioners to approve the settlement agreement the County and Salem Area Mass Transit District (both plaintiffs) have reached with Arbuckle Costic Architects, Inc. The commissioners approved this request.

OTHER

John Lattimer asked the commissioners about the December 23 board session and whether it should be cancelled. Both agreed that if there is no business brought forward to an agenda they would agree it is cancelled.

He also said that he and Linda Norris met with ODOT to discuss how they all can work collaboratively on some key projects, such as on Highway 22, Kuebler and Cordon Roads, the Woodburn Interchange and issues throughout both Salem and Marion County. He said it was a very productive meeting and they will be meeting again.

COMMISSIONERS' UPDATE

Commissioner Carlson said that tomorrow, December 10, evaluators for the Second Chance Act grant will be here all day, doing site visits at the jail, Quest for Change and at other locations. She said they are excited to show the evaluators all the great work being done here.

WORK SESSIONS AND OTHER MEETINGS

12/09/09: Board session 9a.m.- 1p.m.

12/10/09: Keizer/Marion County Meeting 7:30 a.m. – 9: a.m.