

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Commissioner Danielle Bethell, and Commissioner Colm Willis. Also present were Jane Vetto as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

ABSENT: Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer

Commissioner Cameron called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PROCLAMATION

(Video Time 00:01:25)

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – Action

1. Consider approval of a proclamation declaring October 17-23, 2021, as National Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting® Week in Marion County. –Ann Kelly, Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project; Sue Bloom and Jodi Loper, Boys and Girls Club of Salem, Marion and Polk County; and Daytona Lewis, Purple Hands Ambassador.

Summary of presentation:

- The Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project was founded in 1997;
- The purpose of an annual proclamation is to bring community awareness to the project and to provide opportunities to come together in unity;
- The project has a presence in all 50 states and in 25 foreign countries;
- The project has had a partnership with the local Boys & Girls Club since 2002;
- The project is an effective tool for abuse, violence, and suicide prevention education;
- Neil Johnson, a past Boys & Girls Club Program Director, stated his support of the project via a recorded video clip;
- Olga Volnycheva, a Portland teacher, stated her support of the project via a recorded video clip; and
- Daytona Lewis, the Purple Hands Pledge Ambassador, was presented with a certificate of appreciation for her volunteer work.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners thanked Ann Kelly for her years of service to the community.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a proclamation declaring October 17-23, 2021, as National Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting® Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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PRESENTATION

2. Wildfire recovery update. –Scott McClure

Summary of presentation:

- It has been 13 months since the fires;
- 40 percent of homes needing repair or replacement have applied for building permits;
- 53 percent of homes needing repair or replacement have applied for septic permits;
- Following is the status of county led recovery projects:
 - Financial needs analysis:
 - Working on ledgers and charts of accounts for the Gates software conversion.
 - Communications and outreach:
 - Continuing work on the santiamrecovery.org website;
 - Advised the Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG) on its communications plan; and
 - The first fire recovery newsletter is close to completion.
 - Economic impact and opportunities analysis:
 - The pre-fire economic baseline is complete; and
 - Community visioning open houses were held in the cities of Detroit and Gates.
 - Housing:
 - Received state grants for the North Santiam State Park and City of Gates temporary housing sites; and
 - Marion County and wildfire disaster case managers are working with the tenants of the temporary RV park in Mill city that is scheduled to be closed.
 - Health impact assessment:
 - The Oregon State University team has developed a survey to assess the health impacts of the wildfires.

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) staff is working on an overall narrative for the recovery efforts, and on a grant to develop a long-term recovery plan;
- The LTRG is working on the following:
 - Getting a shared community well replaced;
 - Working on the plan to place renters into the temporary housing sites;
 - Finishing a communications and outreach plan; and
 - Case managers are starting to close cases.
- The City of Detroit received FEMA approval for all components of their water system rebuild;
- Gates has applied for funding to protect their water treatment plant from potential landslides and to acquire a backup generator; and
- Mr. McClure introduced Kevin Dial, the new Recovery Manager for the LTRG:
 - Mr. Dial provided a brief summary of his background;
 - Mr. Dial's focus will be on building coalitions and building relationships;
 - Mr. Dial can be contacted at kdial@santiamrecovery.org; and
 - The LTRG is taking applications for volunteers.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners welcomed Mr. Dial to the recovery team.

CONSENT

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PUBLIC WORKS

3. Approve an order appointing Wayne Rawlins as chair and Kaitlyn Waid as vice-chair to the Marion County Parks Commission with terms ending October 13, 2023.

TAX OFFICE

4. Approve an order advancing tax levies to certain small taxing districts pursuant to ORS 311.392 for the year 2021-22.

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

ACTION

(Video Time 00:54:16)

CLERKS OFFICE

5. Consider approval of Amendment #2 to the Contract for Services with Fluence Automation, LLC to add \$500,000 for a new contract total of \$950,000 and extend the term date to September 29, 2026, for a high-speed ballot envelope sorter and scanning system. —Bill Burgess

Summary of presentation:

- The county has used the ballot envelope sorter for over five years; and
- The current contract is expired.

