

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Thursday, July 6, 2023
10:15 a.m.

Marion County Fair - Main Stage
Oregon State Fair Grounds
2330 17th Street NE, Salem, OR

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

Commissioner Willis called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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PRESENTATION

1. 2022 Volunteer Awards. –Sherry Lintner

Summary of presentation:

- The county would like to recognize the individuals that dedicate their time throughout the year by volunteering in communities;
- Marion County’s Volunteer Services Coordinator, works to identify, recruit, and recognize volunteers;
- The commissioners presented volunteer nominees with a service award;
- Three Volunteer of the Year awards were presented for Outstanding Division Department Volunteers in the following Marion County departments:
 - Public Works;
 - Community Services; and
 - The Sheriff’s Office.
- The Judge Rex Hartley Volunteer of the Year award was presented for outstanding service to counties and the communities.

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2. Appreciation award for K&E Excavating, Inc. –Sheriff Nick Hunter and Sheriff Joe Kast (Retired)

Summary of presentation:

- Marion County Sheriff, Nicholas Hunter, would like to recognize K&E Excavating and the community partnership that they have developed with the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) over multiple years;
- The MCSO, Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) team is federally required to perform annual training exercises:
 - The training is held in an Oregon coastal community;
 - Large heavy-duty equipment is needed for an effective training; and
 - Safely transporting the equipment can be a challenge.
- In 2017 the MCSO built a relationship with K&E Excavating:
 - The company had the needed resources and equipment to transport the heavy-duty equipment to the training facility.
- Both the K&E Excavating's trucks and employees are very professional:
 - The vehicles are clean;
 - Drivers are courteous, polite, and flexible; and
 - The company is always ready to help.
- K&E Excavating is an example of a winning community partnership:
 - The company's support allows the MCSO to perform their jobs and to serve communities every day.
- The working relationship has been in place for multiple years:
 - The award spans the work of three Marion County Sheriffs':
 - Retired Sheriff Jason Meyers;
 - Retired Sheriff Joe Kast; and
 - Presiding Sheriff Nicholas Hunter.
- The MCSO presented K&E Excavating with a shadow box award that was made by members of the MCSO SWAT team and contains the following:
 - An official patch made specifically for the K&E Excavating team;
 - A picture of K&E Excavating trucks and MCSO equipment; and
 - A Letter of appreciation from the MCSO.

Board discussion:

- Public service is an important role in Marion County; and
- The commissioners would like to recognize everyone who has volunteered and served the community.

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PROCLAMATION

SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JUVENILE DEPARTMENT – Action

3. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the week of July 16-22, 2023, as Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week in Marion County.

–Commander Jay Bergmann and Director Troy Gregg

Summary of presentation:

- Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week is an opportunity to recognize the county's parole and probation officers' hard work, dedication, and achievements in the communities;
- The practice of parole and probation was started in 1841;
- Parole and probation are a vital part of the criminal justice system;
- Nationally there are about 3.7 million adults on supervision:
 - In Oregon there are about 22,000; and
 - In Marion County there are just under 2,800.
- Parole and Probation Officers (PPO's) work collaboratively with clients utilizing the following to understand how an individual became involved in the criminal justice system:
 - Validated risk tools to determine the overall risk to the community;
 - Case planning to address individual factors utilizing tools and techniques that are based on research;
 - Effective practices and community supervision; and
 - Core correctional practices.
- PPOs perform a variety of duties including:
 - Helping individuals find employment;
 - Mentoring and teaching cognitive behavioral skills;
 - Providing referrals for housing;
 - Assisting individuals with family reunifications;
 - Connecting individuals with addiction treatment options; and
 - They sanction clients when needed.
- PPOs are involved in some of the following:
 - Prison diversion programs that are designed to reduce recidivism rates and the prison population:
 - Both the recidivism rates and the prison population have decreased; and
 - There were 200 fewer clients in 2023 versus the same time period in 2022.
 - Marion County Reentry Initiative (MCRI) programs; and
 - Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) programs.
- The week of July 16-22, 2023, honors:
 - Probation staff;
 - Education advocates;
 - Everyone who works with an individual in the community; and

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- Staff involved in some of the following:
 - Alternative programs; and
 - Family support programs.
- In June, the Marion County Juvenile Department partnered with Oregon State University to bring college students onto the county campus for an immersion class:
 - The class was 40 hours;
 - College students had the opportunity to discuss every facet of the juvenile justice system;
 - The Juvenile Department Director had the opportunity to talk with the college students about their class experience; and
 - The student feedback was positive.
- The Juvenile Department works with 700 to 800 youth throughout the year; and
- Over 90 percent of the youth never advance farther into the system.

