

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, September 13, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room  
555 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

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

**ABSENT:** Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer

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

*(Video Time 00:00:41)*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

*(Video Time 00:00:51)*

**PROCLAMATION**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - Action

1. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the week of September 17-23, 2023, as Constitution Week in Marion County. –Day Westine, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), Chemeketa Chapter

***Summary of presentation:***

- Every year the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) recognize and celebrate the dates of September 17th through September 23 as Constitution Week;
- Constitution Week was set aside through a Senate joint resolution:
  - It was signed into public law on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- The NSDAR, Chemeketa Chapter, celebrates the week by walking with students who wave flags and ring bells;
- The NSDAR dedicated Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. on April 19, 1929;
- Posters are placed in windows of businesses commemorating the United States Constitution;

- Facts about the United States Constitution include the following:
  - The preamble was written by Gouverneur Morris;
  - The document contains 4,543 words including the signatures;
  - The United States Constitution was written on four pages of paper sized 28.3 by 23.5 inches;
  - The document was signed by 39 delegates including two United States Presidents:
    - George Washington; and
    - James Madison.
  - Benjamin Franklin was 81 years old when he signed and was the oldest signee;
  - The youngest signee was Jonathan Dayton who was 28 years old when he signed.

The commissioners and audience members read the preamble of the United States Constitution.

***Board discussion:***

- It is our duty to uphold the Constitution of the United States and Oregon;
- The Founding Fathers of the United States envisioned the future when they drafted the Constitution:
  - We would not be here if not for the sacrifices of the people that came before us.
- It is important not to lose sight on the history of the United States; and
- Individuals are encouraged to continue to teach the history and the civics of our country.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a proclamation designating the week of September 17-23, 2023, as Constitution Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

*(Video Time 00:10:32)*

**CONSENT**

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**Board Committee Appointment – Public Safety Coordinating Council**

2. Approve orders appointing Douglas Cox and Julie Hoy; and reappointing Christopher Baldrige, Jonathan Bauer, Bishop Garland Carnell King Jr., Peter McCallum, Tim Murphy, and Shaney Starr to the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council with terms beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2026; and appointing Christopher Eppley and Nicholas D. Hunter with terms beginning October 1, 2023.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

3. Approve the recommendation to update the classification and adjust the pay grade upward for class codes #057, Human Resources Specialist; #058, Human Resources Analyst; # 059, Human Resources Analyst Senior; #065, Community Services Director; #078, Human Resources Specialist Senior; #094, Chief Administrative Officer; #095, Deputy County Administrative Officer; #207, Juvenile Department Director; #535, Health and Human Services Administrator; #600, Information Technology Director; and update the classification and uphold the pay grade for class codes #115, Onsite Wastewater Specialist 1; #117, Onsite Wastewater Specialist 2; #180, Undersheriff; and #364, Chief Financial Officer.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

4. Approve the Purchase Order with CDW Government, LLC in the amount of \$103,936 for an Enterprise License Subscription through September 22, 2024.

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

*(Video Time 00:13:07)*

## **ACTION**

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

5. Consider a resolution approving a rural industrial improvement property tax exemption for EverFab, Inc. –Kelli Weese and Nick Harville, Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR)

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

- Marion County implemented the program to support companies that are making large capital investments in their businesses and adding employees;
- The program provides a three-year property tax exemption for any new, qualifying improvements to a rural business;
- The program's intent is to provide rural businesses with time to implement the capital improvements and see a return on their investment before the company is required to pay property taxes on the improvements;
- An application for EverFab, Inc. was submitted to the Marion County Assessor's Office:
  - The application has been reviewed; and
  - The application meets all the program requirements.
- If approved, EverFab, Inc. will be responsible for notifying all the taxing entities within the district to advise them of the exemption:
  - The company will need to receive support letters from 75 percent of the taxing entities.
- EverFab, Inc. leases a property located in the City of Aumsville;

- EverFab, Inc. anticipates the investment will bring an estimated \$3 million in new taxable value to the site:
  - The company's current estimated taxes for 2023 are \$11,802.50;
  - The tax exemption on the building and machinery is estimated to be \$30,000 for each of the three consecutive years; and
  - The property taxes for the site are estimated to be \$42,000 per year once the exemption program is completed.
- Part of the agreement requires EverFab, Inc. to hire an additional 28 employees:
  - It is estimated that the final full-time employee count will be 68.
- The county works with Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR) to help support businesses.

***Board discussion:***

- The exemption will allow EverFab, Inc. to double their production capacity and assist with backlogged job requests;
- The company produces tub and shower surrounds;
- Marion County is the only county to implement this industrial property tax credit:
  - It took two years to bring the program to fruition.
- This is a great incentive for existing businesses to expand;
- There are enterprise zones within city limits, but there are no enterprise zones in rural areas:
  - Companies in rural zones are always at a disadvantage when they want to invest in capital projects; and
  - Over time there can be fewer jobs and opportunities in rural locations.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a resolution approving a rural industrial improvement property tax exemption for EverFab, Inc. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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**PUBLIC WORKS**

6. Consider approval of Amendment #1 to the Contract for Services with AKS Engineering and Forestry, LLC, to add \$77,189.53 for a new contract total of \$177,189.53 to add federal and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) terms and conditions and increase the compensation for consulting services for restoration projects in Marion County parks through December 31, 2025.  
–Brian Nicholas

***Summary of presentation:***

- The request is for an amendment to an existing contact with AKS Engineering and Forestry, LLC;
- The contract was competitively bid and awarded to AKS Engineering and Forestry, LLC;

- The contract is for engineering support to assist with county parks recovery, including parks impacted by the 2020 wildfires;
- AKS Engineering and Forestry, LLC will provide support and engineering services are for seven parks within Marion County;
- The initial award was for \$100,000;
- The services that will be completed under this contract are:
  - Topographic recovery survey work in Salmon Falls Park:
    - The project budget is estimated to be \$30,500;
    - The project includes:
      - A design base for the entire property to redevelop the park;
      - Resource studies;
      - Wetland delineation; and
      - Compliance documentation for threatened and endangered species.
    - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds will be utilized for the project; and
    - The county must comply with FEMA requirements.
  - A topographic recovery survey for Bear Creek Campground:
    - The project budget is estimated to be \$29,000; and
    - There is a design base for the park.
  - Topographic recovery survey for Parkdale Park:
    - Parkdale Park is an urban park;
    - The project budget is estimated to be \$94,520;
    - The project includes:
      - A design base for the entire property to redevelop the park;
      - Resource studies;
      - Wetland delineation;
      - Threatened and endangered species surveys;
      - Compliance documentation for threatened and endangered species;
      - A long-term vision design for building out the park; and
      - Public engagement support for meetings and community feedback.
- The board allocated approximately \$365,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for Parkdale Park:
  - The ARPA funding has already been utilized in a 50/50 match from Oregon Parks.
- The county may potentially be receiving a grant from Oregon Parks to assist with park projects:
  - The grant award is approximately \$364,854.

***Board discussion:***

- Commissioner Bethell is happy that AKS Engineering and Forestry, LLC is available to work on the projects so that recreation in the Santiam Canyon can open; and

- The commissioners expressed interest in a future groundbreaking at Parkdale Park.

**Motion:** Commissioner Cameron move to approve Amendment #1 to the Contract for Services with AKS Engineering and Forestry, LLC, to add \$77,189.53 for a new contract total of \$177,189.53 to add federal and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) terms and conditions and increase the compensation for consulting services for restoration projects in Marion County parks through December 31, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Nicholas provided a public update:

- The county is on track to open Bear Creek Campground and Salmon Falls Park on May 15, 2024, for the recreational season;
- The parks are historically closed for the winter months and then opened in May; and
- A date has not been announced yet to resume camping at Bear Creek Campground.

