

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, March 26, 2025  
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 Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer, Steve Elzinga as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

Commissioner Bethell called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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**PRESENTATION**

1. Youth Employment Program Biannual Report. –Sarah Coutley; Kim Parker-Llarenas and Dean Craig, Willamette Workforce Partnership (WWP)

***Summary of presentation:***

Sarah Coutley:

- The agreement with Willamette Workforce Partnership (WWP) is for \$60,000 annually through June 2026; and
- The contract utilizes economic development funding for the Youth Employment Program.

Dean Craig, Willamette Workforce Partnership:

- Mr. Craig is the Business Services Director for WWP;
- The contract has been in effect for six months;
- The program helps businesses to employ youth, ages 14 through 17;
- Twenty businesses have applied to the program in the past year:
  - Nine businesses have been approved; and
  - Twenty-one youths were employed.

- The hours worked and the money invested for October 2024, through January 2025, entail the following:
  - An estimated 1779.6 work hours have been completed; and
  - An estimated \$8,897.95 has been reimbursed for the work hours.
- Outreach methods include:
  - Email;
  - Social media;
  - The WWP website; and
  - Partnering organizations promoting the program.
- A late start in noticing in 2024 has reduced the number of youths applying for jobs:
  - WWP is trying to catch up with employers that are requesting early starting work dates.
- WWP has a process to ensure that the work is appropriate for youth:
  - Some employers are not approved due to safety and legal concerns.
- Participating businesses are required to have their youth employees fill out questionnaires:
  - The survey provides a better understanding of what youth are gaining from their time working.

Kim Parker-Llarenas, Willamette Workforce Partnership:

- Ms. Parker-Llarenas is the Executive Director for WWP;
- It has been a challenge receiving the end of employment surveys from the youth employees:
  - One option is for employers to have the youth fill out the survey before the youth leaves on their last employment day.
- WWP plans to do more promotion in high schools before summer break starts.

***Board discussion:***

- The questionnaire survey has been completed:
  - WWP is currently working on a plan to make the survey easily accessible for youth; and
  - The current survey is accessible through a Quick Response (QR) Code.
- The county asked WWP to create the program in 2021:
  - WWP has been improving the program every year.
- It was suggested that the program be promoted at Agricultural (AG) Fest and other community events;
- The public needs to have access to the program information:
  - Flyers and QR codes are easily accessible.
- It is important to connect youth with employment opportunities;
- WWP will have program information available at Career Connections, an event that provides career-connected learning experiences for students.

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## **PROCLAMATION**

### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

2. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the month of April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Marion County. –Sid Venkatachalam, and Peter Carrillo and Adrienne Thomas, Liberty House

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

Sid Venkatachalam:

- Currently approximately 60 percent of the individuals served are impacted by involvement with the Oregon Department of Human Services;
- Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) reserves appointments to assess youth in the foster care system needing mental health services;
- The MCHHS Same Day Access Program allows youth and families to receive services without delay if needed; and
- MCHHS has an Early Assessment and Support Alliance team that assists youth experiencing psychosis:
  - Youth are more vulnerable to trauma and abuse.

Peter Carrillo, Liberty House:

- 2023 child abuse statistics include the following:
  - There were 11,191 unduplicated victims of child abuse and neglect in Oregon;
  - There were 979 unduplicated victims of child abuse and neglect in Marion County; and
  - Approximately 36.5 percent of the victims were five years old or younger.
- The month of April focuses on child abuse prevention;
- Communities need to build relationships with children in their lives;
- Learning to talk to children about the following is important:
  - Body safety;
  - Boundaries;
  - Healthy touch; and
  - Identifying safe adults.
- Individuals are encouraged to get training to recognize the signs of abuse and neglect;
- Organizations that provide support and help to strengthen families include:
  - Liberty House;
  - MCHHS;
  - The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA); and
  - Family Building Blocks.
- Prevention happens when individuals and communities act;
- Wearing blue during the month of April helps to raise awareness; and
- Working together helps keep children safe.

Adrienne Thomas, Liberty House:

- Child safety trainings are free and available in English and Spanish; and
- Strengthening family bonds is a key element in preventing child abuse.

***Board discussion:***

- There will be a parade taking place on April 4, 2025:
  - It starts at 8:15 a.m.;
  - It begins at the Oregon State Fairgrounds and ends at the City of Salem Police Department; and
  - Everyone is encouraged to attend and decorate their vehicles.
- It is important that the county has an active role in community partnerships;
- Liberty House hosts several events that keep the community engaged;
- Resources and people make a difference; and
- The commissioners expressed their appreciation to everyone for the work that they do.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved to approve a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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**CONSENT**

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3. Approve an order appointing additional staff members in the Board of Commissioner's Office as Clerk of the Board.

