

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, December 31, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT

MOTION: Commissioner Milne moved to add rescheduling of the public hearing for the zone change/comprehensive plan amendment and conditional use, case #ZC/CP/CU07-7, Breitenbush Hot Springs Retreat and Conference Center, Inc., Clerk's File #5602 from January 7, 2009, to February 18, 2009, and add to the consent calendar. Seconded by Commissioner Carlson; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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Approve an order reappointing Kurt Spingath, Liz Redon, John Savage and Terry Witt to the Marion County Weed Advisory Committee for terms ending June 30, 2012.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Approve a recommendation to uphold the pay range for the department administrative manager classification, Public Works.

HEALTH

Approve amendment #65 to receive \$583,180 from the Department of Human Services to provide financial assistance to the Marion County Health Department to operate and contract for the operation of community mental health, developmental disability and addiction programs.

Approval of the following amendments for Integrated Delivery System Services:

- Amendment #1 to add \$268,169 to the contract with Northwest Human Services, Inc. and extend services through December 31, 2009;
- Amendment #2 to add \$364,845 to the contract with New Perspectives Center for Counseling and Therapy, LLC and extend services through December 31, 2009;
- Amendment #2 to add \$265,594 to the contract with Valley Mental Health and

extend services through December 31, 2009;
- Amendment #1 to add \$167,948 to the contract with Options Counseling Services of Oregon, Inc. and extend services through December 31, 2009.

PUBLIC WORKS

Approve an agreement with North Santiam School District 29J to collect construction excise tax (CET) on behalf of North Santiam School District 29J.

PUBLIC WORKS - PLANNING

Notice of adoption of an administrative ordinance granting zone change, comprehensive plan amendment and property line adjustment, case #08-01, Lovrien Trust, Clerk's File #5598; scheduled for adoption on January 7, 2009.

Receive hearings officer's decision denying conditional use, case #08-045, Ury, Clerk's File #5606.

Reschedule the public hearing for the zone change /comprehensive plan amendment and conditional use, case #ZC/CP/CU07-7, Breitenbush Hot Springs Retreat and Conference Center, Inc., Clerk's File #5602 from January 7, 2009 to February 18, 2009

TAX COLLECTOR

Approve an order authorizing the property tax refund of \$154,340.90 to GE Security.

Approve an order authorizing the property tax refund of \$37,706.22 with interest to Leap Wireless International.

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 approval of a contract for up to \$105,000 with Matrix Consulting Group to provide an organizational assessment of the Public Works Department. – John Lattimer

Mr. Lattimer explained that the contract is for the ongoing assessment plans for each of the Marion County Public Works divisions. The Matrix Consulting Group was chosen following extensive RFP. The company has vast experience in public works departments, both municipal and county levels around the country. Matrix will evaluate organization, levels of service, adequacy of major work, work planning, productivity, staffing levels, policies and procedures, the fleet program and its functionality, financial processes and the ability to project future needs. The details of the scope of work are not finalized.

Mr. Lattimer said the assessment would begin before February 2009 with an anticipated report provided during the budget process.

Mr. Lattimer recommended contracting with Matrix Consulting Group to complete the public works assessments.

MOTION: Commissioner Carlson moved approval of the contract for up to \$105,000 with Matrix Consulting Group to provide an organizational assessment of the Public Works Department. Seconded by Commissioner Milne; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC WORKS

Consider approval of an agreement to receive \$1,270,000 from the Oregon Department of Transportation to provide federal funds for improvement to the intersections of Meridian Road with Hobart, Abiqua, Mt. Angel-Scott Mills and E. College Roads. – Cindy Schmitt

Ms. Schmitt said that the county has submitted three applications to the High Risk Rural Road Program (HR3) grant included in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA – LU). The request for Meridian Road was approved for \$1,171,167. The total project cost is estimated at \$1,270,000 with the county responsible for all costs beyond the grant in the amount of approximately \$100,000.

Ms. Schmitt presented a slide show for the improvement of the five intersections. These funds were only available for arterials and collector roads that had fatalities and injury-A, (serious, non-fatal). There have been five fatalities and five injury-A accidents at these intersections over the last 20 years. For the volume, this is a fairly high accident rate. The improvements are cost effective and because the paperwork process has been lengthy the actual construction will not begin until the fall of 2009 or the spring of 2010.

MOTION: Commissioner Milne moved approval of the of the agreement to receive \$1,270,000 from the Department of Transportation to provide federal funds for improvement to the intersections of Meridian Road with Hobart, Abiqua, Mt. Angel-Scott Mills and E. College Roads and direct staff to proceed with the project. Seconded by Commissioner Carlson; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

SHERIFF

Consider approval of a grant application for \$407,939 from the Oregon State Police and Criminal Justice Commission for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. – Commander Clausen

Commander Clausen said the Oregon State Police (OSP) and Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) are issuing a cooperative solicitation through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to increase community-based services and resources to offenders transitioning from the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) substance abuse and co-occurring residential treatment programs. This would increase the likelihood of successful re-entry into the community and ultimately a lower recidivism rate.

OSP and CJC accept written proposals from county community correction agencies that propose to enhance the community-based response to barriers for successful re-entry of adult offenders.

The program is for those who have successfully completed residential substance abuse or co-occurring disorder treatment programs during incarceration at a DOC institution. Grant recipients must demonstrate strong collaborative efforts with prison-based and community-based partners that will address the comprehensive and complex needs of the target population. The target population is male or female, 18 years of age or older, and high to moderate risk to recidivate.

The request approval to apply for the 2008 Edward Byrne JAG grant is in the amount of \$407,939 to effectively continue funding received through the 2008 Community Oriented Policing (COPS) grant.

MCSO has been granted funds from the United States Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the amount of \$355,414 of which \$282,914 will be used for the Marion County Reentry Initiative (MCRI) program in collaboration with the St. Vincent de Paul Society to fund an 18-month transitional housing program. The funding for the 90-day program provides 12 individuals with intensive inpatient and residential treatment.

There are two components of the Marion County Reentry Initiative. The first is to employ an integration specialist to focus on the needs of each offender, to prepare each for employment, and help recruit mentors to come alongside each offender to provide support. The second is the transitional housing facility demonstration project, which is modeled after the program in the Eugene area called Sponsors. The purpose of this component is to create structured and supervised transitional housing facilities for five groups of 12 offenders for 90 days. The facility will provide workshops, counseling, life skills, cognitive and motivational training, employment assistance, future housing assistance, financial management, and support groups. Residents will not be required to pay rent for the first 30 days but \$3 per day in the second month and \$6 per day in the third month. One half of the residents' salaries will be placed in individual savings accounts for use upon completion of the program to help provide housing.

The MCRI team knows that effective coordination includes a broad and diverse representation of the entire service oriented community and includes DOC representatives on the executive team. Partnerships have been forged over the past three and a half years with non-profits, faith based entities and local businesses following evidence-based practices to provide the best services available.

This grant will provide an additional 18 months funding to the current COPS grant.

Commissioner Carlson mentioned that this program would focus on those individuals who are ready to make changes in their lives.

MOTION: Commissioner Carlson moved approval of the grant application for \$407,939 from the Oregon State Police and Criminal Justice Commission for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. Seconded by Commissioner Milne; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Consider approval of a contract for up to \$282,914 with the St. Vincent DePaul Society to provide in-patient treatment, counseling and employment services for high risk and recidivistic offenders in Marion County. – Commander Clausen

Commander Clausen introduced Kimberley Allain, executive director of Marion County St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent de Paul will provide residential in-patient treatment, counseling and employment services for male offenders with children, who are medium- to high-risk, and recidivistic offenders with a history of re-offending, and methamphetamine abuse who are transitioning back into the community. Funding for this contract is from the COPS Technology Grant #2008CKWXOO75.

Ms. Allain said that the 90-day process would provide transition between incarceration and the community life. This program is available to offenders by application. The staff and the transition parole officer meet with offenders in the institution to begin assessments. This program will give the men 90 days to prove they are motivated to change. The accountability model is strong. There are required alcohol and drug testing, a drug free environment, and participants must meet regularly with the on-sight case manager. She also pointed out that the program could provide direction and tools for becoming a positive role model for their children. The target is not for custodial rights but to positively affect their children and to break the generational cycle of criminality.

MOTION: Commissioner Milne moved approval of a contract for up to \$282,914 with the St. Vincent DePaul Society to provide in-patient treatment, counseling and employment services for high risk and recidivistic offenders in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Carlson; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
9:30 A.M.

None.

Commissioner Brentano read the calendar.
Commissioner Brentano adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Attachments: Agenda

ABOVE MINUTES APPROVED

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