



Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Danielle Bethell and Colm Willis, Jan Fritz, Rich Duncan, Matt Lawyer, Jessica Stanton, Kelli Weese, Lari Rupp, Carl Lund, Brian May, Carol Heard, Sherry Lintner, Chris Eppley, Jane Vetto, Chad Ball, and Brian Nicholas.

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

INFORMATIONAL:

Marion County Economic Analysis Project

-Kelli Weese, Jessica Stanton, Rich Duncan

Summary of presentation:

- Staff is looking at the possibility of doing a business impact study to determine the impacts of economic development projects such as business improvements, business expansions, and businesses moving into Marion County;
- How would property improvements and newly created jobs impact the public service sector:
 - How do increased income taxes resulting from increased wages affect school funding; and
 - How do property improvements affect property taxes.
- Staff has discussed the project with contractors; and
- The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000:
 - This does not include any marketing of the information.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Bethell feels that this work is necessary:
 - SEDCOR is not proficient in this type of analysis, and the county is getting ready to renew their contract:
 - This type of analysis is included in the scope of work in SEDCOR's contract.
 - Commissioner Bethell would like to explore reducing SEDCOR's contract, with the savings used to fund this work.
- The scope of work in SEDCOR's contract needs to be reviewed.

Request for Expedited Contract Review- Ash Creek Forest Management, LLC

-Brian Nicolas

Summary of presentation:

- The Board recently approved an incoming funding agreement for approximately \$680,000 from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) for wildfire recovery for the six parks in the canyon;
- The contract to provide these services is ready for execution:
 - Staff would like the contract to be on the January 25, 2023, Board Session agenda; and
 - The contract is for more than the amount of the OWEB grant, with the difference coming from the Engineering capital projects budget:
 - Engineering capital projects plans to also use the contract for noxious weed mitigation and native plantings at a number of the county's capital project mitigation sites.
- Staff is requesting an expedited review because Ash Creek Forest Management has crews available that can start immediately.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners agreed with the contract being on the January 25, 2023, Board Session agenda; and
- The Commissioners would like to receive the contract as soon as possible so that they have enough time to review it.

Solid Waste Management Advisory Council Reappointment

- **Joe Fowler**

-Brian May

Summary of presentation:

- Joe Fowler is seeking reappointment to the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council (SWMAC);
- He fills the public health representative position;
- Mr. Fowler has a 30 year background with the Marion County health department;
- He has served two terms on SWMAC; and
- Mr. Fowler is active in the South Salem Senior Center's recycling program, and he serves with the Salem Parks and Recreation Department's Minto-Brown Island Park patrol.

Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee Reappointments

- **Cleo Freauf**
- **Raymond Wilson**

-Carol Heard

Summary of presentation:

- Cleo Freauf and Raymond Wilson have both been on the committee for a long time; and
- Mr. Wilson is currently the chair of the committee.

Board discussion:

- Any time committee positions are coming open there is supposed to be a public recruitment and that did not occur for these positions:
 - Ms. Lintner commented that public recruitments are only being done for positions that are going to be vacant, not for positions where the current member desires to be reappointed; and
 - Ms. Lintner will start to do public recruitments for all positions coming open.
- The Commissioners agreed to these two appointments.

Santiam Rail Trail Match Budget Authorization

-Lari Rupp

Summary of presentation:

- Staff is finalizing the proposal for the Oregon Community Paths grant program to fund construction of a bike trail in the North Santiam Canyon;
- Staff is looking for Board direction regarding the use of economic development program funds for the grant match requirement;
- The goal of the Santiam Rail Trail is to construct a paved bike path in the North Santiam Canyon from Maples Rest Area to the eastern boundary of Gates, with the option to continue the path to connect with Mill City's bike trail system;
- The project is proposed to be delivered over approximately five years, and includes multiple bridge spans and interpretive stops;
- The trail is currently being funded by dollars from the Opal Creek promise; and
- When the cost of the project was evaluated the team identified a risk of overages due to bridge construction:
 - Staff received direction to submit a pre-application to the Oregon Community Paths grant program for \$1 million in state funding and \$6 million in federal funding;
 - The \$6 million federal grant has a match requirement of 10.27 percent, with a maximum of \$616,200 spread out over the grant term as costs are incurred; and
 - It is proposed that a large portion of the match comes from staff time, with any remaining balances covered by the economic development budget.

Board discussion:

- The project team is comprised of Community Services and Public Works employees;
- The team has not evaluated how much of the match would be staff time, and how much would be from the economic development budget:
 - The worst case scenario is \$616,200 being used from the economic development budget over the next five years:
 - Commissioner Willis is not okay with this.
- The Opal Creek funding was meant to support jobs in the canyon, and Commissioner Willis is not convinced that this project is doing that;

- Commissioner Willis supports the idea of a bike trail, but he does not think that the county should spend \$600,000 in economic development dollars on the project:
 - He is okay with staff time being spent on the project, and a smaller amount of economic development dollars being spent.
- The project could potentially be scaled back to decrease the cost;
- The tax dollars that the county has for wildfire recovery could potentially be used for the project; and
- Staff will reevaluate the project and bring this item back before the Board.

Request for Information Buildable Land Inventory, Housing Needs Analysis and Economic Opportunity Analysis

-Matt Lawyer

Summary of presentation:

- Staff has developed a scope of work for a request for information that includes the following:
 - Nontraditional buildable land inventory, housing needs analysis, and economic opportunity analysis for areas within unincorporated Marion County.
- The first step will be to determine if there are any consultants who would be interested in this type of work; and
- The information collected would be used to look at areas where there may be housing and economic opportunities.

Board discussion:

- Small cities would be able to opt into the study if they paid their proportional share.

Communication Update

-Jon Heynen

Summary of presentation:

- Posted a blog that incorporates the Justice Reinvestment Council, the Marion County Reentry Initiative videos, and the Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN) grants that were approved at the last Board Session;
- The next blog will cover the BHRN meet and greet;
- Working on a schedule for producing *Marion County Today*; and
- The *Statesman Journal* reached out to Public Works regarding two Senate bills that would impact Covanta:
 - The *Statesman Journal* asked what actions, if any, the county was going to take, and how much medical waste is being sent to Covanta.

Board discussion:

- A press release was not done for the BHRN meet and greet, but in the future press releases will be done for similar types of events; and
- The Commissioners are reaching out to Senator Patterson to discuss the bills that would impact Covanta.

OTHER:

Jane Vetto:

- The Oregon Humane Society and one of their board members would like to meet with Ms. Vetto:
 - Ms. Vetto would like Chris Eppley to be present.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners would like the Oregon Humane Society's lawyer present at the meeting because their president is misinterpreting the statute.

Jessica Stanton:

- The final draft of the federal agenda has been sent to the Board via email.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATES:

Danielle Bethell:

- Attended a homelessness executive order briefing given by the Department of Emergency Management:
 - Information on the meeting was sent to emergency management departments; and
 - This issue belongs in the Board's Office, not with emergency management.
- Commissioners Bethell and Willis are concerned with the Willamette Health Council's goals for 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Orr**

Reviewed by: