

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, April 20, 2022
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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

ABSENT: Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Lindley:

- Mr. Lindley and his wife are encountering problems with homeless vehicles and trash in their neighborhood;
- They would like to thank the commissioners for their help in getting the vehicles moved;
- Trash and shopping carts are still piled up by the street;
- Another Recreational Vehicle (RV) is currently parked on the street;
- The Lindley's are seeing an increase in graffiti on fences in the neighborhood; and
- They are concerned that the increase in graffiti might mean that there is also an increase in gang activity in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Bethell:

- Two vehicles have been removed from the street, one of which was a school bus;
- Code enforcement will be working with Public Works staff to remove the trash; and
- Citizens are encouraged to call the non-emergency number for the Marion County Sheriff's Office to file a report if they see anything that they think is illegal or if they feel unsafe:
 - A report needs to be filed before a team is assigned to address issues; and
 - These calls are often the first time the county is made aware of a problem.

Pam Lindley:

- Homeowners living in unincorporated Marion County are responsible for removing graffiti from their property; and

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- Ms. Lindley feels it should not be the homeowner’s responsibility to remove graffiti since they were not the ones that created it.

Commissioner Bethell:

- More inquiries are needed to determine what the ordinance is for graffiti removal and how it is handled by code enforcement;
- The county is run differently than the cities within it:
 - The county is comprised of a much larger geographical area than the cities;
 - The county tries to be conservative in regard to taxes;
 - The county’s priorities and cities priorities may differ; and
 - County funds need to spread to multiple programs throughout all of Marion County.
- County information is shared on social media resources or on the Marion County website.

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PRESENTATION

1. 2021 Volunteer Annual Report. –Sherry Lintner and volunteers Rob Mill, Ray Wilson, and Andrew Freeman

Summary of presentation:

Sherry Lintner:

- The 2021 Volunteer Annual Report is available on the county’s website;
- The annual report is a summary of the time, energy, and contributions of the county’s volunteers;
- There are over 40 county employees that work directly with volunteers;
- In 2021, Marion County had over 1,300 volunteers filling the following positions:
 - An estimated 22 interns, practicum students, and AmeriCorp members volunteered;
 - An estimated 184 individuals were on an advisory board committee or commission; and
 - An estimated 1,097 individuals were program volunteers.
- Volunteers donated 62,665 hours of service in 2021:
 - The dollar value of these hours is over \$1.7 million:
 - The value is based off a rate that is published annually by an organization titled the Independent Sector; and
 - The published rate for 2021 is \$28.54 for each hour a volunteer serves.
- The interns, practicum students, and AmeriCorp members serve throughout the county;
- Advisory board members generally commit to serving a 3-year or a 4-year term:
 - Many advisory board members serve multiple terms; and
 - Members may have practical experience and knowledge that they can incorporate into their position.
- There are approximately 20 advisory boards within Marion County serving the following departments:

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- The Board of Commissioners Office;
- The Clerk's Office;
- The Finance Department;
- Human Resources;
- Community Services;
- Health and Human Services;
- Public Works; and
- The Sheriff's Office.
- Advisory board volunteers share their expertise, experience, and perspective;
- Advisory board volunteers study issues and provide recommendations;
- Program volunteers work in a variety of areas including:
 - The Marion County Fair:
 - Fair volunteers include:
 - Seven fair board members;
 - Five key volunteers that also sit on the board;
 - Seven superintendents that manage the open class competitions; and
 - Over 100 event volunteers.
 - In past years the fair has had an estimated attendance of 23,000 to 24,000 over a period of four days;
 - In 2021, attendance was estimated to be 36,500 over a period of three days; and
 - Planning for the event is immense and volunteers have a major role in the entire process from start to finish.
 - The Marion County Dog Shelter:
 - The dog shelter relies heavily on volunteers;
 - For the past six months the shelter has been operating at or near full capacity;
 - Volunteers help with daily tasks including:
 - Physical care of dogs;
 - Socialization of dogs:
 - Helps animals build confidence;
 - Addresses animal behavioral issues; and
 - Decreases kennel stress.
 - Cleaning;
 - Food preparation;
 - Outreach events;
 - The adoption process; and
 - Fostering dogs.
 - The volunteer efforts help the shelter dogs to have successful adoptions; and

