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MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Minutes

Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Danielle Bethell, and Colm Willis, Jan Fritz, Chad Ball, Jon Heynen, Matt Lawyer, Jane Vetto, Jessica Stanton, Tanisha Bush, Sherry Lintner, Katrina Rothenberger, Troy Gregg, and Robert Manier as recorder.

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

INFORMATIONAL:

Review Recommendation to re-appoint Dan Mullen to the Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee (ASA) for a term ending on January 31, 2025

- Sherry Lintner, Katrina Rothenberger

Summary of presentation:

- The ASA allows for 12 committee members, with members serving 3-year terms;
- ASA bylaws dictate that member terms are staggered, with each term expiring on January 31;
- There are currently 7 members on the committee;
- Mr. Mullen has served on the committee since 2016 representing ambulance service area 3; and
- He is the Assistant Chief of the St. Paul Fire District.

Discuss correcting a term date for ASA member Brian Butler

- Sherry Lintner, Katrina Rothenberger

Summary of presentation:

- Ms. Lintner is looking for approval of a Board Order that would change and correct the term ending date for existing ASA committee member Brian Butler:
 - Mr. Butler's current term end date is in December; and
 - The Board Order changes his term end date to January 31, 2024.

Board of Commissioners Public Policy and Engagement Internship Update

- Jessica Stanton

Summary of presentation:

- Ms. Stanton worked with other Board staff to come up with a scope of work and requirements for the internship position;
- There is currently an applicant who is a George Fox University student; and

- The Commissioners were provided a packet that includes the student's application.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Bethell thinks that the intern's supervisor should be Tanisha Bush, not Ms. Stanton; and
- Ms. Stanton will bring the applicant in for the Commissioners to meet.

Wildfire Update

- All

Summary of presentation:

Troy Gregg:

- Clearing property of trees;
- The department is making flyers of their service of tree removal;
- It does not matter what county either Marion or Linn County, services are offered to both.

Matt Lawyer:

- The Gates City Council will be reviewing the short-term housing land use proposal on January 20, 2022;
- The Department of Environmental Quality has approved the septic for the Gates project;
- There have been several challenges with the housing going in at North Santiam State Park:
 - State requirements will not permit cabins to be built on foundations; and
 - Staff is looking into tiny homes as an alternative:
 - The tiny homes would be built on RV pads, not foundations.
- The goal is to have the homes in Gates completed by early to mid-summer.

Commissioner Cameron:

- Commissioner Cameron met with Shawn Rivera to discuss several items:
 - The struggles the Forest Service is having with its salvage program;
 - Their priority of getting the McCoy area cleaned up so that it can be opened to snowmobilers:
 - A local snowmobile club has offered to help with the cleanup.
 - The marinas;
 - The land for the Detroit septic system; and
 - The extension of the docks at Mongold Day Use Area.

Board discussion:

- The expiration date for the Federal Emergency Management Agency trailers is June 9, 2022; and
- The residents of the temporary Mill City RV Park need to vacate the park by June 2022.

Legislative Update

- Tanisha Bush

Summary of presentation:

- Legislative Days is this week; and
- Ms. Bush is monitoring as many committees as possible, including the housing committees.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Willis will testify at the transportation hearing.

OTHER:

Troy Gregg:

- A chef has been hired for the culinary program;
- Work is being done on the kitchen, and on obtaining the necessary license;
- The culinary program was awarded a \$100,000 grant;
- The program will help juveniles learn new skills; and
- The goal is to be able to take over the food services contract with Trinity.

Jessica Stanton:

- The Department of Land Conservation and Development is looking for local elected officials to join their Local Officials Advisory Committee;
- They meet quarterly, and remotely; and
- Once the application deadline expires the League of Oregon Cities and the Association of Oregon Counties will make recommendations.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Willis is interested in applying to be on the committee.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATES:

Colm Willis:

- Attended a meeting of the Association of Oregon and California Counties (AOCC);
- The AOCC represents counties that have Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land within their boundaries;
- Marion County receives money for timber that is sold on BLM land located within the county;
- The AOCC has been working closely with BLM to try and salvage as much timber as possible:
 - Due to current restrictions only 12 percent of the timber that was burned will be salvaged.
- Burned timber is only good for 2 years after a fire; and
- A judge recently ruled that BLM needs to develop a new plan for these forests:
 - BLM had previously set aside 20 percent of the land for timber sales, and 80 percent for conservation;
 - The judge ruled that 100 percent of Oregon & California Railroad lands (O&C lands) must be considered for timber sales:

- Due to environmental regulations timber will be harvested on approximately 60 percent of the land.
- The judge requires the new plan from BLM within the next 12 months.

Kevin Cameron:

- Today is the Public Safety Coordinating Council executive committee meeting:
 - The executive committee will be recommending that Jane Downing be appointed as the new vice chair; and
 - The executive committee will also be recommending other appointments.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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