

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Stayton Public Library
515 North First Avenue
Stayton, OR 97383

PRESENT: Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Commissioner Sam Brentano, 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 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION

(Video Time 00:01:09)

Welcome –Keith Campbell, Manager - City of Stayton:

- Mr. Campbell thanked the commissioners for reaching out to the community with the board session and town hall meetings.

Board discussion:

- Projects the City of Stayton is focusing on include the following:
 - A waste water master plan is being developed which will also impact the City of Sublimity;
 - Updating the city's master plan which includes economic development and transportation;
 - The city has requested proposals for maintenance for the Jordan Bridge;
 - A master plan has been completed for Mill Creek Park:
 - Located on a 45 acre parcel of land;
 - The park will include soccer fields and baseball diamonds; and
 - The city is looking into grant options for the project.
 - The city hopes to partner with the county for the following:
 - A roundabout to improve intersection issues at Golf, Wilco, and Shaff Road;
 - Slurry sealing for road improvements:
 - The city passed a gas tax to assist with road maintenance; and

- The city has seen financial savings and has been able to increase road maintenance when they have partnered in the county's slurry seal program.
- The city has seen an interest in the development of both residential and commercial properties in the community; and
- The city is interested in partnering with the county on other issues that will utilize resources and have a positive impact for the taxpayers.

CONSENT

(Video Time 00:10:51)

BUSINESS SERVICES

Approve the recommendation to update and add drug screen requirement language for 82 classifications and inactivate Classification #324, Cartographic/GIS Supervisor.

TAX OFFICE

Approve an order for a property tax refund in the amount of \$23,026.53 to Donald J. Chellis.

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

ACTION

(Video Time 00:11:38)

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Consider approval of the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1,633,989 for vessel and site improvements to the Wheatland Ferry and the Buena Vista Ferry through the Marion County Ferry Boat Program through September 30, 2024. –Brian Nicholas

Summary of presentation:

- The county received a federal grant through the Federal Highway Administration Ferry Program;
- The grant comes from a dedicated fund that assists agencies with ferry operations maintenance;
- Marion County is one of three counties in Oregon that owns and operates ferries which include the following:
 - The Wheatland Ferry; and
 - The Buena Vista Ferry.
- The funding will be used for five improvement projects between the two ferry sites:
 - Installation of emergency backup generators for both ferry sites;
 - Modification of both ferry ramps;

- Linear actuators will be added to cut back on concrete damage when the ferry ramp connects with the boat ramp:
 - This will eliminate the county having to resurface the ramps every five years to repair the concrete damage;
 - It improves the anchoring of the ferry to the boat ramp making it easier for automobiles to enter and exit the ferry; and
 - A portion of the funding allows for the hiring of a marine architect to design the modification.
- Tie-off dolphins for the ferries will be added at both ferry sites;
- The ramps at both sites will be widened; and
- Cat walks will be installed.
- The agreement cancels a previous agreement and resets the funding through federal fiscal year 2024 for project completion; and
- The total expense for the project is estimated at \$2 million:
 - Federal funding is estimated at \$1.6 million; and
 - The county anticipates contributing \$400,000 to the project.

Board discussion:

- The federal funding will be provided from a dedicated ferry fund;
- The county will use local gas tax funds for the project;
- Adding backup generators at the ferry sites will assist the county in an emergency that involves a power outage;
- It is estimated that the backup generators will be installed in two years;
- The county was originally awarded the funding for the project in 2016:
 - Staffing issues delayed the funding.
- The county will hire consultants to design the project and assist with meeting the contract guidelines; and
- The Oregon Department of Transportation has recommended that the Buena Vista site not be used for launching private boats:
 - The county is reviewing other options that may allow for launching private boats from the site.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved to approve the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1,633,989 for vessel and site improvements to the Wheatland Ferry and the Buena Vista Ferry through the Marion County Ferry Boat Program through September 30, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2. Consider approval of Amendment #2 and #3 of the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with Chemawa Indian School through the Federal Bureau of Indian Education,
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extending the agreement term through June 30, 2020, and adding \$356,674 to provide School Resource Officer services. –Sheriff Joe Kast and Commander Jeff Stutrud