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7. Consider approval of the Construction Manager and General Contractor Contract with Slayden Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$375,218 to provide construction management and value engineering services for the North Santiam Canyon Sewer Project through December 31, 2026.  
–Chris Einmo

***Summary of presentation:***

- The contract provides for Construction Manager General Contractor (CMGC) services for the North Santiam Canyon Sewer Project:
  - The CMGC will construct a sewer solution for four cities located in the Santiam Canyon.
- In March staff presented the CMGC method to the board as the preferred option to deliver this project based on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) timelines:
  - The funding must be obligated by 2024; and
  - Funds need to be expended by the end of 2026.
- Proposals from construction firms were solicited;
- Slayden Constructors, Inc received the highest score;
- The contract is for preconstruction services which includes:
  - Design and permitting processes;
  - Providing support in scheduling and prioritization for differing project aspects; and
  - Evaluating engineering and costs for the different complex projects.
- The contractor will help assist with materials that may have long lead times to acquire:
  - Some lead times can be one year or longer; and

- The contractor will assist with obtaining reasonable prices that may otherwise escalate over time.
- A guaranteed maximum price will be negotiated, and then the contract will be amended:
  - The amended contract is for the execution and obligation of the funds to actually construct the improvements.
- This contract is for preconstruction services and support; and
- This project is 100 percent funded utilizing federal ARPA funds:
  - There are no matching funds required by the county or by the benefiting cities.

***Board discussion:***

- Commissioner Willis stated for the record that the incorrect amount was listed on the website, the correct amount is \$375,218;
- Negotiations for the project will begin in July:
  - It is anticipated that an amendment will be ready to execute before the deadline.
- Commissioner Bethell stated for the record that her son works for Slayden Constructors, Inc.:
  - He is a heavy equipment operator for the company;
  - He works on projects all over the state of Oregon; and
  - He could potentially work on this project in the future.
- Commissioner Bethell expressed her appreciation for contracting with a local company.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the Construction Manager and General Contractor Contract with Slayden Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$375,218 to provide construction management and value engineering services for the North Santiam Canyon Sewer Project through December 31, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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8. Consider approval of the Purchase Order with Owen Equipment in the amount of \$547,376.32 for the purchase of one 2024 2100i Vactor Flusher Truck through June 30, 2024. –Scott Wilson

***Summary of presentation:***

- Marion County Public Works staff uses a variety of medium and heavy equipment for road maintenance tasks;
- A flusher vacuum truck is utilized for the following:
  - Debris removal out of pipes and drainage structures; and
  - For hydro-excavation around located underground utilities.
- The purchase price for the Vactor Flusher Truck is \$547,376.32;
- The truck will replace equipment that has surpassed its useful life span;
- Staff recommended approval of the Purchase Order with Owen Equipment.

**Board discussion:**

- Oregon receives a lot of rain and it is important to maintain the pipes and keep them clean.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the Purchase Order with Owen Equipment in the amount of \$547,376.32 for the purchase of one 2024 2100i Vactor Flusher Truck through June 30, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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9. Consider approval of the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) in the amount of \$189,869 of which an estimated \$170,882 will be provided in federal funds and an estimated \$18,987 will be provided by the county for safety improvements along the Yergen Road, McKay Road, and Ehlen Road corridor.  
–Ryan Crowther

**Summary of presentation:**

- The project is located in north Marion County;
- This is the only safety corridor within the county;
- The county will utilize All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) program funding for the project:
  - The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) administers the grant program.
- The project scope entails the following:
  - Installing driver feedback signs at two locations;
  - Constructing shoulder rumble strips; and
  - Installing curve warning signs and delineators.
- This is a systemic project which assesses improving safety along the entire corridor and not just portions;
- The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) funds preliminary engineering only:
  - The IGA will be amended to include construction funding after the 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) is adopted;
  - It is anticipated to be adopted later in the year; and
  - The STIP has \$707,878 budgeted for construction.
- Preliminary engineering for the project will be in early 2024; and
- It is anticipated that construction will start in 2026.

