

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, February 23, 2022
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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PRESENTATION

1. COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) update. –Katrina Rothenberger

Summary of presentation:

- A decrease in COVID-19 case rates has allowed Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) to significantly reduce or discontinue the following:
 - Case investigation; and
 - Contact tracing.
- A 50 percent decrease in cases was reported for the dates of February 6, 2022, through February 19, 2022;
- The county's seven-day daily case average is below 87;
- MCHHS recently received a significant quantity of at-home COVID-19 testing kits from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA):
 - The kits were distributed to some of the following locations:
 - Rural areas within the county for residents that may not have access to a pharmacy;
 - Adult foster homes;
 - Adult group homes; and
 - A test kit give-away is scheduled at a local church on March 3, 2022, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) may also be distributed at this event.
- MCHHS anticipates reducing the quantity of PPE that is currently available:
 - Currently masks are more readily available to community members;
 - A percentage of masks will be kept to help support the following if needed:
 - Long-term care facilities;
 - Individuals in congregate settings;
 - Emergency situations that may arise; and
 - MCHHS staff working with other types of medical issues.
 - Stock will be rotated to prevent PPE from expiring; and
 - Healthcare facilities should have a plan in place to purchase additional PPE equipment if needed.
- As staff work decreases, employees are being reassigned to help support long-term care facilities:
 - Ensuring PPE is available if needed;
 - Ensuring testing is available if needed; and
 - Assisting with clinics.
- MCHHS anticipates staff will soon be returning to the jobs they held prior to the COVID-19 outbreak;
- There has been an increase in syphilis cases reported for some of the following counties:
 - Marion;
 - Polk; and
 - Yamhill.
- OHA submitted a press release in a prior month related to concerns with syphilis:
 - Syphilis rates have dramatically increased in the last five to ten years; and
 - Community physicians may not recognize the current symptoms.
- MCHHS anticipates dispatching the county's mobile van out to local communities to assist with medical concerns; and
- Ms. Rothenberger expressed her appreciation to MCHHS staff that assisted throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Board discussion:

- Governor Brown's mask mandate for local schools is anticipated to be lifted on or before March 31, 2022:
 - The decision will be based on hospital case rate numbers;
 - School districts may determine if mask mandates will continue to be imposed; and
 - A letter from the Board of Commissioners may be submitted to local school districts advising of the boards position in relation to school masking requirements:
 - The Board of Commissioners are the local public health authority that work in partnership with the health department;
 - It is important for the public to understand what the boards position is;
 - The board does not have jurisdiction over local school districts; and

- Parents and families should make the decision regarding masking for their child.
- Statewide hospital counts are estimated at 597;
- Marion County currently has an estimated 74 individuals that have been admitted to the hospital with COVID-19 symptoms;
- Information on the OHA website may not be the most up to date; and
- Reports from MCHHS helps the public stay informed and understand how COVID-19 is currently impacting local communities.

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CONSENT

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OLCC Applications – Recommended Approval

2. The Farm on Golden Hill, LLC, dba, The Farm on Gold Hill –Silverton, Oregon

TAX OFFICE

3. Approve an order for a property tax refund in the amount of \$16,518.41 for Lereta, LLC.

4. Approve an order for a property tax refund in the amount of \$53,369.71 for Windsor Court Apartments, Inc.

5. Approve an order for a property tax refund in the amount of \$101,552.12 for Center Street Properties, Inc.

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

(Video Time 00:12:45)

ACTION

BUSINESS SERVICES

6. Consider approval of an order adopting revised Marion County Administrative Policy #1005 and Procedure #1005-A, Parking at Marion County Facilities.

–Colleen Coons-Chaffins

Summary of presentation:

- Updates to Policy #1005 and Procedure #1005-A was discussed at a prior meeting;
- Changes include updates to language and an added section for employees utilizing electric charging stations;
- An increase in vehicles utilizing charging stations in the parking garage has necessitated an additional fee:
 - The vehicles may have batteries varying in size from the following:

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- Small;
 - Medium; and
 - Large.
- Some vehicles can plug directly into an electrical outlet and do not require the use of a charging station; and
- Additional fees for the use of an electrical outlet or charging station range from an estimated \$5 to an estimated \$20:
 - The fee is in addition to the parking space fee; and
 - The fee helps to offset the county's expense for electricity.
- The policy and procedure changes will primarily impact employees parking at the following locations:
 - Courthouse Square; and
 - The Marion County Courthouse:
 - An additional 18 parking spaces have been opened to accommodate an employee increase.
- Parking access time periods have changed from all hours to business hours to align with building business hours;
- Parking fees have changed from a monthly payment to a twice monthly payment;
- Revenues from the policy are utilized for paying towards debt or garage improvements which may include:
 - Signage;
 - Striping; and
 - Parking facilities cleaning.
- Staff recommends approval of the Policy #1005 and Procedure #1005-A, Parking at Marion County Facilities.

