

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, April 13, 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.

*(Video Time 00:00:53)*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sheila Acosta:

- Ms. Acosta lives in the City of Turner;
- Ms. Acosta retired from a nursing profession after a 30-year career and has started her own business:
  - As a nurse she worked in the prison system.
- Ms. Acosta and her husband have been the victims of numerous crimes:
  - They have contacted multiple police agencies;
  - They need additional help investigating the crimes against them;
  - They have evidence of the crimes committed against them; and
  - She feels they have been victims of gaslighting.
- Ms. Acosta expressed she suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder due to all of the crimes that have been committed against her;
- Ms. Acosta stated she has experienced homelessness; and
- She is seeking assistance with investigating the crimes that have been committed.

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The Commissioners asked for a moment of silence to honor the City of Turner's long time City Manager, David Sawyer, who died last week.

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## PRESENTATION

### 1. Wildfire recovery update. –Chris Eppley

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

- It has been 19 months since the 2020 wildfires;
- Following are the percentage of dwelling permits issued by cities for homes needing to be repaired or replaced following the wildfires:
  - An estimated 40 percent in the City of Mill City;
  - An estimated 53 percent in the City of Gates;
  - An estimated 34 percent in the City of Detroit; and
  - An estimated 58 percent in the unincorporated areas of Marion and Linn counties.
- The number of septic permits issued is a leading indicator in the rebuilding process as it indicates that a property owner is considering rebuilding;
- Septic permits have been issued for approximately 62 percent of the homes that need to be repaired or replaced;
- In unincorporated Marion County the assessed value of rebuilt properties is higher than it was prior to the fires:
  - This may change as the 2022 assessments are estimated.
- Marion County Public Works, Building and Planning staff and Marion County Information Technology staff have developed an interactive map that shows the status of all permits that have been issued:
  - The map will be available on the county's website.
- Sixteen tiny homes have been ordered and are under construction for the Evans Haven project in the City of Gates:
  - It is estimated that the homes will be placed on the site towards the end of August.
- The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the state and the county related to the North Santiam State Park is complete:
  - Marion County is now in control of the park.
- Following is the status of items being worked on at the North Santiam State Park:
  - The environmental assessment has begun;
  - The tribal consultation is complete; and
  - The archeological consultation is expected to start at the end of April.
- Updates for the City of Detroit septic repair or replacement system entails the following:
  - Public Works staff is developing a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the design and construction of a downtown septic system;
  - A residential septic repair and replacement program is being developed; and
  - The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is providing competitive grant funds for property owners needing to repair or replace their septic systems:
    - This is a statewide program.
- The county will be administering a fire hardening grant program:
  - Approximately \$1.5 million is available.

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- Mr. Eppley recently toured the North Fork area of the canyon and observed the following:
  - There is still a lot of wildfire devastation in the area;
  - Many roads are still closed due to trees that have fallen onto the roadways;
  - Some areas of the forest have not yet started to regrow; and
  - Residents have started rebuilding structures that were damaged or destroyed.
- The Santiam Service Integration Team (SIT) is currently case managing 289 homeowners and renters:
  - An estimated 32 households are on a waiting list; and
  - They continue to receive new requests for assistance.
- Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) is working on a new grant program that will provide loans to qualified individuals who lost a manufactured home in the wildfires:
  - The loans will be 10-year forgivable loan with no down payment required, and zero percent interest; and
  - The grant program will be managed by OHCS.
- The Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG) is partnering with United Way's Good360 program to coordinate survivor shopping trips:
  - Survivors can get home goods and other items that were lost in the wildfires.
- Marion County, the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, ARCHES Project, and SIT are working together to ensure that all the residents of the Mill City RV Park have developed plans for relocating when the park location is turned back over to the owner in the near future;
- The LTRG has received large donations of doors and housing equipment that are being distributed to property owners who are rebuilding;
- The LTRG has received over 48,000 tree seedlings and they have coordinated volunteers to plant the seedlings in the Santiam Canyon and at county parks;
- SIT received the Community Impact Award from the Stayton-Sublimity Chamber of Commerce:
  - The annual award recognizes individuals, businesses, and organizations whose contributions have made a positive, indelible, and lasting impact on the community.
- The LTRG has been building sheds for property owners who are rebuilding so they have a secure place to store tools and equipment:
  - The goal is to build 100 sheds:
    - An estimated 68 sheds have been built.
  - May 26, 2022, will be the last date of construction;
  - Volunteers are needed to help build the sheds; and
  - Information can be found on LTRG's website.
- The Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund has raised approximately \$4.2 million to directly help wildfire survivors:
  - The goal is the raise \$5 million.

