

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room  
555 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

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

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

**PRESENTATION**

*(Video Time 00:01:07)*

NACo Achievement Award “Marion County Reentry Initiative: Giving People a Second Chance” – Commissioner Carlson, Undersheriff Clausen, Commander Wood, Lieutenant Karvandi

***Summary of presentation:***

***Commissioner Carlson***

- Marion County received two achievement awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo); and
- NACo is an organization that advocates for county issues, provides educational opportunities, provides research, works with congressional delegation, and federal agencies.
- One award was for the Marion County Reentry Initiative (MCRI) and criteria was to accomplish one or more of the following:
  - Offer new services to county residents;
  - Fill gaps in the availability of services;
  - Fill gaps in or tap new revenue sources;
  - Improve the administration of an existing county government program;
  - Upgrade the working conditions or level of training for county employees;
  - Enhance the level of citizen participation in or the understanding of government programs;
  - Provide information that facilitates effective policy making; and
  - Promote intergovernmental cooperation and coordination in addressing shared problems.
- Ineligible programs would include:
  - Programs designed to influence laws or regulations;
  - Certification or accreditation programs;
  - Events that only take place one time;
  - Programs that are adopted whole or in part from other public or private entities;
  - Programs that have received previous awards; and

- Programs that rely on the purchase of new technology, equipment, construction, privatization, or a newsletter for publication.
- MCRI applied under the category of Criminal Justice and Public Safety;
- MCRI met all criteria of the application.
- Offers new services to clients who are returning to Marion County from incarceration;
  - Services include employment, education, health care and treatment.
- Improves the administration of an existing government program:
  - Transformed the Parole and Probation Division of the Sheriff's Office to a collaborative approach working with non-profits, other departments of Marion County, and created structured governance in contractual agreements.
- Upgrades level of training for county employees:
  - All Parole and Probation Officers have been trained in Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS).
- Enhances the level of citizen participation in or the understanding of government programs:
  - More than 600 community members have attended community breakfasts;
  - People also contribute to a client's support fund or volunteer in various programs; and
  - Parole and Probation Officers attend neighborhood meetings and town halls creating a community program.
- Provides information that facilitates effective policy making:
  - MCRI has been an impetus for state legislation;
  - Streamlining client identification documents;
  - Enhancing apprenticeships; and
  - Promoting good policy.
- Promotes intergovernmental cooperation and coordination in addressing shared problems:
  - MCRI coordinates with the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance, Oregon Department of Corrections, Oregon legislature, other counties, and all twenty cities in Marion County developing this program.
- Displaying a creative approach in reducing recidivism:
  - Model not only for Oregon's other counties, but also for counties around the nation.
- Initiative has achieved measurable results:
  - Most notable is reducing recidivism by almost half;
  - The Student Opportunity for Achieving Results (SOAR) Program is innovative and creates a wrap-around model housed at Chemeketa Community College; and
- Initiative uses acceptable governmental and financial management practices:
  - Marion County's Finance Department and Sheriff's Office Administrative Division promotes general governmental accountability; and
  - Marion County's Financial Statements have earned recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association for the past 13 years.
- Submitted application included:
  - Description of program;
  - Program goals and objectives;
  - Response to economic downturn;
    - Legislature opted to reduce funding and county received smaller percentage of a smaller amount of dollars;
    - Reduction was \$600,000 per year for two consecutive years; and

- Sheriff and Undersheriff suggested closing pod at jail to sustain level of caseloads and continue program.
- Marion County is honored to be the recipient of the NACo award:
  - Great work is done by the Sheriff's Office, Parole and Probation Division, and all partners that work together everyday to make this program work.

***Undersheriff Clausen***

- Marion County and State of Oregon were not immune to prison growth that was happening;
- Substantial changes were necessary to deal with individuals reentering communities from prisons;
- Significant strides have been made in reducing recidivism and helping people feel better about themselves when reentering communities; and
- Working with individuals to help them be productive and make better decisions.

***Commander Wood***

- Honored to be a part of MRCI;
- 500-600 people yearly are returned from incarceration to Marion County;
- County recidivism rate was one of the highest in the state in 2002 at 37 percent; and
- With implementation of evidenced-based practices, improvements were made;
- Transitioned a reentry initiative that was a sole-sourced program to a diverse collaborative that includes:
  - The Sheriff's Office;
  - The Board of Commissioners;
  - Chemeketa Community College;
  - Bridgeway Recovery Services;
  - Family Building Blocks;
  - Marion County Mental Health;
  - Community Services Department;
  - Community Action;
  - Union Gospel Mission; and
  - Many others.
- Broad collaborative that strives to have people be successful;
- Clients are held accountable and have access to treatment, the Student Opportunity for Achieving Results (SOAR) program, DeMuniz Resource Center, cognitive and motivation classes, Jail Reentry Program, and Linkup Program; and
- With balance of supervision, services, sanctions, and leadership recidivism rate dropped to 14 percent in 2014.

