

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, January 3, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Commissioner Danielle Bethell, and Commissioner Colm Willis. Also present were Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer, Jane Vetto as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

Commissioner Cameron called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
Commissioner Willis arrived at 9:03 a.m.

(Video Time 00:03:33)

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Beem:

- Mr. Beem is a spokesperson for individuals with disabilities;
- He would like to utilize a vacant building located in the City of Salem for a homeless shelter;
- Homelessness is deteriorating; and
- Mr. Beem would like Oregon Legislature to utilize funding for the project.

(Video Time 00:05:13)

CONSENT

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

1. Approve Amendment #9 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to de-obligate \$22,535.08 in unspent funds for patrol services on BLM land for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, for a new contract total of \$226,365.60.

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

(Video Time 00:06:01)

ACTION

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

2. Consider approval of Amendment #4 to the Public Health incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$3,226,095.36 for the following Program Elements (PE) for a new contract total of \$10,215,031.49 through June 30, 2025:

- PE01-09, COVID-19 Active Monitoring, Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) in the amount of \$2,537,683.87;
- PE01-10, Oregon Immunization Program – Cares (OIP) in the amount of \$112,813.35;
- PE13, Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP) in the amount of \$276,554.76; and
- PE51-03, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Workforce Funding (WF) in the amount of \$299,043.38.

–Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- Amendment #4 adds \$3,226,095.36 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA);
- The additional funding is all carryover funds from the state:
 - The county submits financial reports to OHA at the end of the fiscal year;
 - The state processes the reports and compares the expenditures that were reported to the revenues that the county was awarded in the prior fiscal year; and
 - The unspent funds have been reappropriated for the new contract period.
- The \$3.2 million funding was anticipated and has been included in the budget;
- PE01-09, COVID-19 Active Monitoring, Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC), and PE01-10, Oregon Immunization Program – Cares (OIP), are related to CARES Act funding for COVID-19:
 - The funding was originally awarded in 2020 and 2021;
 - The county had five years to spend the funding;
 - The state is reappropriating the funding for the fifth year;
 - The county was recently advised that the funding has been extended through July 31, 2026; and
 - There is the possibility that the carryover funds will extend into the next contract period.
- An estimated \$2.5 million will be utilized for PE01-09, COVID-19 Active Monitoring, Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC):
 - The funding was originally utilized for the following:
 - Contact tracing; and
 - Isolation and quarantine.
 - Currently the funding is utilized for the following:
 - Education; and

- Outreach.
- PE01-10, Oregon Immunization Program – Cares (OIP) funding has been utilized for COVID-19 vaccines;
- PE13, Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP) utilized Oregon Ballot Measure 108, Tobacco Tax Increase funding:
 - The funding was appropriated at the end of the last calendar year;
 - The county was not able to utilize the funding in the short time frame that was provided; and
 - OHA has extended the award period.
- An estimated \$299,043.38 will be utilized for PE51-03, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Workforce Funding (WF):
 - The funding was awarded to enhance the county’s public health modernization efforts;
 - The funds expire on June 30, 2024; and
 - The funding will be utilized for staffing and other efforts.

Board discussion:

- Amendment #4 to the incoming funds IGA with OHA was discussed in detail at a prior Management Update meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve Amendment #4 to the Public Health incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$3,226,095.36 for a new contract total of \$10,215,031.49 through June 30, 2025, for PE01-09, COVID-19 Active Monitoring, Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) in the amount of \$2,537,683.87; PE01-10, Oregon Immunization Program – Cares (OIP) in the amount of \$112,813.35; PE13, Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP) in the amount of \$276,554.76; and PE51-03, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Workforce Funding (WF) in the amount of \$299,043.38. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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3. Consider approval of Amendment #5 to the Public Health incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$234,812.71 for the following Program Elements (PE) for a new contract total of \$10,449,844.20 through June 30, 2025:

- PE42-13, Family Connects Oregon in the amount of \$25,120;
- PE43-05, Oregon Immunization Program (OIP) Bridge COVID in the amount of \$86,421; and
- PE73, HIV Early Intervention and Outreach Services in the amount of \$123,271.71.

–Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- Amendment #5 adds \$234,812.71 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA);
- The funding will be utilized for three Program Elements (PEs):
 - An estimated \$25,120 will be utilized for PE42-13, Family Connects Oregon:
 - Family Connects is a national home visiting program;
 - Marion County was one of the early adopters of the program in Oregon;
 - Nurses provide home visiting services to new mothers;
 - The county collaborates with other entities for the following:
 - Connecting with new mothers;
 - Obtaining referrals;
 - Providing information to new parents;
 - Connecting to resources; and
 - Assessing living situations.
 - The funding will support staffing for the program.
 - PE43-05, Oregon Immunization Program (OIP) Bridge COVID:
 - The new funding is for utilized for uninsured adults;
 - The funding will ensure access to COVID-19 vaccines;
 - There are currently no COVID-19 vaccine sites that are county operated; and
 - The county is collaborating with community partners to potentially contract out for the provision of resources and services.
 - PE73, HIV Early Intervention and Outreach Services, is carryover funding that was unspent from the prior fiscal year:
 - The estimated \$123,271.71 is unspent funds that have been re-awarded;
 - The funding is utilized for staff that provide the following services:
 - Nursing;
 - Health education;
 - Outreach; and
 - Testing.
 - The funding needs to be fully utilized by June 30, 2024.

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Board discussion:

- Home visiting is a voluntary service;
- The resource is made available and offered to new parents;
- New parents are not required to reach out to the Marion County Health and Human Services team;
- Parents can decline the service; and
- It is a free service for any new parents that may be interested.

Motion: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve Amendment #5 to the Public Health incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$234,812.71 for a new contract total of \$10,449,844.20 through June 30, 2025, for PE42-13, Family Connects Oregon in the amount of \$25,120; PE43-05, Oregon Immunization Program (OIP) Bridge COVID in the amount of \$86,421; and PE73, HIV Early Intervention and Outreach Services in the amount of \$123,271.71. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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JUVENILE

4. Consider approval of Amendment #2 to the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Department of Education to add \$465,628 in Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) grant funding for a new contract total of \$929,045 for Marion County Juvenile Department programs that assist in reducing crime in communities through June 30, 2025. –Troy Gregg

Summary of presentation:

- The Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) grant funding is utilized for the Marion County, Juvenile Department, Family Support Program (FSP);
- The program supports the early intervention of youth before they enter into the juvenile system;
- The youth are generally ages 9 to 13;
- Referrals for the program may come from:
 - Families;
 - Communities;
 - Schools; and
 - Police officers.
- The grant funding provides for three staff members;
- The program assists youth and families with the following:
 - Ensuring youth do not enter further into the juvenile system;
 - Offers support and coaching for parents struggling with youth behaviors;
 - Provides support for the entire family and not just the youth; and
 - Provides necessary referrals and resources.
- Department staff submits the grant funding request every biennium;

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- Amendment # 2 to the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Department of Education increases funding in the amount of \$465,628; and
- The funding has increased by approximately \$2,200 over the prior biennium.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Bethell expressed the following:
 - Crime, including juvenile crime, has increased in our communities;
 - County staff is working to alleviate the long-term effects of juvenile crime;
 - The FSP is an early intervention program with a holistic approach;
 - Crime occurs in the community that can then fall into schools;
 - Hazing and negative behaviors can be seen in the schools;
 - Schools are often providing oversight for the youth:
 - They see the youth crime first before it ends up in law enforcement's hands.
 - Partnerships with the following entities may have positive effects and help to curb some of the juvenile crime challenges:
 - School districts;
 - Cities; and
 - The Marion County Juvenile Department.
 - She hopes the state can see the negative impacts of juvenile crime on the communities and invest in programs that can have a positive outcome.
- The FSP targets youth that may be struggling:
 - Middle schools are seeing high rates of juvenile crime.
- The county has the opportunity to determine where the JCP grant funding will be utilized;
- The county's FSP has been in effect since the early 2000's;
- The program has a positive impact and effect on the youth;
- Partnering with Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) to focus on alcohol and drug related issues may help prevent youth from progressing farther into the juvenile system;
- Focusing funding on the FSP can have positive long-term effects on the community;
- The state does not have an early intervention department for youth that may be struggling with juvenile crime;
- The county saw the benefit and the need to invest in the FSP early on;
- The FSP can help create a healthy, livable community that youth can participate in;
- The JCP grant funding has partially supported FSP staff positions in the past including:
 - One full-time staff position; and
 - One quarter-time staff position.
- Additional funding is still required to support the FSP;
- The state has an award and allocation rate per county; and
- Marion County can utilize the award towards programs that best serve the communities.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve Amendment #2 to the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Department of Education to add \$465,628 in Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) grant funding for a new contract total of \$929,045 for Marion County Juvenile Department programs that assist in reducing crime in communities through June 30, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:25:11)

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


None.

(Video Time 00:25:26)


Commissioner Cameron requested unanimous consent and received no objection to singing Happy Birthday to Commissioner Bethell.

(Video Time 00:26:11)


Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.



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