

**Report on issues discussed at the weekly
Management Update meeting on January 26, 2015**

Commissioners present: Commissioners Sam Brentano and Kevin Cameron

Others present: John Lattimer, Gloria Roy, Caron Galvin-Price, Jeff White, Laurie Steele, Alan Haley, Jeff Bickford, Russ Dilley, Jolene Kelley, Barb Young, and Gordean Ash as recorder

Chief Administrative Officer John Lattimer called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

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Justice Courts Update

Summary of presentation:

- The location, the facility size and the parking lot are working well.
- Problems with the employee parking area have been resolved.
- A Microfiche has been installed.
- The security system is schedule to be installed.
- They are keeping current with the workload. A new employee has been added and they will catch up on paperwork and filing.
- A version of the Oregon Record Management Solution has been developed to run with the Majic Software used by the Justice Court. The system is affordable and will allow a completely paperless system going forward. The system will be available this coming March.
- There are new requirements coming to justice courts, justices of the peace, and municipal courts.

Park Security and Bonesteele Park Update

Summary of presentation:

- Parks are typically closed November 1 through April 30. The parks are open sunrise to sunset May 1 through October 31. ProStar Security is contracted to open gates in the morning and lock them in the evening.
- Regular rounds are made in the six Santiam Canyon parks during the summer season and rare incidents are reported to the Marion County Sheriff's Office when necessary.
- Bonesteele is a Natural Heritage Park with no gates and is essentially open 24/7 for the full year. As a result there have been inappropriate uses of the park, some graffiti, damage to restrooms, dumping garbage and animal carcasses. The installation of two gates are planned to cut down on vandalism, control access and close the park during winter season. This plan will be presented to the Parks Commission and their recommendation will be presented to the board of commissioners.

- Chemeketa Community College and Willamette University hold classes in the Bonesteele Park.
- Mr. Haley said that the park was dedicated in the 70s and it was slated to revert back to the original owners if it was not developed. Marion County began development in the 90s.

Tax Foreclosed Real Property Issue

Summary of presentation:

11597 Grouse LN NE, Aurora

- The property was deeded to Marion County in October 2014 through the tax foreclosure process.
- It was unclear if there was occupancy. At the time of the visit staff left a door hanger requesting a call. There has been no call since that time.
- A letter was sent with a date to vacate the residence with no response.
- Staff is requesting a writ of assistance from the court to direct the Sheriff's Office to assist in securing possession of the property.
- The amount owed on taxes at foreclosure was about \$8,000.

Potential Sale of Two Tax Foreclosed Properties

Summary of presentation:

5635 Ridge Dr. NE, Keizer – prior owner, E-Village LLC

6380 Brooklake Rd NE, Salem – prior owner, Phyllis C. Aker, Trustee of the Phyllis C. Aker Revocable Trust.

- Both of the prior owners are requesting to purchase the property in accordance with county policy.
- The contract requires 3% plus prime. The number of years is determined by the value of the loan. This particular land sale contract would be about 10 years.
- Each Oregon county has the choice to offer on a contract. Marion County chooses to help the owner. This has been discussed in the past due to some problems and Marion County has opted to help the previous owner.
- Contract compliance requires insurance, keeping taxes current and making monthly contract payments.
- Staff will return with either a deed for signatures or the land sale contract.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

- Founder/Winegrower Jim Bernau of Willamette Valley Vineyard has said they have received a \$61,000 property tax increase in one year. Mr. Bernau has a meeting set up with the Assessor, Tom Rohlfing. The owner may contact the Board of Property Tax Appeals to challenge. The county does not collect taxes that have challenged.

- The State Fair Board is doing well but could use some help with contract dispute as to who actually owns the Armory.
- Commissioner Cameron met with Dale Penn and Allan Pollock to discuss Salem Transit issues. There is a need for a coalition to deal with parking and Salem transportation.
- Commissioner Brentano said that he was hopeful for a group to strategize concerning transportation. Mr. Lattimer said that it will be a particular problem for the chambers if the bonds occur at the same time due to no coalition of planning. Commissioner Cameron said that everyone will need to sit down together and make that plan in order for transportation to move forward.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Attachments:

Summary of presentation:

Board discussion:

Board direction: