



# Management Update Minutes

OREGON

**Tuesday, January 31, 2023, 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, Matt Lawyer, Shawnnell Fuentes, Jessica Stanton, Kelli Weese, Lari Rupp, Jane Vetto, Chris Eppley, Sherry Lintner, Brian May, Brian Nicholas, and Justin Kidd.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **Pro Tem Marion County Justice of the Peace**

-Justin Kidd

#### ***Summary of presentation:***

- There has been no pro tem judge for approximately one year; and
- Justice of the Peace Kidd recommends that Jarrod Howard be appointed to the position:
  - Mr. Howard's focus is real estate law, and he has experience with Forcible Entry and Detainer (FED) eviction cases; and
  - He lives in unincorporated Marion County and his law practice is in Salem.

#### ***Board discussion:***

- A pro tem judge would serve when Justice of the Peace Kidd is unavailable;
- In Marion County the Justice of the Peace pro tem is a volunteer, and they do not get paid for their time:
  - The position gives lawyers experience being a judge.
- Justice Court handles approximately 26,000 cases per year:
  - Mainly traffic cases;
  - Approximately 600 evictions; and
  - Approximately 100 small claims.
- In the future the Commissioners would like there to be a recruitment for this position to see if there are other lawyers who may be interested in serving;
- There can be more than one pro tem; and
- Mr. Howard will be invited to the Board Session where the order is scheduled to be approved.

## **Legislative Update**

-Jessica Stanton, Brian May

### **Summary of presentation:**

- The Commissioners were given a copy of a letter to Senator Wyden's office regarding new guidelines for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) renewable fuel standard:
  - Landfills are able to receive credits under the program, but waste to energy facilities such as Covanta are excluded:
    - Covanta would like equal treatment with landfills.
- The Commissioners were given a copy of the legislative overview for the Association of Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP).

### **Board discussion:**

- A letter will also be sent to Representative Chavez-DeRemer; and
- Kirby Garrett is aware of the issue.

## **Detroit Marinas Excavation- Proposed Contract Amendment for Sediment Sampling and Characterization**

-Lari Rupp, Kelli Weese

### **Summary of presentation:**

- The Detroit Marinas Excavation Project consists of the proposed excavation of 162,000 cubic yards of sediment from underneath the two marinas at Detroit Lake;
- The project is an Economic Development project that will allow the marinas to extend their summer season by approximately two months;
- The project consists of three phases, and Phase 1 is currently being worked on:
  - Analyze where to put the sediment once it is excavated.
- Maul Foster and Alongi is proposing Amendment #1 in the amount of \$85,777 for sediment sampling and characterization:
  - They would prepare a sediment evaluation report for the Army Corps of Engineers.
- The sediment evaluation report would inform staff and the team if the sediment could be reused inside the lake instead of being removed from the lake; and
- It will save approximately \$15,000 if the work is done now when there is no water at the marinas.

### **Board discussion:**

- The Commissioners agreed to moving forward with the amendment.

## **Santiam Canyon Recovery Plan**

-Christopher Eppley

### **Summary of presentation:**

- Soon after the wildfires consultants were hired to conduct studies around economic development, ecological health, and the physical health of residents;
- These studies were used to develop vision processes for Detroit and Gates;

- A Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) representative recommended that the county apply for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Technical Assistance Grant to consolidate and refine all of the work into a recovery plan for the canyon;
- The county received the grant and has been working with EcoNorthwest over the last year;
- A meeting was held in Detroit to present the first draft of the plan to the public, and to receive public input;
- EcoNorthwest would like to have another public meeting to present the revised plan:
  - This would be a virtual meeting.
- Staff would like the Commissioners to review the draft before the public meeting.

***Board discussion:***

- The Commissioners would like more information included on the specific contributions that Marion County and other private entities and nonprofits made towards the recovery;
- Staff has been working on removing the county from future obligations:
  - Going forward it needs to be the canyon's recovery.
- The plan is meant for those in the canyon who are responsible for continuing with the recovery after the county steps back.

**Marion County Advisory Boards**

-Sherry Lintner

***Summary of presentation:***

- Provided the Commissioners with a tracking sheet that she utilizes that lists all of the county's advisory boards, one department specific committee, multi-jurisdictional committees, and service district advisory committees:
  - Ms. Linter facilitates the membership for two of the multi-jurisdictional committees; and
  - The service district advisory committees are not covered by the county policy.
- She does not have a list of boards where a county commissioner sits on the board or is a formal liaison; and
- There are approximately 130 individuals who are appointed to boards:
  - A few serve on more than one board.

***Board discussion:***

- There is a new applicant for the Justice Reinvestment Council (JRIC) from an individual who works at Union Gospel Mission;
- There will be advisory board training in February;
- All advisory board members take the county's new volunteer orientation class:
  - The class briefly covers ethics and the volunteer's role as a public official.
- There is also an advisory board training video module that covers legal considerations including conflicts of interest; and

- Commissioner Bethell would like staff to look into sending all advisory board members a conflict of interest form where they would have to disclose any conflicts that may exist.

## **Communication Update**

-Jon Heynen

### ***Summary of presentation:***

- Sent the Commissioners the articles for *Marion County Today*, except for the article on waste and energy; and
- Meeting tomorrow with Information Technology and GoGov to determine what would be required for implementation, and if GoGov can meet county standards so that it can be implemented agency wide.

### ***Board discussion:***

- Mr. Heynen will bring information on GoGov to the next department head meeting; and
- The Commissioners will review the *Marion County Today* articles by the end of the week.

## **COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATES:**

Danielle Bethell:

- She provided the other two Commissioners with a copy of the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS):
  - Ms. Vetto has reviewed it;
  - Commissioners Willis and Cameron need to review it today; and
  - The tiny home project will not be built.

## **OTHER:**

Brian Nicholas:

- Sent the Commissioners and Ms. Fritz an email regarding hazard trees in the canyon;
- Chuck Williams conducted a new hazard tree survey in the canyon, and he found approximately 180 trees;
- Lane County has a lot more hazard trees, and they are considering lobbying the legislature for state funds to help counties pay for hazard tree removal; and
- Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) sent a meeting invitation to all emergency managers around the state to discuss OEM's and OHCS's plan for the homelessness emergency declaration:
  - Commissioner Bethell stated that Mr. Lawyer will be attending.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Orr**

*Reviewed by: Shawnnell Fuentes*