

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, December 10, 2014
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: Commissioner Sam Brentano, Commissioner Janet Carlson and Commissioner Kevin Cameron. Also present were John Lattimer as chief administrative officer, Gloria Roy as county counsel and Kim Hulett as recorder.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Video time (00:01:15)

Student Recycle Art Calendar Awards – Griselda Puga, Marion County Waste Reduction Coordinator and Todd Irving, Mid-Valley Garbage and Recycling Association

Summary of presentation:

- Mid-Valley Garbage and Recycling Association and Marion County Public Works Environment Services teamed up to create the Student Recycle Art Calendar Contest;
- Contest theme was waste not want not;
- Selection of winners based on artistic ability and the content of message;
- 14 winners selected:
 - 13 interior spot winners receive \$100 gift card; and
 - Overall winner has artwork featured on cover and receives \$200 gift card.
- Selection committee reviewed a number of wonderful pieces of artwork;
- Thank Board and participants;
- Calendars available at each of eight garbage haulers and Marion County Environmental Services office; and
- Presented PowerPoint presentation.

The commissioners then presented the awards and gift cards.

MARION COUNTY EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Surveyor of the Year Award – Alan Haley, Cindy Schmitt, Mark Riggins

Juvenile Justice Professional of the Year – Faye Fagel, Hailey Rutter

Oregon County Counsel Association Annual Laurence R. Kessel Memorial Award – John Lattimer, Gloria Roy

Summary of presentation:

Public Works Director Alan Haley

- Read the writing that was presented to Mark Riggins for Surveyor of the Year;

- Processing lessons of past and quick to help other surveyors; and
- Active with Oregon Association of County Engineer and Surveyors (OACES).

Juvenile Director Faye Fagel

- Northwest regional award;
- Directors choose the winner and Hailey Rutter won this year; and
- Exemplary employee.

Chief Administrative Officer John Lattimer

- Oregon County Counsel Association Annual Laurence R. Kessel Memorial Award presented to Gloria Roy;
- Lucky to have someone with the governmental legal mind;
- Proud of Gloria; and
- Is a rotating plaque.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT

Video Time (00:29:51)

LEGAL COUNSEL

Approve abandoning unused drainage easements by issuing quitclaim deeds to the owners of 4773, 4774, and 4784 Brandon Court NE.

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

ACTION

Video Time (00:30:39)

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1. Consider approval of an intergovernmental agreement among Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties establishing the Mid-Willamette Jobs Council. – Gloria Roy

Summary of presentation:

- Intergovernmental agreement (IGA) updates the Mid-Willamette Valley Jobs Council;
- Bring workforce investment dollars that is funneled down the region;
- Implemented through Incite;
- Creates consortium of elected bodies; and
- Additionally adds Linn County to the region.

Board discussion:

- Board will be restructured;
- Different role for the commissioners; and
- Thanked Gloria for her participation.

MOTION: Commissioner Carlson moved approval of an intergovernmental agreement among Linn, Marion, Polk, and Yamhill Counties establishing the Mid-Willamette Jobs Council. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

2. Consider approval of a resolution accepting an updated North Santiam Economic Opportunity Study and pursuing a 1996 Federal promise made to the communities in the Santiam Canyon. – Barb Young, Government Relations Manager; Renata Wakely, Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (GOG); Tim Kirsch, Mayor of Mill City; Allison MacKenzie, GROW North Santiam Economic Development Corp.; Grady MacMahan, District Ranger, Willamette Ranger District; Dave Kinney, Community Development Consultant; Shawn Morford, Rural Development Initiative

Summary of presentation:

Barb Young

- Commissioners organized lunch up the canyon for a round table discussion;
- Promise of \$15 million promised to the canyon;
- 1996 Omnibus Park and Public Lands Act designated 37,500 acres of timberland in the Upper North Santiam Canyon as the Opal Creek Wilderness and Scenic Recreation Area;
- Overall agreement to transfer these lands to the federal government;
- Legislation authorized \$15 million to support economic development activities for the economically depressed communities in the area;
- Lands were designated and taken off three tax rolls;
- Fifteen years later the promise of federal funding never arrived;
- Required plan completed and submitted in 2000; and
- Plan has been updated to be resubmitted.