- In 2021, 162 volunteers helped care for over 1,000 strays, neglected, and injured dogs.
 - The Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO):
 - Search and Rescue volunteers:
 - Search and Rescue volunteers use their skills and equipment to assist in searches for lost, missing, or deceased individuals in urban, rural, and wilderness areas;
 - Search and Rescue volunteers are certified through the MCSO Search and Rescue Academy; and
 - The volunteers commit to 30 hours of additional training each year.
 - The Cadet Unit:
 - The Cadet Unit is comprised of individuals ages 14 to 21;
 - The volunteers are required to complete the following:
 - MCSO Cadet Academy;
 - A written test;
 - An interview; and
 - A thorough background check.
 - Cadet unit members commit to a minimum of 20 hours of service per month; and
 - In 2021, cadets helped with security and traffic control at 20 community events within Marion County.
 - MCSO employees engage and partner with interns, administrative, and special event volunteers;
 - There are approximately 80 volunteers that provide support to adults-in-custody at the Marion County Jail; and
 - The MCSO had 199 volunteers in 2021.
 - Emergency Management;
 - Victim Assistance;
 - The law library; and
 - Marion County Public Works, Environmental Services Program.
- There are ongoing volunteering opportunities with the following organizations:
 - The Marion County Dog Shelter; and
 - The Marion County Fair.
- Available 2022 and 2023 volunteer training opportunities include:
 - Search and Rescue with the MCSO:
 - Applications are due by mid-November; and
 - Training begins in December.
 - The Cadet Unit with the MCSO:
 - The Cadet Academy starts in January.
 - Victim Assistance offers training three times each year:
 - An annual training in July for sexual assault response advocates; and

- A victim advocate training occurs twice a year, in March and in September.

Andrew Freeman:

- Mr. Freeman is an intern at the Marion County District Attorney's Office, Victim Assistance Division;
- He is a student majoring in criminal justice and psychology at Western Oregon University;
- Through the internship he has gained a better understanding of the judicial system; and
- He has been able to help and assist people who have been the victims of crime.

Ray Wilson:

- Mr. Wilson has served on the Marion County Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee since 2007;
- Over the years the committee has held numerous educational events focused on alcohol and drug issues; and
- The committee is currently exploring how to provide more services to the county's impaired youth.

Rob Mill:

- Mr. Mill is a volunteer in the City of Woodburn for the following organizations:
 - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):
 - He is a team leader and an instructor.
 - The CERT Fire Fighter Rehabilitation Team; and
 - The Medical Reserve Corps.
- Mr. Mill worked in public service before he retired;
- There are approximately 50 active volunteers in the City of Woodburn CERT organization;
- The main goal of CERT is emergency preparedness;
- In an emergency, CERT members help handle basic tasks so first responders do not have to;
- CERT members are trained in first aid, and light search and rescue;
- During 2020 through the beginning of 2021, the City of Woodburn CERT members packed and delivered 100,674 boxes of food to families in North Marion County:
 - The names of the food recipients were supplied by the school district; and
 - The food was supplied by the food bank.
- During the Beachie Creek wildfire, City of Woodburn CERT members helped with the following:
 - Distributing water in the City of Detroit;
 - Helping at the evacuation center located at the Oregon State Fairgrounds; and
 - Working in the Marion County Emergency Operations Center.

- Mr. Mill would like to see emergency preparedness education made more readily available to the public.

Board discussion:

- Having more emergency preparedness education quickly available to the public for unplanned events such as COVID-19 and wildfires is needed:
 - People need to be trained and informed on how to engage in the event of an emergency; and
 - The county is working to provide education on their website to assist the public in the event of an emergency.
- There are CERT programs located throughout the state and the county;
- The Woodburn CERT is organized, detail oriented, and efficient;
- Many residents give their time, talent, and resources to the county; and
- The commissioners expressed their appreciation to the volunteers for all that they do to help Marion County, the communities, and the citizens.

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PROCLAMATION

HUMAN RESOURCES – ACTION

2. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the week of April 17-23, 2022, as Volunteer Week in Marion County. –Sherry Lintner and volunteers Rob Mill, Ray Wilson, and Andrew Freeman

Summary of presentation:

- Presented in Board Session Agenda item #1

Board discussion:

- Discussion in Board Session Agenda item #1

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a proclamation designating the week of April 17-23, 2022, as Volunteer Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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PUBLIC WORKS – ACTION

3. Consider approval of a proclamation recognizing April 22, 2022, as Earth Day in Marion County. –Thomas Kissinger and Dakota Tangredi

Summary of presentation:

- Each year Marion County Environmental Services promotes Earth Day to engage the community in the topics of:
 - Waste reduction;
 - Water quality; and
 - Natural resources.
- Marion County Environmental Services has prepared a public outreach campaign that aligns with this year’s Earth Day celebration including:
 - Developing a public webpage with tips, tricks, and resources to help residents reduce waste; and
 - Utilizing a survey to design a series of activities for the community to complete:
 - The event is titled “The Passport to Sustainability”; and
 - There are 20 activities that individuals can participate in:
 - Residents are eligible to win prizes based on the number of activities that are completed; and
 - Participants can track their progress.
 - An Earth Day celebration will be held at Spongs Landing Park on Friday, April 22, 2022, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. which will include the following activities:
 - Guided nature walks;
 - Terrarium building exhibits;
 - An educational scavenger hunt;
 - Live music; and
 - Ice cream sundaes:
 - The first 200 sundaes are free and are served in eco-usable containers.

