

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, August 27, 2008  
Marion County Courthouse Square

9:00 a.m. Board Session  
Senator Hearing Room

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Sam Brentano, Commissioner Patti Milne and Commissioner Carlson.  
Also present were Jo Stonecipher as legal counsel and Kim Hulett as recorder.

Commissioner Brentano called the meeting to order.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT**

BUSINESS SERVICES – HUMAN RESOURCES

Approve recommendation to uphold the pay range for electronics technician 1 and 2 classifications.

HEALTH

Approve receipt of \$169,181 from the Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network acting on behalf of the Mid-Willamette Valley Acute Care Region to provide psychiatric crisis services and support.

PUBLIC WORKS

Receive petition to consider the vacation of a portion of Monterey Avenue, Brooks, and schedule a public hearing for October 1, 2008.

Schedule a public hearing for October 1, 2008, to consider the sale of Marion County property from Spongs Landing County Park to Matthew and Donna Swisher.

PUBLIC WORKS – PLANNING

Receive hearings officer's decision granting administrative review, case #AR 08-005, Barsukoff, Clerk's File #5594.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Milne moved approval of the consent calendar. Seconded by Commissioner Carlson; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

**ACTION**

HEALTH

Consider adoption of an ordinance amending the Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Ordinance #1067 changing the requirements for a quorum of the ASA Advisory Committee, by emergency procedure. – Rod Calkins

Rod Calkins, Health Department administrator, said he was attending as the county ambulance administrator. Mr. Calkins stated the authority for regulating ambulance services, both emergency and non-emergency, rests with the Marion County Board of Commissioners. He said they currently have 11 ambulance service areas operating in Marion County. They are operating under a five-year franchise that runs through December 2012. He stated that there is an ASA Advisory Committee, which advises the board and the administrator of issues with ambulance services in Marion County. Mr. Calkins stated that what the ordinance is intended to do is to change the quorum requirements for that advisory committee. This would make the committee more consistent with quorum requirements of other advisory committees in the county. The current quorum requirements were established many years ago and are not serving the county very well because if numbers drop then everyone needs to attend the meeting to do business. The proposal is to change the quorum requirements to a majority of appointed members. Mr. Calkins said that currently there are six people appointed out of eleven slots. The increase will insure that there is a quorum at each meeting to conduct business.

The commissioners felt that being consistent was very important.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Carlson moved that the chair read the ordinance by title only twice. Seconded by Commissioner Milne; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Brentano read the ordinance by title twice.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Carlson moved approval of an ordinance amending the Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Ordinance #1067 changing the requirements for a quorum of the ASA Advisory Committee, by emergency procedure. Seconded by Commissioner Milne; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

2. Consider appointing Greg Keller and Scott Shepard to the Marion County ASA Advisory Committee for a term ending January 31, 2012, and Javad Mashkuri, MD, for a term ending January 31, 2011. – Rod Calkins

Rod Calkins, Health Department administrator, said this is the addition of new members to the ASA Advisory Committee. He is proposing to add three members, which would bring the number on the committee up to nine. Chief Greg Keller is with the Salem Fire Department and since he came to Salem he has been very active in working with the surrounding ambulance service areas. He added that Chief Keller and other members of Salem Fire are regular attendees at the ambulance service area advisory committee meetings. Mr. Calkins said that Chief Keller could not attend today due to another obligation, but wanted to relay he is quite enthusiastic about serving on this committee. Scott Shepard is the emergency medical services coordinator for the Jefferson Fire District and also has attended almost every one of the advisory committee meetings in the last couple of years. Mr. Calkins said these are two people that bring a spirit of collaboration in looking at how to improve services within their service area. Dr. Mashkuri is an emergency physician and is one of the physician advisors to the ambulance service area. Mr. Calkins explained that this was a position they have wanted to fill for a very long time. It is a difficult position to fill because physician's time is almost impossible to free up and is like gold. He added that Silverton Hospital has gone out of its way to make some of Dr. Mashkuri's time available for this position. His participation will be essential in terms of system improvements. Physician advisors write standing orders for the ambulance companies pertaining to

medications and under what conditions to administer them. Mr. Calkins said that these three candidates would improve the distribution across the county in terms of representation. It will also bring some players to the table that have demonstrated their willingness to serve.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Milne moved approval of the appointments of Greg Keller and Scott Shepard to the Marion County ASA Advisory Committee for a term ending January 31, 2012, and Javad Mashkuri, MD, for a term ending January 31, 2011. Seconded by Commissioner Carlson; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Brentano asked if the West Nile virus was in Oregon. Mr. Calkins said Oregon does have some West Nile activity. There was a human case in Ontario and some horses were also affected. There was a bird in Jackson County found approximately a week ago that tested positive for the virus. He added that the late snowmelt is affecting areas that are usually mosquito free. He advised people to use a repellent and not to be out at dusk or dawn when mosquitoes are feeding.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS  
9:30 A.M.**

None.

Commissioner Brentano read the calendar.  
Commissioner Brentano adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

**Attachments:** Agenda

ABOVE MINUTES APPROVED

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CHAIR

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COMMISSIONER

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COMMISSIONER

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