**Board discussion:**

- This is a necessary project.



**MOTION:** Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) in the amount of \$189,869 of which an estimated \$170,882 will be provided in federal funds and an estimated \$18,987 will be provided by the county for safety improvements along the Yergen Road, McKay Road, and Ehlen Road corridor. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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10. Consider adopting an administrative ordinance amending the Marion County Code to permit an event business as a home occupation in the Exclusive Farm Use, Special Agriculture, and Farm/Timber zones. –Brandon Reich

***Summary of presentation:***

- The board initiated an amendment to permit an event business as a home occupation in the Exclusive Farm Use, Special Agriculture, and Farm/Timber zones;
- A public hearing was held;
- The board approved the amendments;
- The amendments were appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA);
- LUBA remanded the appeal back to the county for further consideration of the following:
  - The five-employee limit contained in the code; and
  - The 750-person maximum in the code.
- On August 9, 2023, the board held a public hearing:
  - Testimony was received;
  - The public hearing was closed; and
  - The board directed staff to modify the proposed amendment by citing Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 215.448(1)(b).
- Staff has made the changes requested by the board; and
- On September 6, 2023, the board scheduled adoption of the ordinance for September 13, 2023.

***Board discussion:***

- No one requested public comment.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to adopt an administrative ordinance amending the Marion County Code to permit an event business as a home occupation in the Exclusive Farm Use, Special Agriculture, and Farm/Timber zones. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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11. Consider a resolution initiating an amendment to Marion County Code Chapter 17 to allow rural accessory dwelling units in the Acreage Residential zone and schedule a public hearing for October 25, 2023. –Brandon Reich

***Summary of presentation:***

- Recent legislative changes allow the county to permit rural Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) in the Acreage Residential (AR) zone subject to certain criteria:
  - One criterion is the adoption of a wildfire map; and
  - A wildfire map was not adopted.
- In 2023, the Senate adopted a bill that allows the county to permit an ADU in a Rural Residential Zone before wildfire maps are adopted:
  - This is subject to certain criteria.
- The board can initiate a process to consider amending Marion County Code to permit rural ADU's in the AR zone; and
- Staff will prepare a draft code based on the statute for the board to consider at a public hearing.

***Board discussion:***

- None.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a resolution initiating an amendment to Marion County Code Chapter 17 to allow rural accessory dwelling units in the Acreage Residential zone and schedule a public hearing for October 25, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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

*(Video Time 00:43:18)*

Commissioner Willis expressed that the public hearing sequence order will be switched. The public hearing to consider Zone Change/Comprehensive Plan Change (ZC/CP) Case #23-001/Pacific-Beaverton Land Company, LLC. will be presented first.

- Commissioner Cameron clarified for the record that public hearing B on the Board Session Agenda will be first.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

A. Public hearing to consider the 2022-2023 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships programs. –Steve Dickey

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

- The 2022-2023 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) is required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);
- The report is utilized to report the county's performance over the past year for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships funds that were received from HUD;
- The CAPER documents include the following:
  - Resources made available to the county;
  - Investment of available resources;
  - Geographic distribution and location of the investments;
  - Families and individuals assisted;
  - Actions taken to affirmatively further fair housing; and
  - Other actions indicated in the Strategic Plan and the Annual Action Plan that were approved in the prior year.
- The expenditures for the year include:
  - Funding in the amount of \$533,000 to purchase a facility to expand Soaring Heights Transitional Housing;
  - Funding support in the amount of \$26,245 for the Boys and Girls Club, Epping Homestead operations; and
  - Funding for construction expenses in the amount was \$58,827 for the Center for Hope and Safety, Hope Plaza project.
- The CAPER identifies how CDBG and HOME projects from the year will provide a solid foundation for upcoming years:
  - This is the county's second full year for the programs.
- There has been contact with 39 different community partners;
- Notable awarded projects include:
  - The Soaring Heights Recovery Homes facility expansion in the amount of \$350,000;
  - The Cener for Hope and Safety, Expansion of Services project for the City of Woodburn in the amount of \$100,000; and
  - Funding assistance for Valor Mentoring, which provides youth mentoring, in the amount of \$225,000.
- Notable contacts that will be community partners include:
  - DevNW will help with the Downpayment Assistance Program;
  - The Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments will assist with the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program;

