

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, May 12, 2021
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 Jane Vetto as county counsel and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

ABSENT: Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Video Time 00:01:21)

David Beem:

- Mr. Beem would like a skating rink developed for children and families at the Willamette Town Center on Lancaster Drive; and
- He would like to see the skating rink completed by 2022 or 2023.

Board discussion:

- The mall is privately owned; and
- Commissioner Bethell suggested Mr. Beem make the request to the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce.

PRESENTATION

(Video Time 00:05:01)

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) update. –Chad Ball

- Mr. Ball reported the following updates for the COVID-19 pandemic as of 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 2021:
 - There have been an estimated 21,968 cumulative cases within the county from the start of the pandemic;
 - The current positivity rate is estimated to be 8.5 percent; and
 - An estimated 306 individuals have died from symptoms related to COVID-19.

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- The positivity rate has been averaging 8.5 percent since the beginning of the pandemic;
- For the prior two-week period from April 25th to May 8, 2021:
 - The test positivity rate has averaged 8.3 percent which equates to 292 cases per 100,000 individuals;
 - COVID-19 positive cases decreased in the county by 11.1 percent;
 - The bulk of the cases are coming from the following ZIP Code areas:
 - Central Salem;
 - Northeast Salem;
 - South Salem;
 - Brooks; and
 - Keizer.
- Governor Brown announced she will be lifting the majority of COVID-19 restrictions when 70 percent of the eligible population has been vaccinated:
 - No county will remain in risk categories;
 - Some restrictions will still be in place:
 - Masks; and
 - Social distancing.
 - Marion County has vaccinated 50 percent of the eligible population:
 - The county needs to vaccinate 36,000 more individuals to reach 65 percent and move to a low risk category.
- The county encourages all eligible individuals to get vaccinated; and
- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the Pfizer vaccine for children ages 12 to 15.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Cameron clarified that to move to the low risk category the county needs to vaccinate 65 percent of its residents, plus submit a plan on how the county will continue to reach out to underserved populations; and
- Primary care providers are starting to receive doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

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MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to remove Action Item #7 from the agenda. Under the Sheriff's Office: Consider approval of Amendment #1 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the East Salem Service District (ESSD) to add \$4,943,139 for a new contract total of \$9,886,278 to provide law enforcement services through June 30, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

PROCLAMATION

(Video Time 00:11:56)

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - ACTION

1. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the month of May as Foster Care Month in Marion County. –Melinda Hautala, Shaney Starr, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Marion County, and Stacy Lake, Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of presentation:

Melinda Hautala:

- Since 1988, the United States Department of Health and Human Services has designated May as National Foster Care Month as a way to:
 - Promote the importance of foster families as a support to parents; and
 - Strengthen and empower families.

Shaney Starr:

- Foster care is not a political issue, it's a societal issue;
- Children involved in the foster care system are the community's children:
 - They are not just one agency's responsibility.
- There are currently 453 children in foster care in Marion County;
- The number of children in foster care is decreasing;
- There is currently a total of 175 resource families in Marion County:
 - 59 non-relative; and
 - 116 relative, or child-specific families.
- More families are needed;
- There are many ways for the public to get involved:
 - Become a resource family;
 - Become a Safe Family to support families of origin before they enter the welfare system;
 - Become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA);
 - Become a volunteer family partner to support families in the process of reunification; and
 - Participate in the Every Child Initiative:
 - Provides tangible needs and supports to children, their families, and resource families.
- In conjunction with congress, Governor Brown will declare May 18th Oregon CASA Volunteer Day;
- Ms. Starr asserted that words matter, and asked the community to not label kids as foster children, but recognize them first and foremost as children; and
- Children that age out of the system still need support from the community.

Stacy Lake:

- There has been a 7.2 percent decrease in the rate of children in foster care in the tri-county area;
- There has been a 52 percent increase in the number of families seeking support from self-sufficiency programs through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- Children in foster care and their families are the responsibility of the community as a whole;
- Ms. Lake expressed appreciation for the interest and support from the community;
- Ms. Lake shared written messages from children involved in the foster care system and resource families; and
- She believes the ultimate goal is to support parents with the resources they need to create a safe environment for their children, and keep families together.