Tim Kirsch

- Number of hours putting together information, working with the Rural Development Initiative, SEDCOR, Forest Service and local advocates;
- Developed Opal Creek Scenic Recreational Plan;
- \$15 million was to be designated for economic development, but never came;
- Although the funds had been approved by legislation, it was never appropriated;
- Difficult to gain support during the difficult time after September 11, 2001; and
- Thank Marion County for their support moving forward.

Renata Wakely (Attachment A) – PowerPoint presentation

- Current study update funded by Marion County and Council of Governments;
- Showed PowerPoint explaining demographic trends;
- Population change between 2000 and 2010;
- Lower per capita incomes compared to Oregon and United States;
- Unemployment higher than national average;
- Higher percentage living within the poverty level;
- Slow economic recovery, similar to Marion County;
- Manufacturing is 41 percent of employment in the area, prominently forest products;
- Statewide, manufacturing is 10 percent;

- Government is 17 percent for the canyon; compared to 16 percent statewide;
- Review of commercial and industrial land available;
- Summarized workshop held at the Gates Fire Hall;
- Explained next steps and opportunities;
- County successful in getting grant application assistance;
- Discussion of holding work sessions with project partners;
- Reviewing private foundation opportunities; and
- CFM Strategic provided slide titled Promises Made, Promises Not Kept Yet.

Board discussion:

- Report is technically well done;
- Concerns about developing compelling reasons why the federal government should come forward with \$15 million;
- Commissioner Carlson requested technical clarification on the report;
- Decline because of spotted owl in the 1980's and the mills shut down;
- Dynamics created increases in stress that result in substance abuse, domestic violence and child abuse issues;
- Large portion of economy was timber and federal mandate impacted area;
- Discussion on tourism and the jobs available in that economy;
- Corrections coming for some technical issues;
- Suggested a summary of what these dollars would do;
- Entice people to come in with improvements to sewer, streets and ability to put businesses in;
- Big corporations were dependent on lands taken out of play;
- Infrastructure and diversification is one of the big components;
- North Santiam area is a seasonal and there are needs for infrastructure to improve economy; and
- Work on an introductory statement and executive study for the report.

Allison MacKenzie:

- Narrative piece to be added to study;
- Issue with workforce development;
- Opportunity for small businesses;
- Economic Vitality Summit anticipating 80 – 120 attendees; and
- Other regulations that impact area and create constraints.

Grady McMahan:

- Important discussion;
- District Ranger from the federal government;
- His role as District Ranger is to work with communities trying to reinvigorate the area;
- Timber cutting low;
- Near a tipping point in the canyon; and
- Funding could move the area over the tipping point in.

Dave Kinney

- Working with the City of Mill City for 15 years;
- Work that Council of Governments (COG) is doing is important;
- Smaller towns don't have resources to put together federal applications for assistance;

- Prioritize key projects and cohesive case for use of federal funds.

Shawn Morford:

- Rural Development Initiative (RDI) nonprofit in the state;
- Committed to this process;
- Long history with the canyon; and
- Help link the process with local philanthropic groups.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved approval of a resolution accepting an updated North Santiam Economic Opportunity Study and pursuing a 1996 Federal promise made to the communities in the Santiam Canyon with the need of some adjustments to the beginning and end summaries. Seconded by Commissioner Carlson; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING

9:30 A.M.

None.

Commissioner Brentano read the weekly calendar.

Commissioner Brentano adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

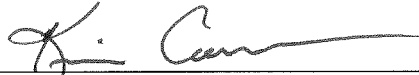
Attachments: (A) North Santiam Economic Opportunity Study PowerPoint presentation.



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