**Board discussion:**

- Mr. Eppley is working on a Transference of Ownership Agreement and a Lease Back Agreement between the City of Detroit and The Detroit Lake Foundation to finalize ownership and operation of the City of Detroit Community Center; and
- It is estimated that the community center will be ready for occupancy in May.

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2. Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR) of the Mid-Willamette Valley Quarterly Report. –Tamra Goettsch, Marion County Community Services Director; Erik Andersson, SEDCOR President; and Nick Harville, SEDCOR Marion County Business Retention and Expansion Manager

**Summary of presentation:**

Tamra Goettsch:

- Marion County receives a portion of Oregon video lottery dollars, and the county allocates a portion of the funds to key partners to help advance the county’s economic development agenda:
  - The Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR) is one of the county’s key partners.
- The county has a five-year contract with SEDCOR that started in 2018 and will expire in June 2023; and
- SEDCOR helps the county to expand business retention and expansion efforts.

Erik Andersson and Nick Harville, SEDCOR:

- SEDCOR’s mission is to leverage public and private partnerships to successfully grow, retain, and attract high value jobs and capital investments;
- SEDCOR defines economic development as consisting of the following:
  - Business retention and expansion;
  - Recruitment;
  - Entrepreneurship; and
  - Community development.
- SEDCOR has been involved in a lot of wildfire recovery work;
- A community’s economic development needs depend on the challenges that the community is facing:
  - Every community can encounter different challenges.
- Over 93 companies have donated labor and materials to the rebuilding of the City of Detroit Community Center;
- Over 50 companies donated the funds to build 50 sheds:
  - The sheds are 10’x10’; and
  - Work is ongoing for building storage sheds for wildfire survivors.
- Business retention and expansion is the main focus of SEDCOR;
- SEDCOR has been working with some of the following local businesses:

- Freres Engineered Wood;
- Yamasa Corporation USA;
- Shinsegae Foods Inc.; and
- DK Fab, Inc.:
  - SEDCOR assisted the company with receipt of a tax exemption for a new shop.
- A current SEDCOR project is the Mill Creek Corporate Center in Salem, Oregon:
  - Most of the sites in the center have been accounted for; and
  - It has been a good investment for the community.
- It is becoming harder to find industrial land in the county;
- Tillamook Country Smoker is moving to an existing facility in the City of Silverton:
  - Approximately 50 jobs will be created; and
  - SEDCOR has facilitated getting other companies to move to the city.
- SEDCOR's work helps:
  - Communities to prosper;
  - Create jobs; and
  - The tax base is maintained.
- SEDCOR has been working with the Oregon Meadowfoam Growers Association which is largely Willamette Valley growers:
  - The organizations natural plant processing has moved into the area;
  - Some products grown locally can now be processed locally; and
  - It is anticipated that job opportunities will increase.
- SEDCOR has partnered with Launch Mid-Valley to promote entrepreneurship, and as a result three businesses have received funds for expansions;
- SEDCOR has applied as a consortium with the following for a technical assistance grant that will provide entrepreneurial training and support:
  - Latino Business Alliance;
  - Advanced Economic Solutions, Inc.;
  - Chemeketa Community College Small Business Development Center; and
  - The Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments.
    - It is anticipated that a revolving loan fund may be available in the future for Latino Business Alliance.
- Following is SEDCOR's industry driven work plan:
  - Supply chain development;
  - Oregon Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP);
  - Workforce availability that identifies some of the following challenges:
    - Housing;
    - Childcare; and
    - Incumbent worker training which may include:
      - Basic work skills;
      - Language skills; and
      - Computer skills.
  - Industrial land inventory:

- Some area industrial lands that were previously vacant have now been filled and have created jobs and attracted investment.