Board discussion:

- Ditch disposables entail some of the following:
 - Reusable bottles; and
 - Reusable containers.
- The Master Recycler program is a multi-week training program where participants learn about the county’s integrated solid waste management system including:
 - Waste reduction;
 - Sustainability; and
 - Reuse and repair before recycling.
- The Master Recycler program has recently been revamped including:
 - A new direction including new curriculum; and
 - A new name and logo.

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- Classes will be offered in different communities within the county; and
- Individuals are encouraged to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve a proclamation recognizing April 22, 2022, as Earth Day in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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CONSENT

FINANCE

4. Approve a quitclaim deed for the sale of tax foreclosed property for Tax ID's #543280 and #543281 back to David L. Rupp, legal heir of the prior owner of record.

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5. Ratify approval of the Licensing Renewal Application submitted to the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) Children's Care Licensing Program for the Guaranteed Attendance Program (GAP).

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

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ACTION

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Board Committee Appointments –Solid Waste Management Advisory Council (SWMAC)

6. Consider orders reappointing Bonnie Sullivan as a Business/Industry member and Kevin Hines as a Solid Waste Representative to the Marion County Solid Waste Management Advisory Council with Ms. Sullivan's term beginning July 31, 2022, and ending July 31, 2026; and Mr. Hines term beginning June 25, 2022, and ending June 25, 2026. –Brian May

Summary of presentation:

Brian May:

- The Marion County Solid Waste Management Advisory Council (SWMAC) was formed in February 1989;
- SWMAC is a public body that makes recommendations to staff and the board on issues related to solid waste and recycling;
- The council consists of 16 members:
 - Eight citizen members; and
 - Eight industry members:

- Each member serves a term of four years.
- Ms. Sullivan has finished her fourth term, and Mr. Hines has finished his first term; and
- SWMAC meetings are held at Marion County Public Works on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Bonnie Sullivan:

- Ms. Sullivan represents the construction and housing industry as a member of SWMAC;
- Ms. Sullivan expressed the following:
 - She has been involved with solid waste since 1993;
 - She served on a citizen solid waste committee in 1998;
 - She has been a member of SWMAC since 2006; and
 - She participated in an event titled “150 Miles for 150 Years” in 2009; and
 - She has completed the Master Recycler program.

Board discussion:

- SWMAC bylaws are currently being previewed;
- There are several SWMAC vacancies still open;
- Training sessions related to solid waste is anticipated in the future;
- The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many different councils and boards:
 - SWMAC meetings are currently held in person and on Zoom.
- Solid waste management is a very challenging area;
- The county is a leader in solid waste management and continue to strive for better solutions;
- Individuals are encouraged to participate in a solid waste transfer tour:
 - More public education can make a difference.
- The commissioner thanked Ms. Sullivan for her knowledge and her service.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve orders reappointing Bonnie Sullivan as a Business/Industry member and Kevin Hines as a Solid Waste Representative to the Marion County Solid Waste Management Advisory Council with Ms. Sullivan’s term beginning July 31, 2022, and ending July 31, 2026; and Mr. Hines term beginning June 25, 2022, and ending June 25, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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BUSINESS SERVICES

7. Consider approval of an order adopting revised Marion County Administrative Policy #518 and Procedure #518-A, Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace. –Justine Flora

Summary of presentation:

- The purpose of the policy is to establish guidelines for creating and maintaining a drug and alcohol-free workplace that encourages a safe, healthy, and productive work environment, and promotes efficient and safe public services;

- The policy and procedure were initially adopted in 2003:
 - The last revisions were in September 2018.
- The current revisions include updating the following:
 - The format;
 - Grammatical issues;
 - Web links;
 - Contact information; and
 - Minor updates to the policy and the procedure.