Board discussion:

- The work foster parents do makes a difference in a child's future;
- CASA has the following funding sources:
 - 12 percent from the state;
 - Donors; and
 - Grants.
- CASA is required to exist by state statute;
- Children are important and it is important that they have the resources they need available; and
- Commissioner Bethell encouraged the community to donate to CASA of Marion County.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a proclamation designating the month of May as Foster Care Month in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

CONSENT

(Video Time 00:30:21)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Approve Amendment #3 to the Contract for Services with Communications Northwest to add \$17,974.59 for a new contract total of \$294,247.96 for materials needed to complete the Marion County Jail Radio Project through May 31, 2021.

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

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ACTION

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

2. Consider approval of the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority in the amount of \$11,927,751.74 for the financing of community mental health, addiction treatment, recovery, prevention, and problem gambling services retroactive to January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. –Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- There are two significant changes from previous Intergovernmental Agreements with Oregon Health Authority (OHA):
 - The agreement is for a single calendar year rather than a fiscal year; and
 - The agreement is retroactive to January, 2021.
- The agreement is for core behavioral health services provided throughout the year:
 - Crisis services;
 - Addiction treatment services; and
 - Children and adult mental health services.
- The agreement has several pass-through funding sources for community providers, including:
 - Residential; and
 - Adult foster homes.
- This agreement provides services and a critical safety net to individuals who:
 - Do not have private insurance;
 - Do not have Medicaid;
 - Have limited resources; and
 - Are underfunded.

Board discussion:

- The Pacific Source contract is estimated at \$19 million.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority in the amount of \$11,927,751.74 for the financing of community mental health, addiction treatment, recovery, prevention, and problem gambling services retroactive to January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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PUBLIC WORKS

3. Consider adoption of an administrative ordinance granting Comprehensive Plan Amendment/Zone Change/Property Line Adjustment (CP/ZC/PLA) Case #21-001/Wing Properties, LLC and Shane and Tracy Meyerhofer. –Joe Fennimore

Summary of presentation:

- The ordinance proposes the following:
 - Change the Comprehensive Plan (CP) designation from Primary Agriculture to Industrial, with an exception to statewide planning Goal 3 (Agricultural Lands); and
 - Change the zone from Exclusive Farm use (EFU) to Industrial.
- The land is a 3-acre portion of a 5-acre parcel;
- The properties are located at the corner of Whiskey Hill Road NE and Shank Road NE, east of the City of Hubbard;
- The hearings officer held a public hearing on the application on March 4, 2021;
- On March 8, 2021 the hearings officer issued a recommendation that the board approve the request subject to conditions;
- The board held a public hearing on the application on April 21, 2021:
 - The board approved the request subject to the following recommended conditions:
 - Standard conditions for adjusting property lines;
 - Standard conditions for developing industrial property;
 - Survey requirements;
 - Filing of deeds with the county;
 - Septic review;
 - Right of way dedication; and
 - Storm water detention.
- The administrative ordinance is now before the board for formal adoption;
- The board has the following options:
 - Adopt the ordinance as written;
 - Direct staff to prepare a modified ordinance; or
 - Choose not to adopt the ordinance at this time.
- Staff recommends the board adopt the ordinance as written.

Board discussion:

None.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to adopt an administrative ordinance granting Comprehensive Plan Amendment/Zone Change/ Property Line Adjustment (CP/ZC/PLA) Case #21-001/Wing Properties, LLC and Shane and Tracy Meyerhofer. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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4. Consider approval of the Contract for Services with Mountain View Tree Service, LLC in the amount of \$250,000 to assist with the Winter Storm 2021 debris cleanup and provide on-call tree trimming and removal services through April 30, 2023. –Brian Nicholas

Summary of presentation:

- The scope of the contract is for tree removal services including:
 - Vegetation removal and disposal;
 - Arborist services; and
 - Traffic control.
- Public Works solicited the project using the formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process;
- Damage caused by the ice storm is eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement;
- Mountain View Tree Services has the capacity to perform high elevation work and to complete larger projects;
- Their services will supplement Public Works vegetation control capacity;
- The contract is for ice storm debris removal, not for wildfire debris removal; and
- Their services will also be used to clean up county parks prior to summer.