***Board discussion:***

- Commissioner Willis thanked SEDCOR for their leadership in representing Marion County:
  - SEDCOR is committed to business development, job development, and economic development for the county so that entire communities thrive including:
    - Schools; and
    - Public safety.
  - A lot of area business leaders contribute their time, money, and talent to their communities.
- Commissioner Cameron expressed the importance of businesses investing in technology to remain competitive in the national and world markets:
  - Businesses that invest in technology create economic value with potentially higher job wages; and
  - Marion County’s strength is in its agricultural heritage.
- A lot of local businesses buy from, and sell products to, other local businesses; and
- Commissioner Bethell expressed her appreciation to Mr. Harville for all the work that he does for the county:
  - Community development is important and the heart of Marion County; and
  - SEDCOR has partnered with the county on some of the following wildfire recovery projects:
    - The Tiny Homes Project in the Santiam Canyon; and
    - Assisted 10 homeowners through the Christian Aid Ministries Program.
- Mr. Harville’s has had an instrumental role in bringing new business into the City of Silverton and other communities, that has provided a positive economic impact.

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**PROCLAMATION**

**PUBLIC WORKS – ACTION**

3. Consider approval of a proclamation declaring April 11-15, 2022, as Work Zone Awareness Week in Marion County and recognizing April 13, 2022, as Go Orange Day. –Lani Radtke, Scott Wilson, and Carl Lund

***Summary of presentation:***

- It is important for individuals to drive focused and alert, especially in construction work zones;
- In 1999, the Federal Highway Administration and the American Association of State and Highway Transportation officials recognized work zone crashes as a safety concern, and they established a nationwide safety campaign:
  - The campaign increased awareness of individuals that put their lives at risk as employees in traffic and construction work zones; and



- To help the public make safe decisions for themselves and employees in work zones.
- The theme for this year's Work Zone Awareness Week is "Work Zones Are A Sign To Slow Down";
- In 2019, 842 people were killed nationwide in work zone crashes;
- There are over 200 Marion County employees that work in or near traffic;
- There are also private contractors performing jobs that are in work zones;
- Work zone employees put their lives at risk to maintain roads and provide benefits to the public;
- One of the core values of the Marion County Public Works Department is safety, and it is represented by the department providing the following:
  - Training, resources, and equipment needed for work zone employees to stay safe; and
  - Improving safety where possible and appropriately setting up work zones so that the driving public can navigate through a work zone in a safe manner.
- Construction activity increases through the spring and summer;
- Distracted driving is at an all-time high:
  - Automobile speeds have increased; and
  - Crashes and fatalities increased.
- Drivers need to be focused and alert;
- The following activities are occurring in recognition of Work Zone Awareness Week:
  - A new internal training video is being launched to familiarize Public Works staff with work zones and work zone safety;
  - April 13,2022, is national Go Orange Day; and
  - Every day this week, a different Public Works employee will be highlighted including:
    - A description of the job performed by that employee; and
    - How important safety is to all the employees who perform that job.
- The public can help by performing the following when navigating through a work zone:
  - Slow down;
  - Pay attention; and
  - Be aware of driving conditions.
- Statistics show that an individual that is hit by an automobile traveling at 20 miles per hour has a 90 percent chance of surviving:
  - The odds of an individual surviving an impact from a vehicle traveling at 30 miles per hour is 60 percent; and
  - The odds of an individual surviving an impact from a vehicle traveling at 40 miles per hour is only 20 percent.
- Public driving through a work zone is encouraged to slow down, pay attention, and stay off cell phones.

**Board discussion:**

None.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a proclamation declaring April 11-15, 2022, as Work Zone Awareness Week in Marion County and recognizing April 13, 2022, as Go Orange Day. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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**CONSENT**

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

4. Approve one Contract for Sale for Tax Account 333121 for Michael and Alice Esplin; and one quitclaim deed for Tax Accounts 510917 and 343108 for Willie H. Denson and Kathy M. Olsen for the sale of tax foreclosed properties back to the prior record owners.

TAX OFFICE

5. Approve an order for a property tax refund in the amount of \$33,885.28 for First American Title Co.

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

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**ACTION**

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6. Consider approval of orders appointing members to the governing body of the Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District to fill existing vacancies. –Chad Ball

**Summary of presentation:**

- Members that serve on the governing body of the Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire Protection District are generally selected through an election process;
- In March 2022, four members resigned leaving the board without a quorum, and therefore without the ability to select new members;
- As a result, the duty of appointing new members to the governing body falls to the Marion County Board of Commissioners (BOC);
- Individuals appointed by the BOC will have a term end date of June 30, 2023;
- An election will be held in May 2023, to fill the remaining terms;
- If the seat is up for election in 2023, the individual will serve a full four-year term:



- Individuals that are not appointed in 2023 will only fill a vacancy for the remainder of the existing term; and
- In 2023, some existing terms will be filled, and some new terms will be filled through the election process.
- Interviews were held Monday, April 11, 2022; and
- The interviews were open for the public to view.

***Board discussion:***

- Selected individuals will need to be assigned to a specific position;
- All the selected individuals will need to run for election again in 2023;
- The BOC will only be selecting individuals to fill the seats until the next election cycle in May 2023:
  - Individual seats in the next election will be either a two-year term or a four-year term.
- Each commissioner provided the strengths and experience of the four candidates that they felt would best fill the vacant positions:
  - Commissioner Willis recommended the following candidates:
    - Brandon Hamilton;
    - Matthew Lofton;
    - Teresa Maurmann; and
    - Serena Morones.
  - Commissioner Cameron recommended the following four candidates:
    - Gregory Dyke;
    - Brandon Hamilton;
    - Matthew Lofton; and
    - Serena Morones.
  - Commissioner Bethell recommended the following four candidates:
    - Gregory Dyke;
    - Brandon Hamilton;
    - Matthew Lofton; and
    - Serena Morones.
- The commissioners expressed that all five candidates were qualified, did a great job interviewing, and had an extensive work history;
- All five of the candidates showed the following:
  - A heart for service;
  - A commitment to the community; and
  - A drive to move the community forward following the 2020 wildfires.
- The selected candidates are encouraged to participate in other community organizations.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved to approve orders appointing the following members to the governing body of the Idanha-Detroit Rural Fire District to fill existing vacancies, Gregory Dyke, Brandon Hamilton, Matthew Lofton, and Serena Morones. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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### COMMUNITY SERVICES

7. Consider approval of the Software as a Service (SaaS) Contract with Galaxux, Inc. in the amount of \$132,440 to provide Community Resource Network license, annual maintenance, and hosting services retroactive to July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026. –Tamra Goettsch

***Summary of presentation:***

- The county has been utilizing the program for multiple years as a donation of time and talent from individuals within Galaxux, Inc.;
- The contract would transfer the program off the county’s server into a cloud-based service;
- Having the program in a cloud-based server will allow for timely upgrades;
- The Community Resource Network is a software system with a free membership program for organizations who work with case managed individuals;
- The program’s goal is to be the last place for organizations to go when they have a gap in service or supports for one of their clients; and
- The program allows individuals and businesses to donate resources to help fill the unmet needs of community members.

***Board discussion:***

- The program is meant to fill gaps in the community;
- There are other providers who provide more specific types of service; and
- Ms. Goettsch will set up a meeting with the Commissioners to review in detail at the terms of use.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the Software as a Service (SaaS) Contract with Galaxux, Inc. in the amount of \$132,440 to provide Community Resource Network license, annual maintenance, and hosting services retroactive to July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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## PUBLIC WORKS

8. Consider approval of the Purchase Order with Fastenal Company in the amount of \$300,000 for the purchase of safety clothing, parts, and operational supplies through June 30, 2023.

