

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, November 5, 2008
Marion County Courthouse Square

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

PRESENT: Commissioner Sam Brentano, Commissioner Patti Milne and Commissioner Janet Carlson. Also present were Jo Stonecipher as legal counsel and Gordean Ash as recorder.

Commissioner Brentano called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION

Health Department - Immunization

Kelly Martin, health department, gave the board an overview of vaccination services provided by Marion County Health Department. She said that Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports that 10 percent of the population gets influenza each year. Children are the transmitters of the disease and are more likely to get the disease. A new recommendation for 2008 from CDC is to immunize all children 6 months through 18 years. Influenza can be serious, with an estimated 100,000 hospitalizations and 35,000 deaths each season. The vaccine can prevent influenza, and there are two choices of administering the vaccine. The traditional injection is for ages 6-months and older. The nasal spray is for ages 2 – 49 years with no chronic health conditions. Research beyond 49 years of age has not been done to show the flumist is safe for people over age 50. Flu season usually peaks in January / February.

Barb Young and Dan Estes came forward to receive a flu injection and flu mist respectively. Rhoda Janzi, Health Department administered both the injection and the mist.

2008 Countywide Book Drive – Alison Kelley, Cathy Crocker, and Maureen Casey

Alison Kelley, Marion County Children and Families Department director, came forward to give a short update about the community literacy project, Reading for All. She also wanted to promote the Marion County employees book drive. Marion County students are among the least successful academically in the state of Oregon, as measured by the Oregon Progress Board benchmarks. The Department of Children and Families in conjunction with the Children and Families Commission developed Reading for All. The program objectives are to promote reading, literacy and student success in Marion County. She said that they have met with Marion County elected officials, community leaders, community progress teams and school personnel in Silverton, Mt. Angel, Gervais, Cascade, and Woodburn. They

are getting books into the hands of students and they link up with existing activities in communities. What they have found is that the topic of reading is accessible. People agree that it is important. A book drive is an easy, tangible way to organize communities. In addition they are working with the early childhood care providers to supply information on brain development and early literacy.

Maureen Casey, superintendent of Willamette Education Service District, came forward and shared statistics. She said reading is the key to success. Forty-three percent of adults with the lowest levels of literacy proficiency live in poverty. Among adults with strong literacy skills, only four percent live in poverty and there is a correlation to job success with literacy. Effective reading strategies give parents and caregivers hands-on literacy experience. There are 35-40,000 students in Marion County economically disadvantaged. Children who live in poverty hear 32,000,000 fewer words by age four than children who come from professional families. Exposure to reading is for preschool age and younger in order to benefit children before they fall behind. In the homes of impoverished families the average of developmentally appropriate books is one book in every 300 households.

Cathy Crocker, Children & Families community liaison, said that a website is being developed, www.reading4all.com, for providing resources for the community to get involved. She gave information on the Marion County Book Drive.

CONSENT

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OLCC Application – Recommend Approval

Rival Wines, LLC

FINANCE

Approve the sale of tax foreclosed real property tax lot R327820 to the City of Stayton and transfer by quitclaim deed.

HEALTH

Approve amendment #57 to the Department of Human Services intergovernmental agreement to reduce funding by \$114,491 for the financing of community mental health, developmental disability and addiction services.

PUBLIC WORKS

Approve an intergovernmental cooperative agreement between the Department of Transportation, City of Silverton and Marion County for a road maintenance agreement on C Street between Water and 1st Streets in Silverton.

PUBLIC WORKS – PLANNING

Notice of adoption of ordinance amending the Marion County Rural Zoning Ordinance, by emergency procedure, Clerk's File #5599.

Receive hearings officer's decision denying partition, case #P08-14, Miller Trust, Clerk's File #5600.

TAX COLLECTOR

Approve an order authorizing a property tax refund in the amount of \$26,378.65 to HR Retail Properties, LLC.

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

ACTION

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1. Consider adoption of an ordinance adopting the Marion County Code by emergency procedure. – Jo Stonecipher

Jo Stonecipher, legal counsel, came forward to request formal adoption of the codification of the Marion County ordinances. She said that Morgan LaFrance, IT, is waiting to link the official codification to the Marion County home page. This makes it possible for public access to the county codes. Ordinances will be searchable by title, topics, words and the ordinance number. She said you would also be able to go directly to a statute referred to in an ordinance. Code Publishing will update new ordinances within 24 hours of receiving materials. All codes will be the most current and each will include a history at the back of the code showing amendments. A copy of previous amendments can be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

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 twice, an ordinance adopting the Marion County Code and declaring an emergency.

