

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, February 10, 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 Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer, Jane Vetto as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Trudeau

- Mr. Trudeau stated he is not in litigation with Marion County or the City of Donald;
- In 1999 applications for permits to build two driveways on Mr. Trudeau's property were approved by Marion County Public Works;
- The driveways were not paved as required by the permits due to unexpected medical expenses; and
- Mr. Trudeau would now like permission to pave the two driveways.

PRESENTATION

(Video Time 00:08:00)

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) update. –Katrina Rothenberger

- Ms. Rothenberger reported the following updates for the COVID-19 pandemic as of 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2021:
 - There have been an estimated 17,837 cumulative cases within the county since the start of the pandemic;
 - The current positivity rate is estimated to be 9.3 percent;
 - An estimated 269 individuals have died from symptoms related to COVID-19;
 - An estimated 26 county residents are currently being hospitalized for symptoms related to COVID-19; and
 - In Region 2, a total of 35 individuals have been hospitalized due to symptoms related to COVID-19:
 - This is a decrease from the prior week.
- COVID-19 cases within the state and Marion County have been decreasing:

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- There was a 7.7 percent decrease in cases in the county over the last two-week period, in comparison to the previous two-week period.
- The current positivity rate for the county is estimated to be 9.3 percent:
 - The state's positivity rate is estimated to be 5.9 percent.
- Most positive cases are coming from the following areas:
 - The City of Woodburn;
 - The City of Keizer;
 - Central Salem; and
 - Northeast Salem.
- To move from the extreme risk level to a high risk level the county needs to meet the following requirements:
 - Have fewer than 200 new cases per 100,000 residents for a two-week period:
 - In Marion County this equates to having fewer than 695 new cases over a two-week period; and
 - During the last two-week period Marion County had 1002 new cases.
 - Have a percent positivity rate between eight and ten percent for a two-week period:
 - During the last two-week period Marion County had a percent positivity rate of 7.9 percent.
- To help in lowering case counts citizens can continue to do the following:
 - Wear masks in public areas;
 - Physically distance when in public;
 - Limit social gatherings;
 - Stay home when sick; and
 - Get the vaccine when it is offered:
 - The goal is to have approximately 70 percent of the population immunized.
- An estimated 50,000 Marion County residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccine:
 - An estimated 40,000 are in the group for Phase 1A; and
 - An estimated 8,000 are in the group for Phase 1B.
- This week individuals over the age of 80 will begin to be vaccinated;
- Marion County received 2,600 doses of the vaccine this week:
 - An estimated 75 percent of these doses went to providers in north Marion County;
 - 700 doses went to Santiam Hospital:
 - 400 for individuals over the age of 80;
 - 200 for educators; and
 - 100 for individuals in the group for Phase 1A.
 - 1,000 doses went to Salem Health:
 - These will be used primarily in the Woodburn area.
 - 600 doses went to Legacy Health;
 - 100 doses went to Silverton Pill Box Pharmacy; and
 - 200 doses went to Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS).

- MCHHS is working with its partners to make the vaccine appointment process easier for individuals qualified to receive the vaccine:
 - Demand for the vaccine is very high, and supply of the vaccine is low:
 - Appointments may not be available right away;
 - It is recommended that individuals continue to check for available appointments;
 - It is recommended that individuals get on waiting lists; and
 - It is recommended that seniors eligible for the vaccine consider getting help with the appointment process from family and friends.
 - It is estimated that it will take through mid-April to get 70 percent of individuals over the age of 65 immunized.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Cameron thanked Ms. Rothenberger and her staff for all the work they have done, and continue to do, in support of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- To assist Marion County in moving to a lower risk level citizens can continue to do the following:
 - Wear masks in public areas;
 - Wash hands and use hand sanitizer;
 - Physically distance when in public;
 - Limit social gatherings;
 - Stay home when sick; and
 - Get vaccinated when eligible.
- Commissioner Willis commented that since the beginning of February Marion County and its partners have not received very many doses of the vaccine;
- There will be a vaccine clinic at Woodburn High School on Thursday, February 11, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.:
 - For individuals 80 years old and older;
 - No insurance is required;
 - No identification is required; and
 - The vaccine clinic information will be posted on the MCHHS website.

CONSENT

(Video Time 00:24:31)

HUMAN RESOURCES

Approve a recommendation to uphold the pay grades for classifications #475, Facilities Analyst and #172, Sergeant; and adjust upward the pay grades for classifications #174, Lieutenant; #180, Undersheriff; #268, Division Commander, and #269, Division Commander - Institutions.

PUBLIC WORKS

Receive notice of hearings officer's recommendation and schedule a public hearing for February 24, 2021, for Comprehensive Plan Amendment/Zone Change/Partition (CP/ZC/P) Case #19-005/ Lois M. Pfennig, Trustee of the Henry O. and Lois M. Pfennig Trust.

Schedule final consideration to adopt an administrative ordinance for February 17, 2021, granting Zone Change (ZC) Case #20-006/J. Conser and Sons, LLC.

Approve an order reappointing Brent Stevenson and Richard Walker to the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee (MWQAC) with terms ending February 10, 2025.

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

ACTION

(Video Time 00:26:13)

FINANCE

1. Approve a quitclaim deed for the sale of Property Tax ID #R100485 to the City of Jefferson in the amount of \$10,000. –Camber Schlag and John Carlson

Summary of presentation:

- This is a quitclaim deed transferring the former gas station from Marion County Finance to the City of Jefferson:
 - All environmental requirements have been met; and
 - The city has paid in full.