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- Sheltering Silverton has various projects they are considering applying for assistance with; and
- The Home Ownership Pilot Project group has brought together multiple community partners that review how the county can best leverage resources to meet community needs.
- The Homeowner Residential Rehabilitation Program and the Down Payment Assistance Program both had policy changes:
  - Changes for both were to increase dollar amounts:
    - The Homeowner Residential Rehabilitation Program increased from \$15,000 up to \$50,000; and
    - The Down Payment Assistance Program increased from \$25,000 up to \$125,000.
- Work will continue to build the program over the next year including:
  - Increasing and building community partnerships; and
  - Evaluating both the long-term and more immediate project opportunities.

***Board discussion:***

- Commissioner Cameron expressed his appreciation to Mr. Dickey and staff for all their work with the CAPER, the CDBG, and the HOME Investment Partnership programs over the past two years and for future years;
- The programs will benefit Marion County communities; and
- No one signed up for public comment during the hearing.

Commissioner Willis closed the public hearing.

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**PUBLIC WORKS**

B. Public hearing to consider Zone Change/Comprehensive Plan Change (ZC/CP)  
Case #23-001/Pacific-Beaverton Land Company, LLC. –Austin Barnes

***Summary of presentation:***

- The application is to change the zone from Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) to Industrial on a 5.04-acre portion of a 20.16-acre parcel;
- Mr. Barnes clarified for the record the following:
  - There was a discrepancy in the original staff report;
  - Staff determined that the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) lines were drawn incorrectly on the site plan;
  - The actual acreage is 5.04 and not 2.16 as originally drawn; and
  - It is 5.04-acres that are being considered for a zone change.
- The parcel is located on the south side of Donald Road NE as it intersects with Butteville Road NE:
  - It is located on the western end of the City of Donald’s UGB.

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- The parcel entails the following:
  - It is generally flat and developed with industrial structures;
  - It is located inside the City of Donald's UGB;
  - Approximately 6.5-acres are utilized for farm use;
  - The acreage utilized for farm use is not part of the proposal; and
  - The parcel has direct access to Donald Road NE.
- The surrounding areas are as follows:
  - Properties to the north, west and south are zoned EFU and are in commercial farm use;
  - A portion of the northern parcel contains a water treatment facility for the City of Donald; and
  - Properties to the east are within the City of Donald limits:
    - These properties are zoned with industrial, commercial, and residential designations.
- Comments from various governmental agencies were requested:
  - The comments that were received can be found in the staff's recommendation and the hearings officer's recommendation.
- The applicant is requesting an exception to Oregon land use goal 3 under the irrevocably committed exception;
- The request states the following:
  - The proposed area for the zone change is and has been used for industrial use since 1974; and
  - The site has up to 15 inches of gravel covering the proposed area which makes the site unfarmable.
- Staff has prepared a report detailing the relevant decision criteria; and
- Staff recommended approval of the application based on the evidence provided.

***Board discussion:***

- The original request that was submitted was for 2.16-acres;
- When staff reviewed the original request, it was determined that the 2.16-acres was incorrect based on the UGB:
  - It was meant to be corrected in the beginning, but the information never progressed past the staff report.
- The applicant wants to adjust from 2.16-acres to 5.04-acres:
  - It was submitted in error and never corrected on the application.
- The request came after the application was submitted;
- The proposed site is south of Donald Road;
- The section containing gravel around the L-shaped building is the proposed zone change;
- The hearings officer looked at the same parcel that the 5.04-acres is on;
  - The parcel was made clear in the hearings officer's hearing but never changed on the paper.