Board discussion:

- The additional fee for electric vehicles is a monthly charge.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve an order adopting revised Marion County Administrative Policy #1005 and Procedure #1005-A, Parking at Marion County Facilities. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

7. Consider approval of Amendment #3 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$35,404 for a new contract total of \$14,158,297.32 for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEP) program through June 30, 2023. – Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- The additional funding will be appropriated for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP);
- The funds are not anticipated to be used for COVID-19 response;
- The funding has been available for approximately 20 years:
 - The funds are utilized as a preparedness tool for emergency response which may include some of the following:
 - Staff training in instant command structure;
 - Performing tabletop exercises;
 - Drafting a plan for responding to an emergency;
 - Determining resources needed for a specific emergency; and
 - Maintaining continuity of operations.
 - There are multiple incidents that may be considered an emergency; and
 - MCHHS would like to plan and train all levels of staff, departmentwide, for future emergencies that may potentially occur.
- The additional funding is from carry-over or unspent 2021 statewide funds:
 - The state is redistributing the 2021 funds so that they carry over to all local public health authorities based on the following:
 - Funding levels; and
 - Population size.

Board discussion:

- The state is redistributing funds that were not utilized in 2021;
- The county can potentially utilize the additional resources for the following:
 - Building infrastructure;
 - Maintaining education levels;
 - New employee training; and
 - Ensuring staff is prepared to respond to potential future emergencies.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve Amendment #3 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$35,404 for a new contract total of \$14,158,297.32 for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEP) program through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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8. Consider approval of Amendment #4 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$373,605.00 for a new contract total of \$1,331,614.00 for HIV Early Intervention and Outreach Services through December 31, 2022.

–Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- The Contract with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) supports the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Early Intervention and Outreach Services program;
- The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is an annual contract that originated in 2018;
- Amendment #4 provides for the following:
 - Increases funds; and
 - Extends the IGA through December 31, 2022.
- The funds are utilized to support the following community members:
 - Individuals newly diagnosed with HIV;
 - Individuals with an unknown status; and
 - Individuals that are at significant risk of acquiring HIV.
- Services provided in the agreement include some of the following:
 - Outreach support;
 - Connecting individuals to resources;
 - Awareness for HIV and other communicable diseases prevalent in communities;
 - Education for HIV and other communicable diseases;
 - Testing promotions; and
 - Testing events that may potentially include the following locations:
 - Homeless camps; and
 - Farms.
- The state does contract with the HIV Alliance:
 - The organization provides the following:
 - Case management;
 - HIV services; and
 - HIV support.

Board discussion:

- HIV education infomercials and public service announcements have significantly decreased over the past twenty years;
- MCHHS anticipates modernizing HIV awareness programming in the future;
- HIV will always be a factor in communities;
- Resources are available for individuals living with HIV;
- There are multiple communication tools currently providing a variety of information to the public;
- Public health communication has been primarily focused on COVID-19 for the past two years;

- There are more avenues available to provide awareness, education, and support for diseases that are impacting communities:
 - Social media channels;
 - Events; and
 - Partnerships with other organizations.
- The county may be able to shift resources away from emergency response related to COVID-19, and direct those resources towards other diseases;
- The skills and relationships that were built during the COVID-19 response may be utilized to address other diseases that are a concern;
- HIV numbers have increased in the past five years;
- There may be an opportunity to partner with schools to create awareness outside of a classroom setting that will draw a student's attention to a health concern:
 - Finding modern communication methods that will hold a youth's attention is an important tool for reducing HIV numbers.
- The board is interested in viewing a quarterly county statistics report that lists some of the following:
 - Births;
 - Deaths; and
 - Public health concerns.
- There have been significant strides in HIV and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) treatment;
- It is important to maintain and increase public awareness;
- Syphilis is a disease that can be managed and cured:
 - More public awareness is needed;
 - Doctors should be aware of how to treat the disease;
 - Individuals are encouraged to seek treatment if needed;
 - A public service campaign may benefit communities and get individuals connected;
 - Resources may be available for individuals in need; and
 - It can be challenging for individuals to navigate the health system.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve Amendment #4 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$373,605.00 for a new contract total of \$1,331,614.00 for HIV Early Intervention and Outreach Services through December 31, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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

None.

Commissioner Bethell read the calendar.
Commissioner Bethell adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.



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