Board discussion:

- None.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a proclamation designating the week of July 16-22, 2023, as Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The Commissioners read the proclamation.

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CONSENT

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4. Approve the Contract for Services with Eagle Newspapers, Inc. in the amount of \$615,000 to provide printing and mailing services for the Marion County Today newsletter through July 1, 2028.

HUMAN RESOURCES

5. Approve the recommendation to update the classification and adjust the pay grade upward for class codes #095, Deputy CAO; #098, Law Librarian; #099, Library Assistant; #310, County Surveyor; #369, Code Enforcement Officer; #503, Health Educator 1; #518, Health Educator 2; #517, Health Educator #3; #640, District Attorney Investigator; and uphold the pay grade for class code #361, Loss Control Coordinator.

PUBLIC WORKS

6. Approve the Public Improvement Agreement with K&E Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$759,560 for the emergency repair of Abiqua Road N.E. due to landslide and subgrade failure through October 31, 2024.

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7. Approve the Price Agreement with Union Gospel Mission of Salem, Oregon in the amount of \$140,000 to provide subsidy housing for clients under the supervision of the Marion County Sheriff's Office through June 30, 2025.

8. Approve Amendment #3 to the Contract for Services with O'Neill S. Solanky DDS, LLC to add \$150,000 for a new contract total of \$360,000 to provide dental services to Adults-In-Custody (AIC) at the Marion County Jail through June 30, 2024.

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

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ACTION

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

9. Consider approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Woodburn in the not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000 to provide mobile crisis services retro-active to July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. –Ann-Marie Bandfield and Lieutenant Andron Shadrin, City of Woodburn Police Department

Summary of presentation:

- The county has contracted with the City of Woodburn for multiple years to provide mobile crisis services;
- The Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) located in the City of Woodburn consists of one police officer and one qualified mental health professional:
 - The team responds to mental health calls throughout the county, but mostly in the northern region.
- The partnership has been in effect since November 2017;
- Since 2017, the team has responded to over 3,500 calls for service:
 - The calls were for individuals that were dealing with acute mental distress.
- MCRT officers are invaluable, especially when augmented with patrol staff:
 - The team responds to people in crisis providing the time and resources needed to assist individuals; and
 - This frees up time for patrol officers to respond to other calls for service.
- The MCRT participates in crisis intervention training with the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO):

- The training is twice a year;
- The MCSO provides training for law enforcement officers encountering and working with individuals who may be experiencing a mental health crisis; and
- It is estimated that over 600 officers have received training since 2005.

Board discussion:

- The board has advocated to keep the Mobile Crisis program implemented with the following:
 - United States Senator Ron Wyden representative for Oregon; and
 - The Oregon Health Authority (OHA).
- The program is important to the community;
- The training provided to law enforcement personnel allows the officers to diffuse situations that they may encounter;
- The board appreciates the investment made by both law enforcement organizations and personnel into the Mobile Crisis program;
- The program helps keep individuals out of jail and provides them with needed services;
- A law enforcement officer may be employed with one jurisdiction, but with the Mobile Crisis program, they serve all Marion County citizens, in all jurisdictions;
- Law enforcement jurisdictions invested and collaborating in the Mobile Crisis program include:
 - A City of Salem unit;
 - A Marion County unit; and
 - A City of Woodburn unit.
- Increased funding from both the Oregon Legislature and OHA can benefit the program and the services provided.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Woodburn in the not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000 to provide mobile crisis services retro-active to July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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Commissioner Cameron requested and received consent to recess.

Brad's World Reptiles staff showcased an alligator and a scarlet macaw:

- The reptile sanctuary has been in business for 40 years;
- The organization provides conservation on their property;
- An estimated 90 percent of the organization's inhabitants are rescued; and
- Visitors to the Marion County Fair are encouraged to stop by and see the reptiles.