***Testimony:***

Steve Kay:

- Mr. Kay represents the applicant;
- The initial map error was corrected and submitted to the county in April:
  - Corrections were made to the narrative.
- The hearings officer received the old application that did not contain the corrected acreage:
  - The hearings officer was advised of the acreage change during the hearing.
- The area was irrevocably committed to a non-resource use;
- The area was developed as a gravel storage yard for the adjacent manufacturing plant;
- A business has been storing materials and assembled farm implements on the gravel area:
  - The yard improvements were constructed approximately 10 years earlier;
  - There has been continuous truck traffic;
  - The storage materials and truck traffic has compacted the area including the subsurface soil layers; and
  - This has resulted in degraded land that cannot be utilized for farming.
- The applicant is proposing to utilize the area for a company that specializes in lumber;
- The gravel yard would be utilized in a manner that is similar to how the manufacturing facility has used the property;
- The company that would utilize the site specializes in the manufacturing of engineered product including:
  - Wood trusses;
  - Beams; and
  - The sale of material from various lumber mills.
- Business operations would include:
  - Cutting lumber;
  - Filling customer orders; and
  - Delivering kits that can be assembled on construction sites.
- The lumber business would like to relocate to a site that is approximately 14-acres in size:
  - The site has a large manufacturing facility;
  - A storage yard;
  - It is situated between the City of Portland and the City of Salem markets;
  - The site is close to other lumber mills; and
  - The site has convenient access to Interstate 5.
- The applicant looked at all available industrial lands within cities UGB's and unincorporated Marion County;
- An analysis determined that the sites were not as suited as the proposed subject site; and
- Mr. Kay expressed that the application materials and the staff report have demonstrated how the proposed comprehensive plan and zoning map amendment meet the criteria for approval.

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**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to close the public hearing and approve Zone Change/Comprehensive Plan Change (ZC/CP) Case #23-001/Pacific-Beaverton Land Company, LLC. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

*(Video Time 00:58:40)*

## **ACTION**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

12. Consider approval of a resolution to adopt the 2022-2023 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnership programs. **(TO BE ACTED ON FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING)** –Steve Dickey

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a resolution to adopt the 2022-2023 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnership programs. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron. A voice vote was unanimous.


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


- Commissioner Cameron expressed the following:
  - The Oregon Forestry Board held a two-day hearing regarding the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP);
  - He provided public testimony during the hearing to encourage the Oregon Forestry Board to change the HCP that they are considering adopting;
  - The plan would reduce the amount of state forestry lands down to 43 percent for lands that can be harvested;
  - Oregon Governor Kotek has declared an emergency on housing;
  - Approximately 35,000 more housing units are needed per year to fill the housing gap;
  - State policies have reduced the number of natural resources that are available;
  - Oregon has the highest standards for forestry practices related to harvesting;
  - The wood that comes from the state forests goes to local mills;
  - The wood must be sold within the United States and cannot be sold to other countries;
  - A proposal was made to potentially change the HCP to allow for a little more harvest versus what is in the current plan;
  - The state pulled the resolution;

- The resolution's outcome is unknown;
- A meeting has been scheduled with the state and county commissioners from multiple jurisdictions;
- Marion County does not have mills located within the county limits;
- Many Santiam Canyon residents work in mills located in other counties;
- There is a small culture remaining for forest products;
- Local companies have invested millions in new technology:
  - Resources need to be available to utilize the new technology.
- Previously lands were privately owned and not well managed:
  - The county foreclosed on lands and gave the lands back to the state to manage;
  - There are 14 counties that have given the land back to the state to manage in a trust; and
  - The revenue generated goes back into tax funds and is utilized for schools and special districts.
- Other counties rely more heavily on timber revenues;
- Commissioner Willis expressed that counties are trusting the state to manage the forestry lands and make sure the revenues are still available for local services.

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

  
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