

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, June 16, 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

(Video Time 00:00:46)

David Beem:

- Mr. Beem would like to see funding allocated to help individuals with disabilities, and their families, receive needed vaccinations;
- A large number of individuals with disabilities have transportation issues; and
- It would help if transportation services were available on Sundays.

PRESENTATION

(Video Time 00:02:53)

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) update. –Chad Ball

- Mr. Ball reported the following updates for the COVID-19 pandemic as of 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021:
 - There are an estimated 31 new cases;
 - There have been an estimated 23,320 cumulative cases within the county from the start of the pandemic;
 - The positivity rate since the start of the pandemic is 8.5 percent; and
 - An estimated 322 individuals have died from symptoms related to COVID-19.
- The data for the two-week period May 30, 2021, through June 12, 2021, is as follows:
 - Test positivity rate of 5.7 percent;
 - Case rate of 121 per 100,000 residents; and
 - A 20 percent decrease over the previous two-week period.
- The majority of cases are coming from central Salem, northeast Salem, Brooks, Woodburn, and Keizer;

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- Marion County is in the high-risk category;
- An estimated 59.84 percent of residents have been vaccinated;
- Approximately 14,000 more residents need to be vaccinated to meet the state's adult vaccination benchmark for counties of 65 percent:
 - When this metric is met the county will move to a lower risk level.
- Governor Brown will lift most restrictions once the statewide vaccination benchmark of 70 percent is met:
 - Currently at 68 percent.
- The majority of individuals currently hospitalized with COVID-19 have not been vaccinated; and
- Residents are encouraged to get vaccinated.

Board discussion:

- Mobile vaccine units are operating and their schedules can be found at COVID-19.mchealthy.net;
- Some pharmacies offering vaccinations are open on Sundays; and
- There are taxi and ridesharing companies that are offering discounted or free rides to individuals traveling to receive a vaccination.

CONSENT

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Approve an order to create a Marion County Youth Wage Grant Program.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Approve a Purchase Agreement with Mythics, Inc. in the amount of \$248,310.09 to provide Oracle software licenses, support maintenance, and technical support through June 30, 2022.

TAX OFFICE

Approve an order designating the Woodburn Independent as the newspaper for publication of the 2021 tax foreclosure list.

Board discussion:

- Following are highlights of the Youth Wage Grant Program:
 - The program promotes student youth, ages 14 to 17, to obtain employment;
 - Employers meeting established qualifications can apply for reimbursement of up to \$4 per hour for students they employ between May and September; and
 - The program will provide students valuable work experience.

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

ACTION

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. Consider approval of the Contract for Services with Robert Wolf, MD, in the amount of \$540,000 to provide medical director services for behavioral health programs retroactive from June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2024. –Cydney Nestor

Summary of presentation:

- Dr. Wolf has worked for Marion County Health and Human Services for many years;
- Dr. Wolf provides several important services for the county including the following:
 - Direct prescribing for the Early Assessment and Support Alliance (EASA) program; and
 - Supports Health and Human Services contract prescribers.
- The contract is for three years.

Board discussion:

- None.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the Contract for Services with Robert Wolf, MD, in the amount of \$540,000 to provide medical director services for behavioral health programs retroactive from June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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2. Consider approval of the Contract for Services with Nathaniel Kravitz, LLC, in the amount of \$273,000 to provide psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner services to individuals in mental health programs through June 30, 2023. –Cydney Nestor

Summary of presentation:

- Mr. Kravitz is currently a prescriber with the county;
- He is a psychiatric nurse practitioner;
- He supports the Adult Behavioral Health Services, and he is the primary prescriber for the Psychiatric Security Review Board;
- Mr. Kravitz works up to 21 hours per week; and
- The contract is for two years.

Board discussion:

- The contract does not limit the locations where services will be provided.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the Contract for Services with Nathaniel Kravitz, LLC, in the amount of \$273,000 to provide psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner services to individuals in mental health programs through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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3. Consider approval of the Contract for Services with Salem Health in the amount of \$500,000 to provide acute inpatient psychiatric services retroactive from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. –Ann-Marie Bandfield

Summary of presentation:

- The contract is for Salem Health to provide psychiatric services for indigent individuals at the Salem Health Adult Psychiatric Medicine Center;
- Salem Health currently provides for approximately 98 percent of the county's placements for psychiatric hospitalization; and
- The Salem Health Adult Psychiatric Medicine Center is conveniently located near the county's Psychiatric Crisis Center.