Board discussion:

- No discussion.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve a quitclaim deed for the sale of Property Tax ID #R100485 to the City of Jefferson in the amount of \$10,000. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:27:35)

Recess as Board of Commissioners.

Reconvene as Contract Review Board.

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTION

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. Consider approval of an order granting a Contract Specific Special Procurement exemption to establish a Contract for Services with PAXIS Institute, Inc., to provide PAX Plus Good Behavior Game (GBG) kits and facilitated training for schools located within Marion County. –Camber Schlag and Susan McLauchlin

Summary of presentation:

- This order is for a special procurement that was posted to the Oregon procurement information network on January 11, 2021:
 - This posting closed on January 19, 2021 without any protests.
- PAXIS is the only company that provides this program;
- The PAX Plus GBG is not actually a game, it is a curriculum:
 - It offers a set of strategies teachers use throughout the day to build students' behavioral skills and stamina for focused attention and self-regulation;
 - It utilizes positive reinforcement techniques; and
 - It is an elementary based curriculum:
 - Being used in Kindergarten through 6th grade.
- Students take the lessons they learn in the PAX GBG program and apply them into their daily lives, at school and at home;
- The program is not new, but it is constantly being updated;
- Students who have participated in the PAX GBG program have shown:
 - Higher standardized test scores than their peers;
 - Higher reading levels than their peers;
 - Reduced needs for Special Education Services; and
 - Higher graduation and college entrance rates.
- Teachers who have participated in the PAX GBG program demonstrated:
 - Higher efficacy in student engagement, instructional strategies, and classroom management; and
 - A reduction in the teachers' overall stress levels.
- Marion County teachers who have participated in the PAX GBG program report that the strategies work. They have noticed the following within their classrooms:
 - Positive changes in student engagement;
 - Classroom management is easier; and
 - The overall stress and anxiety level in the classroom has been reduced.
- Research shows the following future outcomes for first grade students who have been exposed to PAX GBG for one year:
 - Decrease in drug abuse and dependence disorders;
 - Decrease in tobacco use;
 - Decrease in alcohol abuse and dependence disorders;
 - Decrease in antisocial personality disorder;
 - Decrease in violent and criminal behavior;

- Decrease in use of services for problems with behavior, emotions, drugs, or alcohol; and
- Decrease in suicidal thoughts and attempts.
- The PAX GBG program provides mental health training for younger children;
- Marion County started using the PAX GBG program in the 2018-2019 school year;
- Funding for the program ran out in October 2019;
- Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) advocates for strategies that can work across many programs:
 - The PAX GBG program supports MCHHS department goals and individual program goals:
 - Supports community health improvement plan (CHIP) priorities;
 - Supports the prevention of youth depression, anxiety and suicide;
 - Supports the alcohol and drug prevention program;
 - Supports the tobacco prevention program; and
 - Supports the statewide goals for Title V funds.
- MCHHS has received a grant that will pay for the PAX GBG program through June 2022:
 - A majority of the funds will be spent on training teachers:
 - The goal is to train an estimated 400 teachers;
 - It costs an estimated \$400 per teacher to train on the PAX GBG curriculum:
 - This cost includes a supplemental materials kit; and
 - There are online tools and games that can be used in virtual classrooms.
 - Administrative, support, and counseling staff are also qualified to receive this training.
- MCHHS has also invested in PAX partner training:
 - This training sets Marion County up for sustainability, and the long-term success of the PAX program; and
 - This training provides additional coaching and support training for school-based or external professionals trained in PAX GBG. These individuals will be able to provide the following:
 - Mentoring for new teachers on how the program works; and
 - Training for new teachers.
- Plans for implementation of the PAX GBG program include the following:
 - Training teachers at additional schools in Woodburn, and targeted areas in the Salem-Keizer School District; and
 - Partnering with Polk County Public Health.

Board discussion:

- Children are able to gain skills and tools at a young age that they can use throughout their lives;
- Marion County teachers want this resource and feel it is helpful;

- Commissioner Bethell requested feedback in a year to get updated on who is using the program and what the impact has been; and
- Ms. Vetto clarified that this special procurement is being done on the grounds that this is a Sole Source contract, and PAXIS is the provider that can provide this program.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve an order granting a Contract Specific Special Procurement exemption to establish a Contract for Services with PAXIS Institute, Inc., to provide PAX Plus Good Behavior Game kits and facilitated training for schools located within Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

***Adjourn as Contract Review Board.
Reconvene as Board of Commissioners.***

(Video Time 00:54:55)

ACTION

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. Consider approval of the Contract for Services with PAXIS Institute, Inc., in the amount of \$200,000 to provide PAX Plus Good Behavior Game kits and facilitated training for schools located within Marion County through January 31, 2022. – Katrina Rothenberger and Susan McLaughlin

Summary of presentation:

- No presentation *(done during the contract review board portion)*.

Board discussion:

- No discussion.


MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the Contract for Services with PAXIS Institute, Inc., in the amount of \$200,000 to provide PAX Plus Good Behavior Game kits and facilitated training for schools located within Marion County through January 31, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.


PUBLIC HEARINGS


9:30 A.M.

None.

Commissioner Cameron read the calendar;
Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.



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