***Board discussion:***

- Improving lives of individuals, families, and community;
- Effective cost savings;
- To lower recidivism means less crime; and
- A value cannot be put on the redemption of an individual's life, to return to society and not be condemned, and have the opportunity to change to become productive in job and family.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.



## CONSENT

*(Video Time 00:28:16)*

### FINANCE

Approve an order rescinding Administrative Policy #404 for administrative charges on grants.

### HEALTH

Approve amendment #1 to add \$147,888 to the intergovernmental agreement with the Marion County Sheriff's Office for the mobile crisis response team and extend term through June 30, 2016.

Approve amendment #1 to add \$136,500 to the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Salem for the mobile crisis response team and extend term through June 30, 2016.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Approve amendment #10 to add \$130,091 to the intergovernmental agreement with Chemawa Indian School to continue law enforcement services and extend term through June 30, 2016.

Approve an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon State Marine Board for \$140,126 to provide patrol services through June 30, 2016.

Approve a Contract for Services with Dr. Steven Mussack for \$115,000 to provide psychological treatment services to clients of Parole and Probation through June 30, 2016.

Approve amendment #4 to add \$275,000 to the intergovernmental agreement with Oregon Parks and Recreation for inmate work crews and extend term through June 30, 2016.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved approval of the consent calendar including the amended amount of \$135,091 under the Chemawa Indian School intergovernmental agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

## ACTION

*(Video Time 00:31:16)*

### PUBLIC WORKS

1. Consider approval of an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for \$1,250,000 to provide vehicle rentals, fuel purchases, and motor pool shop services through July 2025. – Alan Haley

#### ***Summary of presentation:***

- Renewal is for ten years, with two-year renewals thereafter;
- Total contractual amount of agreement is for \$1,250,000 and county will only be charged for the number of vehicles actually rented;
- Approximately 40 cars under rental;
- Majority of cars used for the Health Department; and

- Requested approval of the ten year contract with Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

***Board discussion:***

- Cost is approximately \$125,000 per year;
- This agreement is run through the county fleet program, but is just the rental portion;
- Cars assigned and dedicated to specific programs;
- Rental vehicle is for long term use;
- County cars not used for traveling out of state;
- Rent vehicles from state for use to supplement programs; and
- Extra pool of vehicles to use when needed.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Brentano moved approval an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for \$1,250,000 to provide vehicle rentals, fuel purchases, and motor pool shop services through July 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

## PUBLIC HEARING

*(Video Time 00:44:02)*

### PUBLIC WORKS

A. Public hearing to consider adoption of a revised building inspection fee schedule. – Warren Jackson

***Summary of presentation:***

- Building Inspection Program supported by permit fees only;
- Program administers both building and septic codes, and each program is self-supporting;
- By statute, building permit fees are used to administer the building codes, and in accordance with administrative rule, septic permit fees are to be used to administer septic codes;
- Revenue from one program cannot be used to subsidize the other and vice versa;
- Board approved some minor changes to the Building Inspection Fee schedule in 2011, which did not impact revenue; and
- Last fee increase became effective in 2009.
- Proposed fee increase was reviewed at previous Management Update meeting; and
- Proposed simplified methodology and formula will result in a fee that be within a few dollars of current fee.
- Proposing a change to the fee for a temporary Certificate of Occupancy, to more accurately reflect the cost of review and issuance:
  - To extend the time of occupancy with no fee increase.
- Propose update to the investigation fee to be consistent to changes in Oregon Revised Statute 455.058:
  - Add new investigation fee category in septic permit table to reflect recent changes in OAR 340-071-0140; and
  - Investigation fee can be assessed when work is done without a permit.
- Expedited services is optional program designed to provide a path for an applicant that has a time crunch and needs a plan review immediately:

- If staff willing to work overtime, request can be accommodated;
- Review is done after hours, on overtime, to ensure that accommodating the request does not slow down the permit process for someone else; and
- Increase minimum fee from \$125.00 to \$200.00 and prevent demand for this service being greater than staff's ability to provide it.
- Proposed increase in septic fees:
  - Goal is to provide timely processing of septic applications and exceptional customer service;
  - Recently added an additional onsite wastewater specialist to meet timelines required in OAR 340-071-0160;
  - Ensure compliance with ORS 455.210 and OAR 340-071-0140 tracking revenues and expenses for the septic and building programs separately;
  - Septic permit fees have not changed since January 1, 2009;
  - Currently, county septic fees low compared to other jurisdictions; and
  - Proposed change would result in an increase in revenues from septic fees of approximately 15 percent.

**Board discussion:**

- County fees lower compared to other counties in Oregon;
- Workload for septic program has increased and a second person had to be hired; and
- Necessary to increase fees to support workload.

**Testimony:**

None.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to close the public hearing and adopt an order for the revised building inspection fee schedule. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Carlson read the weekly calendar.

Commissioner Carlson adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

  
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