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4. Approve the Purchase Order with Quill, LLC in the amount of \$279,765.20 for the purchase and distribution of wipes for individuals enrolled in the Marion County Health and Human Services, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Program.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

5. Schedule final consideration to adopt an administrative ordinance for April 2, 2025, for Zone Change/Comprehensive Plan (ZC/CP) change Case #24-003/ Johnny C. Davidson.

## TAX OFFICE

6. Approve orders for a property tax refund for the following tax accounts:

- LKQ Corporation, account 341256, in the amount of \$182,793.57;
- Robertson Building Salem, LLC, account 587777; in the amount of \$25,802.07; and
- Robertson Building Salem, LLC, account 587778; in the amount of \$34,893.23.

**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**

### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

7. Consider approval of Amendment #12 to the incoming funds Participating Provider Service Agreement with PacificSource Community Solutions to add \$26,000,000 for a new contract total of \$114,172,591 for updates to the reimbursement schedule for the Risk/Incentive Module and the fee for service reimbursement; and amendments to the Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) reporting; and the Youth Fidelity Wraparound Addendum. –Katrina Griffith

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

- Amendment #12 allows Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) to continue to provide the following to Oregon Health Plan (OHP) members:
  - Outpatient mental health services;
  - Addiction treatment;
  - Crisis response; and
  - Public health services.
- PacificSource Community Solutions is the coordinated care organization that contracts with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA);
- PacificSource reimburses the county for services on a per member, per month, fee for service, case rate basis;
- Currently there are 134,000 OHP members in both Marion and Polk Counties;
- PacificSource is increasing all service rates by 3.4 percent in 2025;
- Language changes to the contract include:
  - Three service codes related to the following were moved from capitation to fee-for-service:
    - Skills training;
    - Peer support; and
    - Case management:
      - Moving the codes will help to sustain the following:
        - Wraparound services; and
        - The Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Program.
  - Updates to the Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) reporting language:

- This is related to the percentage of dollars spent on medical claims and quality improvement; and
- The new language updates the timeline for MLR reporting.
- Youth wraparound language was revised to reflect updated Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) related to the following:
  - References;
  - Training clarification; and
  - Documentation requirements.

***Board discussion:***

- MCHHS has been collaborating with PacificSource to improve the reimbursement process for wraparound services:
  - Codes for billing on a fee-for-service basis were identified.
- Wraparound is a necessary program:
  - Access to services for vulnerable youth needs to be increased;
  - The county has struggled with the cost associated with the program; and
  - More youth need to be brought into the program.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved to approve Amendment #12 to the incoming funds Participating Provider Service Agreement with PacificSource Community Solutions to add \$26,000,000 for a new contract total of \$114,172,591 for updates to the reimbursement schedule for the Risk/Incentive Module and the fee for service reimbursement; and amendments to the Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) reporting; and the Youth Fidelity Wraparound Addendum. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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**PUBLIC WORKS**

8. Consider the adoption of an administrative ordinance approving Zone Change/ Comprehensive Plan (ZC/CP) change Case #24-004/Woodry Properties, LLC as referenced in Exhibit A and Exhibit B. –Austin Barnes

***Summary of presentation:***

- Before the board for consideration is the adoption of an ordinance to approve Zone Change/Comprehensive Plan (ZC/CP) change Case #24-004/Woodry Properties, LLC;
- The property is located on the west side of the Brooks-Hopmere Community and west of River Road;
- The request is to change the property from a residential zone to an unincorporated community commercial zone;
- The Marion County Hearings Officer held a public hearing on October 3, 2024;
- The hearings officer issued a decision to approve the zone change on January 13, 2025;

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- The board held a duly noticed public hearing for the application on February 26, 2025:
  - All the evidence in the record was considered; and
  - The request was approved.
- Staff have prepared an ordinance and the findings;
- Adoption of the ordinance was noticed on March 19, 2025;
- The administrative ordinance is ready for adoption;
- Staff recommended the board approve the ordinance;
- Additional options that the board can consider include:
  - Direct staff to make changes and approve a modified ordinance; or
  - Not approving the ordinance.

***Board discussion:***

- The commissioners went through the details of the case during the public hearing; and
- The property location was pulled up during the hearing.

**Motion:** Commissioner Cameron moved to adopt an administrative ordinance approving Zone Change/Comprehensive Plan (ZC/CP) change Case #24-004/Woodry Properties, LLC as referenced in Exhibit A and Exhibit B. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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

None.

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**Board discussion:**

- There are several legislative bills in the Oregon House Judiciary Committee for consideration:
  - The bills are related to civil commitment;
  - The bills will be heard next week during a public hearing and in work sessions;
  - Members of the public need access to care through civil commitment but have not been able to achieve the care;
  - Public members can review the legislative agenda on-line;
  - The public is encouraged to show up during the hearing and provide in person testimony; and
  - Testimony can also be submitted in writing.

Commissioner Bethell adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

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