Board discussion:

- The funds are pass through dollars from Oregon Health Authority (OHA);
- Ryan Matthews explained the contract was delayed due to several issues including the following:
 - The intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with OHA had not been executed; and
 - The county received the contract late and required time to do a thorough review.
- The commissioners thanked Ms. Bandfield and her team for all of the work they do in support of the county.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the Contract for Services with Salem Health in the amount of \$500,000 to provide acute inpatient psychiatric services retroactive from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

4. Consider approval of the Contract for Services with Intrado Interactive Services Corporation in the amount of \$150,000 to provide patient messaging services for the new electronic health records system through June 30, 2026. –Gary Christofferson and Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

Gary Christofferson:

- Information Technology is working with Health and Human Services to replace the legacy health records management system with the modern software suite DrCloud Electronic Health Records (EHR);
- The project is scheduled to be completed in June 2022;
- The final schedule and plan for the project are close to completion; and
- Intrado Interactive Services Corporation is 1 of 14 interfaces utilized by the project.

Ryan Matthews:

- Intrado Interactive Services Corporation is providing functionality that is not provided by the legacy system;
- The current legacy system has been in use for approximately 17 years;
- Intrado is a patient appointment reminder system with some of the following features:
 - Will help reduce the high no-show rate for appointments;
 - Reminders will be through text messages, reminder calls, or emails; and
 - Individuals will choose how they receive appointment reminder messages.
- The functionality provided by the contract is required by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Board discussion:

- The contract is for \$20,000 per year for the message service and a small fee that is charged every time the service is used.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the Contract for Services with Intrado Interactive Services Corporation in the amount of \$150,000 to provide patient messaging services for the new electronic health records system through June 30, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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PUBLIC WORKS

5. Approve an order appointing Bob Emanuel, Malcolm Aquinas, and Chris Teichroew to the Marion County Parks Commission with terms ending June 16, 2025. –Tom Kissinger

Summary of presentation:

Tom Kissinger:

- The Marion County Parks Commission was formed on September 16, 1958;
- The Parks Commission consists of a minimum of 7 to a maximum of 11 voting members;

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- There are currently five openings on the Parks Commission;
- The three applicants were interviewed by public works staff and the chair of the Parks Commission, with unanimous consensus to recommend all three candidates; and
- The three applicants live or work in the Salem area, enjoy the outdoors, and have a desire to make a significant contribution to the rebuilding, longevity, and accessibility of Marion County parks.

Chris Teichroew:

- Mr. Teichroew has a background in the lumber and housing industry;
- He is currently a realtor;
- He is an avid outdoorsman; and
- Mr. Teichroew wants to give back to the community and has a passion for the work being done by the Parks Commission.

Bob Emanuel:

- Mr. Emanuel is retired from John Deere where he worked in the agricultural business for 39 years;
- He volunteers locally; and
- Mr. Emanuel enjoys various local parks and looks forward to joining the Parks Commission.

Malcolm Aquinas:

- Mr. Aquinas currently works at the Oregon State Hospital;
- He loves the outdoors;
- He worked for the U.S. Forest Service as a wilderness ranger; and
- Mr. Aquinas is excited for the opportunity to work with the Parks Department to increase park access for marginalized communities.

Board discussion:

- Oregon Department of Forestry is looking for individuals to help with restoration of trails in Santiam Canyon;
- The three applicants attended the Parks Commission meeting where the Marion County park restoration long term plan was presented;
- Seven parks were destroyed by the wildfires; and
- The Parks Commission will participate in the Auburn Park survey process.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve an order appointing Bob Emanuel, Malcolm Aquinas, and Chris Teichroew to the Marion County Parks Commission with terms ending June 16, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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6. Consider adopting an administrative ordinance amending the Marion County Comprehensive Plan Urbanization Element. –Brandon Reich

Summary of presentation:

- The Marion County Comprehensive Plan Urbanization Element provides policies and guidance for how urban growth boundaries are established, and how land inside an urban growth boundary is managed before it is annexed into the city;
- The Growth Management Framework within the Urbanization Element does not contain any requirements that must be complied with;
- The Framework was not updated to reflect the new processes available to cities when reviewing their land use;
- Cities must comply with state requirements;
- Demonstrating consistency with county guidelines is optional;
- On April 14, 2021, the board adopted an order initiating consideration of amendments to the Marion County comprehensive plan urbanization element;
- On May 26, 2021, the board held a hearing to consider the amendments, and after the close of the hearing the board approved the amendments; and
- The ordinance reflects the decision of the board to approve the amendments.