Board discussion:

- The contract will allow Public Works staff to focus on their normal work.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the Contract for Services with Mountain View Tree Service, LLC in the amount of \$250,000 to assist with the Winter Storm 2021 debris cleanup and provide on-call tree trimming and removal services through April 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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Commissioner Bethell stated for the record that a member of her family is employed by Mountain View Tree Service.

Ms. Vetto commented that it is an appearance of a conflict, but it is not an actual conflict.

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5. Consider approval of the Public Improvement Agreement with North Santiam Paving Co. in the amount of \$891,806 for asphalt concrete resurfacing services for various roads located within Marion County through November 30, 2022. –Ryan Crowther

Summary of presentation:

- Mr. Crowther presented Action Items #5 and #6 together;
- The two contracts are identified by Public Works as contract #101 and #102;
- Action Item #5 addresses contract #101:

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- The roads are located in northern Marion County;
- An estimated 4.4 miles of roadway are being paved; and
- North Santiam Paving Co. provided the low bid of \$891,806.
- Action Item #6 addresses contract #102:
 - The roads are located in south Salem;
 - An estimated 9.5 miles of roadway are being paved; and
 - Roy Houck Construction provided the low bid of \$1,820,881.90.
- Two contracts are required because the roads being resurfaced are in different locations, and each contractor has the ability to mobilize to different locations easier;
- The roads being resurfaced are cracked and in need of an overlay;
- Pavement repairs will be done as required;
- Aggregate will be added to gravel shoulders;
- Reflective pavement markers will be installed at roadway centerlines to increase nighttime visibility; and
- Both projects will be completed July 2021 through September 2021.

Board discussion:

- The work will be completed this summer;
- The contracts are through 2022 in the event repairs are needed; and
- The commissioners stated they would make one single motion for Action Items #5 and #6.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the Public Improvement Agreement with North Santiam Paving Co. in the amount of \$891,806 for asphalt concrete resurfacing services for various roads located within Marion County through November 30, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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6. Consider approval of a Public Improvement Agreement with Roy Houck Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,820,881.90 for asphalt concrete resurfacing services for various roads located within Marion County through November 30, 2022. –Ryan Crowther

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the Public Improvement Agreement with Roy Houck Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,820,881.90 for asphalt concrete resurfacing services for various roads located within Marion County through November 30, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

7. Consider approval of Amendment #1 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the East Salem Service District (ESSD) to add \$4,943,139 for a new contract total of \$9,886,278 to provide law enforcement services through June 30, 2024.

(Motion made and approved to remove this item from the Board Session Agenda.)

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8. Consider approval of the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Aurora in the amount of \$204,569 to provide patrol services through June 30, 2022. –
Undersheriff Jeff Wood and Commander Jeff Stutrud

Summary of presentation:

Undersheriff Wood:

- The contract is allowable under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 190;
- The contract is for a deputy to provide 40 hours of patrol services within the City of Aurora; and
- The contract has been in place for eight years.

Commander Stutrud:

- The Sherriff's Office has a great partnership with the City of Aurora;
- The deputies are involved with community events in Aurora;
- The deputies attend city council meetings to give updates, to address any current challenges or problems, and to provide suggestions; and
- The crime rate in Aurora is low.

Board discussion:

- The board discussed other cities that the Sherriff's Office provides this service to.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Aurora in the amount of \$204,569 to provide patrol services through June 30, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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Commissioner Cameron asked for and received unanimous consent to return to public comment.

Glen Raider:


- Mr. Raider has lived in east Salem for 54 years; and
- The commissioners thanked Mr. Raider for his service to the East Salem Service District.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS
9:30 A.M.

None.


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



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