MOTION: Commissioner Carlson moved approval of the adoption of the Marion County Code. Seconded by Commissioner Milne; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Jo Stonecipher was excused early.

2. Consider approval of two resolutions authorizing percentage allocations for the reauthorized Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000. – Hitesh Parekh

Hitesh Parekh, management analyst, BOC, came forward to request adoption of two resolutions, affirming that for FFY 2008 Marion County set aside 15 percent of the payment for Title II and III projects from the National Forest and 15 percent of the payment for Title II and III projects from the O&C Lands. Of the 15 percent set aside, the county further allocates 7 percent of the full amount under each funding source for Title III projects and the remaining 8 percent of the full amount for Title II projects.

Congress first passed the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act in 2000 for a six-year period ending in 2006. Payments were made to counties as a result of a significant decrease in revenues in the 1990s from national forest lands that dwell on counties. When the act expired, it was extended for a one-year period in FFY 2007 and finally on October 3, 2008, after almost three years of lobbying, the Secure Rural Schools Act was renewed for a four-year period starting in FFY 2008 and ending in FFY 2011. The renewed act has payments to counties being ramped down over four years.

The fundamental principles behind the renewed act are still the same. Starting with the first year of ramped down payments, the county will receive a total of approximately \$5.3 million of which approximately \$3.8 million is from the National Forest and \$1.5 million from the O & C Lands.

For each source of funding counties must make a choice as to how much of their funding can be set aside for Title II and III funds. The minimum allowed is 15 percent and the maximum is 20 percent.

Following the funding from the National Forest source payments, staff is recommending that the commissioners set aside 15 percent for Title II and III projects. The remaining 85 percent will be used for county roads and county schools at a 75 percent and 25 percent split.

Unlike in prior years when counties could put as much into Title III projects as they would like, counties can now only put seven percent of their full payment amount into Title III. This translates to approximately \$270,000, with remaining approximately \$300,000 being set aside for Title II projects.

Under the O&C Lands, the recommendation is that the commissioners set aside 15 percent, or approximately \$230,000, for Title II and III projects and the remaining 85 percent of the lump sum be set aside for the county general fund. Of the 15 percent set aside, the maximum 7 percent of the full amount, or approximately \$107, 000 be allocated for Title III projects.

Title II projects are termed special projects on federal lands and funds that counties select for Title II are deposited into a U.S. Treasury Account. The rules with regards to Title II require the formation of a 15-member resource advisory committee, which recommends projects to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture who must approve these projects before they are started. In Marion County the Salem Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Hood Willamette RAC each receives Title II funds from Marion County.

Title III projects fall under the purview of the county commissioners. In the past there were six uses authorized for Title III expenditure. The renewed Act allows only three.

Prior to any Title III funds being spent, the county must hold a 45-day public comment period. Following the approval of the two resolutions, staff will be meeting with the commissioners to make further recommendations for the Title III funds totaling approximately \$375,000 for the first year of the renewed act.

Commissioner Carlson mentioned the excitement for Marion County to receive the Secure Rural Schools funding being provided as a bridge with amounts significantly decreasing over four years.

Mr. Parekh said that a significant amount of the funds have been used for public safety in forest patrol,

community work crews from the Sheriff's Office restoration projects such as trail maintenance and furniture building. Also funds have been used for education projects involving Oregon State University extension youth crews on BLM lands and national forest lands.

Under the prior act there were six categories that the funding could be used

1. Search and rescue
2. Community service work camps
3. Easement purchases
4. Educational opportunities
5. Fire prevention
6. Community forestry

Under the new act there are three categories for funding.

1. The National Firewise Communities program
2. Search and Rescue & Emergency Services
3. Development of Community Wildfire Protection Plan

MOTION: Commissioner Milne moved approval of the resolution in the matter of the FFY 2008 elections for O & C Land related safety net payments. Seconded by Commissioner Carlson; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION: Commissioner Milne moved approval of the FFY 2008 elections for the National Forest related safety net payments. Seconded by Commissioner Carlson; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9:30 A.M.

None.

Commissioner Brentano read the calendar and adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Attachments: Agenda

ABOVE MINUTES APPROVED

CHAIR

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