Board discussion:

None.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to adopt an administrative ordinance amending the Marion County Comprehensive Plan Urbanization Element.
Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

7. Consider approval of Amendment #1 to the incoming funds Intragovernmental Agreement with the East Salem Service District to add \$4,943,139 for a new contract total of \$9,886,278 to update the language and extend the term date to June 30, 2024, for law enforcement services. – Commander Jeff Stutrud

Summary of presentation:

- The IGA adds language addressing insurance premiums and adjustments;
- The IGA provides ten additional deputies that will provide law enforcement services in the East Salem Service District (ESSD);
- Historically approximately 54 percent of total service calls have come from within the ESSD;
- Last year approximately 60 percent of total service calls came from within the ESSD;
- A bike program is being established:
 - Training for deputies will take place over the next several weeks;
 - The Sheriff's Office has acquired the bikes;

- Bike gear for the deputies is being sourced; and
- The bike program allows for a personal connection between the deputies and the community.
- Commander Stutrud thanked Glen Rader for his participation and active involvement as a board member of the ESSD; and
- Commander Stutrud thanked community member Nichole Tarter for organizing and running a large neighborhood group meeting.

Board discussion:

- The bike program will patrol in business districts and residential areas;
- The Sheriff's Office currently has three bikes, they would like to have four to five bikes;
- The bike program provides a personal connection to the community;
- The bike deputies can patrol areas where a car would not be able to go;
- Bike racks will be provided for vehicles so deputies can drive to the areas they will be patrolling on bike;
- Patrol cars will continue to work in the ESSD;
- The commissioners thanked Glen Rader and the rest of the ESSD advisory board for their work and support of the ESSD; and
- The incoming funds come from the service district assessments that are part of the taxes that residents pay.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve Amendment #1 to the incoming funds Intragovernmental Agreement with the East Salem Service District to add \$4,943,139 for a new contract total of \$9,886,278 to update the language and extend the term date to June 30, 2024, for law enforcement services. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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Commissioner Bethell thanked Commander Stutrud and Sheriff Kast for their quick response this week to an incident that occurred on a large commercial property located within the county.

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8. Consider approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Marion County Health and Human Services Department in the amount of \$477,814 to assess, monitor, and provide treatment services to Student Opportunity for Achieving Results (SOAR) participants with substance abuse disorders through June 30, 2023. –Commander Kevin Karvandi

Summary of presentation:

- SOAR is an intensive 12-week treatment reentry program located at Chemeketa Community College:

- It is designed for medium to high risk males with substance abuse issues with high criminogenic needs; and
 - It helps reduce future criminal behavior.
- The Memorandum of Understanding funds one certified alcohol and drug counselor and one certified mentor;
- SOAR was implemented in January 2010; and
- The SOAR program has been very successful.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Willis expressed his support of the SOAR program;
- There are currently 37 participants;
- The SOAR program participants have achieved the following results:
 - An estimated 30 percent less likely to be arrested;
 - An estimated 12 percent less likely to be convicted of a misdemeanor or felony;
 - An estimated 16 percent less likely to be convicted of a felony; and
 - An estimated nine percent less likely for a new incarceration.
- SOAR participants have expressed their surprise and disbelief at the government offering to help them, and the program has helped these individuals change their perception of law enforcement;
- Chemeketa Community College has been a great partner; and
- Marion County is very supportive of these individuals working to change their lives for the better.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Marion County Health and Human Services Department in the amount of \$477,814 to assess, monitor, and provide treatment services to Student Opportunity for Achieving Results (SOAR) participants with substance abuse disorders through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9:30 A.M.

None.

Commissioner Willis read the calendar;

Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

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