Board discussion:

- The request is for reinstatement of a contract that has expired, and for the addition of services to the contract;
- If the board approves the reinstatement of the contract a new request for proposal is not required because there were optional extensions written into the original contract:
 - The board would also have to approve an extension of the contract.
- The Clerk's Office would like to continue using the existing machine over bringing in new equipment because it would be less disruptive to staff;
- The following five Oregon counties use the same vendor:
 - Jackson, Deschutes, Washington, Multnomah, and Lane:
 - Monthly meetings are held to discuss system updates.
- The county would have to work through a very involved process with the state to be able to choose a new vendor;
- The Clerk's Office has asked for a five-year extension;
- The board would like to do a two-year extension, with the dollars added prorated to \$200,000; and
- The board would like to start the process to analyze other vendors.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve Amendment #2, as amended, to the Contract for Services with Fluence Automation, LLC to add \$200,000 for a new contract total of \$650,000 and extend the term date to September 29, 2023, for a high-speed ballot envelope sorter and scanning system. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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Commissioner Cameron stated that Action Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10 will all be summarized in one presentation followed by five separate motions.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

6. Consider approval of the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$291,104 to provide support for services in the Marion County Mental Health Court program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.
–Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- Mr. Matthews's presentation covered Action Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10;
- Health and Human Services is seeking approval of five Criminal Justice Commission grants;
- The grants support the five specialty courts:
 - Mental Health Court;
 - Veterans Court;
 - Adult Drug Court;
 - Fostering Attachment Treatment Court; and
 - Juvenile Drug Court.
- The grants are associated with provider agreements that were previously approved:
 - The provider agreements are related to the addiction treatment and mental health services that are provided to individuals enrolled in these programs.
- The grants were approved last summer by the Public Safety Coordinating Council.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$291,104 to provide support for services in the Marion County Mental Health Court program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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7. Consider approval of the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$213,510 to provide support for services in the Marion County Veterans Court program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. –Ryan Matthews

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$213,510 to provide support for services in the Marion County Veterans Court program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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8. Consider approval of the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$397,958 to provide support for services in the Marion County Adult Drug Court program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. –Ryan Matthews

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$397,958 to provide support for services in the Marion County Adult Drug Court program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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9. Consider approval of the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$206,326.89 to provide support for services in the Marion County Fostering Attachment Treatment Court (FATC) program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. –Ryan Matthews

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$206,326.89 to provide support for services in the Marion County Fostering Attachment Treatment Court (FATC) program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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10. Consider approval of the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$211,222 to provide support for services in the Marion County Juvenile Drug Court program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. –Ryan Matthews

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$211,222 to provide support for services in the Marion County Juvenile Drug Court program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

11. Consider approval of the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon, Department of Corrections in the amount of \$1,138,017 to provide funding for addiction treatment for offenders that are at risk for re-offending, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. –Commander Kevin Karvandi

Summary of presentation:

- These funds are the primary funding source for the Student Opportunity for Achieving Results (SOAR) Program;
- The SOAR Program has been in place for 12 years;
- SOAR is an intensive 12-week treatment and reentry program with the following goals:
 - Reducing future criminal behavior by providing enhanced supervision;
 - Alcohol and drug mentoring;
 - Employment services; and
 - Substance abuse treatment.
- The funds support the following:
 - Two parole and probation deputies;
 - One community corrections educator;
 - Part of a program coordinator;
 - One certified alcohol and drug counselor; and
 - One certified mentor.
- The SOAR Program continues to show reductions in recidivism in all metrics tracked.

Board discussion:

- The Sheriff's Office Community Corrections Division is 100 percent funded by the state, and the funding is based on a legislatively approved budget; and
- The agreement is retroactive due to the following reasons:
 - The legislative session ended on June 30, 2021;
 - After the budget is approved by the legislature the State Department of Corrections must determine the county allocations; and
 - The county did not receive the agreement until September 17, 2021.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon, Department of Corrections in the amount of \$1,138,017 to provide funding for addiction treatment for offenders that are at risk for re-offending, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS
9:30 A.M.**

None.

Commissioner Cameron read the calendar;
Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

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