

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room  
555 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97305

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Commissioner Sam Brentano, and Commissioner Colm Willis. Also present were Bruce Armstrong as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

**ABSENT:** John Lattimer, Chief Administrative Officer

Commissioner Cameron called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CONSENT**

*(Video time 0:00:43)*

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Schedule the final consideration to adopt an administrative ordinance granting Zone Change/Comprehensive Plan Amendment (ZC/CP) Case 18-003/Perez for February 13, 2019.

Receive notice of hearings officer's decision recommending approval of Zone Change (ZC) Case 18-005/J. Conser and Sons, LLC.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved for approval of the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

**ACTION**

*(Video time 0:01:37)*

1. Consider approval of Amendment #3 to the Contract for Services with Covanta Marion, Inc. to add \$420,750 for the processing of leachate. – Brian May

***Summary of presentation:***

- The amendment allows Marion County Environmental Services to do the following:
  - Dispose of leachate from Covanta's ash monofill; and

- Limits the amount of supplemental waste going into Covanta for the remainder of the contract.
- Leachate comes from rain that hits the ash monofill, and water that is used to put out the fire after waste is incinerated;
- The county has been transporting leachate to Finley Buttes Landfill near Boardman for 15 years, and has seen a gradual rise in costs for disposal;
- The most recent cost of \$0.26 a gallon has led the county to research cheaper alternatives;
- Covanta has been piloting their liquid waste disposal technology for a few years, but the technology is new to Covanta Marion, Inc.;
- Due to the corrosive nature of leachate, the county would like to partner with Covanta in a pilot phase program;
- The \$420,750 would be for a complete program, including the following:
  - Hauling three loads a day, five days a week, through the end of the contract in September, 2019.
- The county would see a savings of \$0.11 a gallon over the current disposal option; and
- Staff recommends approval of Amendment # 3 to the Contract for Services with Covanta Marion, Inc.

***Board discussion:***

- Landfill and irrigation standards changed in 1999;
- Oregon was the last state that allowed beneficial reuse of landfill leachate to be irrigated back onto farmland for nutrient uptake;
- The county first hauled leachate to Toledo for Georgia Pacific (GP) to process through their treatment system:
  - GP changed their processes, and this location was no longer an option.
- The county has since been hauling leachate to Boardman for processing:
  - Due to the distance, the expense is extensive.
- The county's leachate goes through treated ash, giving it a high concentration of sodium:
  - It does not go through normal household solid waste.
- During the dry summer months, the county accepts small amounts of ash from Covanta, which reduces the impact of rainwater becoming leachate in the county's system;
- To minimize leachate, the county uses twelve millimeter plastic to cover the landfill;
- The county's landfill lagoon leachate storage cell is at the lowest it's been in more than a decade;
- Benefits for the county include the following:
  - Savings of \$0.11 a gallon;
  - Shorter driving distance; and
  - Less risk for vehicle accidents.
- The county is also considering having the City of Salem treat the leachate;
- Environmental Services anticipates sending 2.8 million gallons of leachate to Covanta to process through the remainder of the contract period;
- It is standard protocol to test the chemical content of the leachate, and is required by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); and

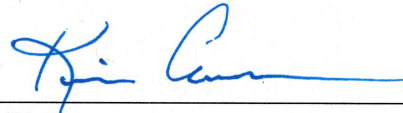
- The amendment adds \$420,750 to the contract, but the county will see savings in other areas.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Brentano moved for approval of Amendment #3 to the Contract for Services with Covanta Marion, Inc. to add \$420,750 for the processing of leachate. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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

None.

Commissioner Willis read the calendar;  
Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.



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