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Commissioner Willis reconvened the Board Session meeting:

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PUBLIC WORKS

10. Consider approval of the Purchase Order with CVE Technologies in the amount of \$315,774.89 for the purchase of local area network communications equipment for the Public Safety Radio Project through September 30, 2024. –Brian Nicholas

Summary of presentation:

- The county is building a new public safety radio system for the rural areas of Marion County;
- The radio system will serve the following:
 - The Marion County Sheriff's Office;
 - The Marion County Public Works Department;
 - The Marion County Juvenile Department; and
 - Other entities within the county.
- The radio system will have the capacity to serve all first responder agencies around the county and outside of the city limits of the cities of Salem and Keizer:
 - The cities of Salem and Keizer utilize their own radio system.
- It is anticipated that the new system will be deployed in late 2024;
- Radio systems have three main components:
 - The radios themselves:
 - These are installed on towers and hilltops around the county.
 - A data network that merges all radio sites into one; and
 - Mobile radios utilized for the following:
 - First responder vehicles; and
 - As portable devices worn on belts.
- The Purchase Order with CVE Technologies will acquire equipment to update the existing data network that ties the entire system together and includes:
 - Controllers; and
 - Peripheral pieces.
- Electronics may have extended lead times to receive:
 - Some components can take up to one year to arrive; and
 - Equipment required in the fall will need to be ordered now.
- The equipment will be utilized to improve an existing data network that connects an existing radio system together:
 - The improvements will be upgraded to a new platform.
- Work on the data system will be done first, followed by the radio deployment;
- Grant funding is available for this portion the project's expenses; and
- The county will not be required to fund any portion of this phase of the project.

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Board discussion:

- The commissioners expressed their appreciation to Mr. Nicholas for his continued work on the project.

Motion: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve of the Purchase Order with CVE Technologies in the amount of \$315,774.89 for the purchase of local area network communications equipment for the Public Safety Radio Project through September 30, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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11. Consider approval of the Standard Professional Services Contract with Keller Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$447,141 to provide architectural and engineering services for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Brooks-Hopmire Wastewater and Drinking Water Project through December 31, 2026. –Brian Nicholas and Chris Einmo

Summary of presentation:

- The county operates several rural utilities;
- Two of the utilities are within the Brooks Community Service District (BCSD) and include the following:
 - Water; and
 - Sewer.
- A report identified necessary improvements needed for the water and wastewater infrastructure;
- The board allocated approximately \$15 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to be utilized for BCSD water and sewer improvements;
- Part of the improvement process is the master planning, design, and engineering modeling phase to support the project;
- The county issued a Request For Proposal (RFP) for professional consulting services;
- Keller Associates, Inc. was selected as the qualified consultant;
- The proposed contract will be part of a multi-phased design;
- The contract with Keller Associates, Inc. will be part of the first phase of the project and includes:
 - Modeling and master planning;
 - Financial planning;
 - Water source evaluation;
 - Land use planning and research; and
 - Water rights research.
- The county's ARPA allocation will be utilized to fund the project.

Board discussion:

- This agreement will provide the first phase of multiple stages of engineering and design before the project proceeds to construction;
- The scope of the agreement for the wastewater includes:
 - Evaluating improvements to the treatment; and
 - The conveyance and potential improvements for a gravity sewer.
- The scope of the agreement for the water system includes:
 - Water distribution;
 - Water source;
 - Potential treatment;
 - Storage; and
 - Fire protection:
 - The current system is not able to meet water flow capacity for fire requirements.
- Two years ago, a community assessment was completed for the Brooks-Hopmere area:
 - The purpose of the study was to identify the following:
 - What is needed in the community to allow for additional development; and
 - What is keeping the area from reaching its economic potential.
- Two setbacks for the utility infrastructure involve issues with water and sewer:
 - Water and sewer are the two highest expense items to develop.
- Developers prefer to invest and build in areas where the basic infrastructure is already in place:
 - The county is working to have the infrastructure in place for future development;
 - The end goal is to build a community scale water system with its own water resource; and
 - This will allow for a reliable water system that can keep up with area growth.
- Investments are made into the area so future growth can occur:
 - Investments may be cost prohibitive for a single business.
- Industrial areas can take multiple years to develop.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the Standard Professional Services Contract with Keller Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$447,141 to provide architectural and engineering services for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Brooks-Hopmere Wastewater and Drinking Water Project through December 31, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS
10:45 A.M.**

None.

Board discussion:

- It is great to be at the Marion County Fair and see it full and many people attending:
 - There have been rough years, specifically 2020 and 2021.
- There are new vendors attending the fair this year; and
- The commissioners will be judging in the Marionberry Pie Contest


Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.



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