Board discussion:

- The updates were presented at a prior Management Update meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve an order adopting revised Marion County Administrative Policy #518 and Procedure #518-A, Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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PUBLIC WORKS

8. Consider approval of Amendment #2 to the Contract for Services with CDR Maguire, Inc. to add \$90,000 for a new contract total of \$402,500 for Winter Storm 2021 tree and debris removal monitoring and oversight services through September 30, 2022. –Scott Wilson

Summary of presentation:

- In February 2021 Marion County experienced a winter storm that resulted in heavy damage to county trees;
- The damage resulted in trees and woody debris threatening and falling into the rights-of-way, county parks, and other county properties;
- There were also numerous trees or hazardous limbs that needed to be removed as a result of the storm;
- Marion County Public Works solicited for bids from tree service companies to perform the removal of the following:
 - Hazardous hanger limb removal;
 - Hazardous tree removal;
 - Tree stump removal; and
 - Woody debris cleanup.
- The original contract was approved on October 27, 2021;
- Work to remove the hazardous material began in November 2021;
- Three separate companies were working in tandem, seven days a week, to expeditiously complete the work:
 - A significant number of additional hazard trees and tree hangers that needed to be removed were identified in the process.

- Amendment #1 to the contract was submitted to continue work productivity and avoid project completion delays:
 - Amendment #1 increased contract funds from \$250,000 to \$312,500.
- Amendment #2 will increase contract funds from \$312,500 to \$402,500:
 - Funding will provide for the following services:
 - The monitoring and documentation of the revised quantities of hazard trees; and
 - Tree hanger removal.
- The cleanup efforts have resulted in the following:
 - An estimated 6,022 tickets for cutting;
 - An estimated 450 tickets for hauling; and
 - An estimated 23,700 yards of debris removal.
- CDR Maguire provides detailed documentation of the work being performed including:
 - The type of work being performed;
 - The location of the work; and
 - Supporting photographs of the work being performed.
- The work is approximately 85 percent complete;
- It is anticipated that work will be completed in approximately 4 weeks;
- Federal reimbursement for the work under the contract is expected to be at a rate of 75 percent;
- Staff recommends approval of Amendment #2 to the Contract for Services with CDR Maguire, Inc.

Board discussion:

- The cleanup work from the winter storm is ongoing;
- The trees and debris are being transported to the Brown's Island Demolition Landfill for recycling:
 - A final disposal destination must be provided to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be eligible for reimbursement; and
 - The destination must be an approved Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) site.
- The larger debris pieces being transported to Brown's Island Demolition Landfill will be chipped and incorporated into compost; and
- It is possible that FEMA may allow the county to deposit the wood chips in a park or another useful location as a final resting area.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve Amendment #2 to the Contract for Services with CDR Maguire, Inc. to add \$90,000 for a new contract total of \$402,500 for Winter Storm 2021 tree and debris removal monitoring and oversight services through September 30, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

9. Consider approval of Amendment #2 to the Grant for Services agreement with Liberty House to add \$69,487.78 for a new contract total of \$255,211.78 to provide assessment, treatment, and prevention services associated with their Hope and Wellness program through June 30, 2023.

–Commander Kevin Karvandi

Summary of presentation:

- The contract is funded through a Justice Reinvestment Grant agreement;
- Ten percent of the grant funds are required to be allocated to community based, nonprofit organizations, that provide services to victims of crime;
- Liberty House is one of two victim service agencies approved by the Public Safety Coordinating Council to receive the grant funds;
- The final grant funding allocation was not known until December 2021, so there are now several contracts that need amendments;
- The contract amendment will bring the county into alignment with the Justice Reinvestment approved program budget;
- The Liberty House provides services associated with their Hope and Wellness program;
- Liberty House is a non-profit child abuse assessment center located in the City of Salem that provides the following services:
 - Assessment;
 - Treatment; and
 - Prevention.
- The organization addresses concerns with the following:
 - Child abuse;
 - Neglect;
 - Trauma; and
 - Grief.
- Liberty House strives to promote health and hope in the following:
 - Children;
 - Families; and
 - Communities.
- The contract funds primarily support multiple therapists that provide the some of the following:
 - Triage;
 - Assessment; and
 - Crisis services.
- The original contract was for \$185,724:
 - The term date on the original contract was from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.
- The contract amendment adds \$69,487.78 to the original contract with a new contract total of \$255,211.78.

Board discussion:

None.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve Amendment #2 to the Grant for Services agreement with Liberty House to add \$69,487.78 for a new contract total of \$255,211.78 to provide assessment, treatment, and prevention services associated with their Hope and Wellness program through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Board discussion:

- Lieutenant Jefferson oversees the Marion County Sheriff’s Office Transition Center and work crews;
- Work crews will be providing services in the City of Detroit area in the near future;
- The commissioners expressed their appreciation to Lieutenant Jefferson for all the work she performs on behalf of the county.

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

None.

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

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