



Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5231, Commissioners Boardroom

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Colm Willis, and Danielle Bethell, Jan Fritz, Chad Ball, Matt Lawyer, Katrina Rothenberger, Conor Foley, Susan McLauchlin, Jared Bradford, Brian Nicholas, Lani Radtke, Brian May, Brandon Reich, Matt Knudsen, Max Hepburn, Jane Vetto, and Shawnnell Fuentes as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Additional Tobacco Program Funding

-Katrina Rothenberger, Susan McLauchlin, Conor Foley

Summary of presentation:

- Additional revenue the county will be receiving as a result of Measure 108 increased tobacco taxes:
 - Measure 108 was on the ballot in the 2020 general election:
 - Approximately 2/3 of individuals voted to increase tobacco taxes, including voters within Marion County.
- Marion County is receiving approximately \$900,000;
- The state expects this tax revenue to decrease over time due to the high cost of cigarettes; and
- Staff is looking for feedback from the Board on how these funds should be spent:
 - The state provided some parameters including the following eligible activities:
 - Preventing new smokers;
 - Working with the community;
 - Supporting assessment; and
 - Supporting shared implementation.
 - A plan is due to the state by August 25, 2022.

Board discussion:

- It is not known how much funding will be received in the future;
- The current tobacco program funding is \$125,000 per year;
- The department would like to hire a couple of temporary employees who could reach out to community partners to see how the county could help:
 - It would be nice to hire interns who are interested in public health.

- Staff should contact the Career Technical Education Center to see if they would be interested in helping with an educational campaign:
 - This would help get youth involved with the program.
- Human Resources is working on a paid internship program.

Draft Stormwater Engineering Standards and Construction Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance

-Matt Knudsen, Max Hepburn

Summary of presentation:

- The stormwater engineering standards focus on treatment standards for stormwater quality;
- Staff has received feedback on the standards from the engineering community and the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee;
- The standards are primarily focused on post-construction treatment on development and construction sites;
- The language in the standards is very clear and easy to interpret; and
- The standards are effective February 15, 2023:
 - If approved, the county is adopting this in advance of the effective date to give affected parties advanced notice.

Board discussion:

- Staff has engaged the Home Builders Association since the beginning of the process;
- These standards have to be adopted due to Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulatory requirements;
- Following is information on the Marion County stormwater management area map:
 - U.S. census data was used to create the map;
 - It is based on urbanized density, and also includes transportation corridors; and
 - DEQ developed the map.
- The county would be charged a \$15,000 per day fine if they choose not to adopt the stormwater engineering standards; and
- The county's previous threshold of what size development these standards applied to was 1 acre of impervious surface, the new threshold is ¼ acre of impervious surface.

Intergovernmental Agreement for Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities Rulemaking

-Jared Bradford, Brandon Reich, Brian Nicholas

Summary of presentation:

- The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) has asked the county to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for DLCD to provide funds to two consultants:
 - The consultants would perform technical work and conduct public engagement related to new administrative rules regarding the designation of climate-friendly areas.

- There are two parts to the IGA:
 - An agreement with the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG):
 - They are going to create maps and studies of climate-friendly areas that will be submitted to DLCD by June 2023.
 - Develop a community engagement plan and conduct public engagement through Kearns & West, to be completed by December 2023.
- There is no cost to the county for the IGA; and
- The value of the work is approximately \$42,000.

Board discussion:

- A climate-friendly area is an area that allows for a variety of choices for transportation, and it mixes land uses;
- This is a bad deal for the county as DLCD has a very different philosophy from the county;
- The IGA would be a joint operation with Salem, Keizer, and Marion County;
- The county can provide comments on the work produced by MWVCOG and Kearns & West;
- If the county works with Salem and Keizer now, it may be concluded that Salem takes more of the climate-friendly areas:
 - If the county stays out of the process, it will have to accommodate an area, or areas, of its own; and
 - Salem already has a lot of areas that are climate-friendly areas.
- Commissioner Bethell needs to understand this better before she will agree to the IGA:
 - She would like to meet with staff.
- The IGA only commits the county to participate in the process; and
- Staff will investigate whether the IGA could be modified and drafted in a way that addresses some of the Commissioner’s concerns.

2022-2023 Regional County Meeting Schedule

-Jessica Stanton

Board discussion:

- The calendar is focusing on certain areas of the county, and ignores others;
- Move the February Silverton meeting to Keizer;
- Delete the March Mill City meeting:
 - The Commissioners are already going into the canyon every quarter.
- A meeting place needs to be found in Jefferson:
 - Could do a brown bag meeting in the park.
- There are no meetings scheduled in November and December of 2022 due to the holidays:
 - The Commissioners are okay with having a meeting in the first part of November.
- The town hall meetings are not on the calendar yet because the dates and locations have not been determined;
- The calendar should only be published one quarter in advance:
 - This will make it easier to do adjustments as needed.

- Ms. Stanton included a list of invitees with the calendar; and
- The Commissioners would like the events entered into the individual Chamber of Commerce online community calendars.

OTHER:

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- The Assessor's Office has a program where they collect a fee for the Oregon Department of Forestry for fire patrol:
 - The county needs to go through a process to classify forest land:
 - A committee needs to be set up to do this; and
 - A lot of counties have already gone through the process.
 - Unimproved properties are charged an extra fee; and
 - It is to a property owner's advantage to pay for fire patrol.

Board discussion:

- There is a culture in the canyon where individuals take care of themselves, and these individuals will not want to pay a fire patrol fee; and
- There is no time limit for the county to go through the process of classifying forest land.

Matt Lawyer, Brian Nicholas:

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) has a vested interest in the Gates project:

- They would like to negotiate a longer-term lease with the landowner, or purchase the property, to try and bring the cost per unit per year down;
- Another option would be to speak with the Long Term Recovery Group to see if construction materials could be donated to help bring the cost down; and
- Staff is looking for direction from the Board on whether they should negotiate to try to get to a more favorable cost per unit.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Bethell is not supportive of extending from a five-year to a ten-year commitment in Gates;
- Following are two potential alternatives to the Gates site:
 - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) property in Mill City on the Linn County side:
 - FEMA units are being removed as families vacate;
 - The infrastructure is already there;
 - Linn County Commissioner Nyquist is supportive of the idea;
 - The Marion County Housing Authority would manage the site; and
 - The housing could be there for five years, and potentially longer.
 - The temporary RV site in Mill City is for sale:
 - Units could be put there permanently.
- The FEMA property is the best of the two alternatives.

The meeting stopped due to a fire alarm, and it did not resume.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Orr**
Reviewed by: Shawnnell Fuentes