–Dennis Mansfield and Jason Sykes

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

- This will be the first year that the county has spent over \$100,000 with Fastenal Company within the Public Works Department:
  - Public Works staff anticipates spending approximately \$150,000 through the end of 2022; and
  - The \$300,000 contract amount will provide for purchases through both the 2022 and the 2023 fiscal year.
- The county has worked with Fastenal Company since 2019;
- Employees can get some of the following safety supplies they require from a Fastenal Company vending machine located at Public Works:
  - Safety vests;
  - Gloves; and
  - Other safety items.
- In the first year the vending machine provided an estimated \$2,000 in supplies:
  - In 2021 the vending machine provided an estimated \$20,000 in safety product.
- Prior to the installation of the vending machine employees would go to the parts room to get the safety gear they required, and there was often a line waiting for service or filling out required paperwork;
- The vending machine saves Public Works time and money:
  - Employees scan their Marion County badge at the machine and quickly retrieve the items they need; and
  - Public Works administrative staff receives monthly reports that entails the following:
    - What employees have taken from the vending machine; and
    - The company provides the county a monthly invoice that is then used to pay for the items:
      - All items in the vending machine are owned by Fastenal Company until they are removed from the machine; and
      - The company has provided the Marion County logo on the vending machine items with no cost to the county until the item is removed from the machine by county staff.
- Public Works maintains over 600 pieces of equipment, including vehicles;
- In addition to safety items, Fastenal Company provides the county with nuts, bolts, and washers that are used in the maintenance of the county's equipment and vehicles:
  - The company comes into Public Works three days a week to refill bins containing the various sizes of nuts, bolts, and washers;

- A packing slip is provided and confirmed by county staff every time the company refills hardware; and
- An invoice is received at the end of the month for the product that was restocked.
- The Public Works parts staff recently reviewed the cost of approximately 100 regularly used items and on average Fastenal Company was 10 percent lower in price than other vendors;
- The county receives good service and pricing from Fastenal Company; and
- It is staff's recommendation that the contract with Fastenal Company be approved.

***Board discussion:***

None.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved to approve the Purchase Order with Fastenal Company in the amount of \$300,000 for the purchase of safety clothing, parts, and operational supplies through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

9. Consider approval of Amendment #2 to the Contract for Services with the Center for Hope and Safety to add \$69,485.78 for a new contract total of \$255,211.78 to provide victim services through June 30, 2023. –Commander Kevin Karvandi

***Summary of presentation:***

- The contract is funded through the Justice Reinvestment Grant agreement in contract with the Criminal Justice Commission;
- Ten percent of the grant funds are required to be allocated to community based, nonprofit organizations, that provide services to victims of crime;
- The Center for Hope and Safety is one of two victim service agencies approved by the Public Safety Coordinating Council to receive the grant funds;
- The final grant funding allocation was unknown until December 2021, so there are now several contracts that need amendments;
- The contract amendment will bring the county into alignment with the Justice Reinvestment approved program budget;
- The contract with the Center for Hope and Safety provides services to individuals within the county who are victims of the following:
  - Sexual assault;
  - Domestic violence;
  - Stalking; and
  - Human trafficking.
- The contract funds primarily support some of the following:
  - Multiple advocacy staff positions including:
    - A bilingual advocate intake coordinator; and

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- An Information Technology specialist advocate.
  - Funding is also associated with providing direct services to support victims including:
    - Obtaining identification;
    - Bus tickets;
    - Gas vouchers;
    - Prescriptions; and
    - Other items.
- The additional contract funds will allow the Center for Hope and Safety to expand some of the following:
  - Advocacy staff positions; and
  - Direct services that are provided to victims.

**Board discussion:**

- The county will be paying for a larger percentage of the existing advocacy staff.




**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to approve Amendment #2 to the Contract for Services with the Center for Hope and Safety to add \$69,485.78 for a new contract total of \$255,211.78 to provide victim services through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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

None.

Commissioner Willis read the calendar;  
Commissioner Bethell adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

  
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