Summary of presentation:

- The Chemawa Indian School originated in 1880:
 - Over 400 students from all over the northwest attend the school; and
 - The students board at the school.
- The Sheriff's Office started providing contract services in 2005:
 - Currently two deputies are contracted with the school:
 - The deputies are on the school campus and interacting with the students on a consistent basis:
 - The interaction helps to build a relationship with the students; and
 - The relationship helps the students to learn and grow into society.
 - The deputies work at the school during the nine month school year when students are in attendance; and
 - The deputies are reassigned to other areas within the county during the three month summer closure.
- The Sheriff's Office is requesting to extend the contract through June 30, 2020.

Board discussion:

- Incoming calls to the Sheriff's Office to report unsavory activities on the school campus have declined in the last ten years:
 - The deputy's work and their relationship with the students have contributed to the decline.
- The school has its own Youth Peer Court where students are reviewed by fellow students to address inappropriate behavior; and
- The Sheriff's Office anticipated hiring five additional deputies dedicated to the East Salem Service District (ESSD):
 - This will free up resources for the rest of the county.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve Amendment #2 and #3 of the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with Chemawa Indian School through the Federal Bureau of Indian Education, extending the agreement term through June 30, 2020, and adding \$356,674 to provide School Resource Officer services. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

**** A scrivener's error was discovered while processing the above mentioned minutes. A motion was made to approve Amendment #3 adding \$356,674 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chemawa Indian School through the Federal Bureau of Indian Education. The actual amendment amount should be \$356,374. The contract with the Chemawa Indian School through the Federal Bureau of Indian Education was processed for the amount of \$356,374.**

(Video Time 00:26:12)

3. Consider approval of the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with Salem-Keizer School District 24J for the not-to-exceed amount of \$171,607, to provide School Resource Officer services through June 30, 2020. –Sheriff Joe Kast and Commander Jeff Stutrud

Summary of presentation:

- The Sheriff's Office has employed a school resource officer for the school district since 2009:
 - The district has an average of 2,100 students;
 - The officer works with the schools during the nine month school year;
 - During the summer months the officer is reassigned to other duties within the county; and
 - The officer's relationship and interaction with the students is invaluable.
- The \$171,607 will fund the officer's estimated salary and overtime expenses for after-hours school events;
- The school district is in the East Salem Service District (ESSD):
 - The ESSD is approximately 1,140 square miles; and
 - An estimated 55 percent of the incoming phone calls to the Sheriff's Office come from the ESSD.
- A security transition within the school district contributed to the delayed contract.

Board discussion:

- The school resource officer primarily works at Houck Middle School and Stephens Middle School:
 - Each school has a facility for the officer; and
 - The officer's time is split between the two schools depending on the school events at each location.
- The school district employs a security director for the entire district;
- The officer is part of a threat assessment team:
 - He is able to focus on a threat when it arises and find a resolution.
- Security issues that arise in the school district include some of the following:
 - School threats;
 - School shootings; and
 - Truancy.
- The officer is able to build a relationship with the students that will help them later in their adult years; and
- The resource officer position requires an individual that enjoys working with the youth and has a passion for their job.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved to approve the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with Salem-Keizer School District 24J for the not-to-exceed amount of \$171,607, to provide School Resource Officer services through June 30, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

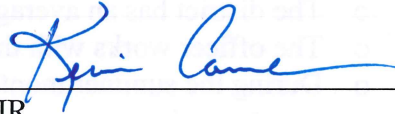
PUBLIC HEARINGS

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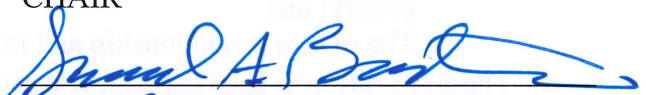
None.

Commissioner Willis read the calendar.

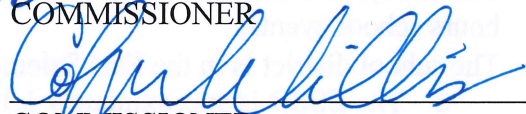
Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.



CHAIR



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