

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, January 22, 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 Steve Elzinga 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.
Commissioner Willis arrived at 9:10 a.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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CONSENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OLCC Application – Recommended Approval

1. J & D Pho Inc., dba., Wok N Pho Chinese and Vietnamese Cuisine – Salem, Oregon

Board Committee Appointment – Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee

2. Approve orders reappointing Daniel J. Mullen, Rebecca Shivers, Jim Walker, and Stephanie McClung to the Marion County Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Advisory Committee with terms ending January 31, 2028.

Board Committee Appointment – Planning Commission

3. Approve orders appointing Daisy Goebel and Nick Harville; and reappointing Stanley J. Birch, Mike Long, and Gary Monders to the Marion County Planning Commission with terms beginning February 1, 2025, and ending February 1, 2029.

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PUBLIC WORKS

4. Approve Amendment #1 to the Standard Professional Services Contract with Don Cushing Associates, Inc., dba, Cushing Civil Engineers, Inc., to add \$227,800 for a new contract total of \$996,475 for updates to the consultant entity name, scope of services, and contingency tasks for the Marion County Public Safety Radio System Project through December 31, 2027.

5. Receive the hearings officer's decision approving Zone Change/Comprehensive Plan Amendment (ZC/CP) Case #24-003/Johnny C. Davidson and schedule a public hearing for February 19, 2025.

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

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ACTION

PUBLIC WORKS

6. Consider approval of an order to amend the fee schedule for Marion County Parks as referenced in Exhibit A. –Kevin Thompson

Summary of presentation:

- Before the board for consideration are the recommended changes to the Marion County Parks Program fee schedule;
- The current fee schedule has not been updated in multiple years;
- Services and amenities have expanded over the years and the fee schedule should accurately reflect the current park resources;
- New services include:
 - Online registration capabilities;
 - Reserving picnic shelters; and
 - Other amenities.
- Some service fees are being raised including:
 - Tent camping is increasing from \$20 to \$25 per night.
- Parking fees will not be changed:
 - A day use pass is \$5; and
 - An annual pass is \$30.
- The new schedule will provide clear details regarding timeframes and locations for parks fees; and
- There have been significant increases industrywide in operational maintenance costs over the last five to eight years.

Board discussion:

- Parking fees are not being increased:

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- Currently a large portion of the parks' revenue comes from parking fees.
- Electronic parking fee stations were installed in 2024; and
- The Marion County Sheriff's Office has provided positive feedback for parks compliance.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve an order to amend the fee schedule for Marion County Parks as referenced in Exhibit A. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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7. Consider approval of a Deed to convey the North Santiam Park and Campground from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) to Marion County. –Kevin Thompson

Summary of presentation:

- The North Santiam Park and Campground is located along Highway 22:
 - The park is situated between the City of Lyons and the City of Mill City.
- There are multiple parcels included in the deed:
 - Some parcels are inaccessible by road or trail; and
 - There is the ability to create access in the future.
- Santiam Park Road will also be transferred and maintained by the county;
- Several years prior Oregon State Parks (OPRD) notified Marion County Parks (MCP) of their interest in divesting multiple parcels jointly known as North Santiam Park:
 - The state wanted to reduce their current resource load and focus on other state parks in their system.
- In 2021 OPRD and MCP entered into a two-year trial maintenance agreement:
 - The trial period was used to demonstrate the following to the state:
 - That the county had the understanding and capabilities to run the park at the state's level of standards; and
 - That the county was comfortable with taking on the park maintenance.
- In 2023 MCP passed the trial period, demonstrating the county's ability to run and maintain the park to OPRD standards;
- The park is located along the North Santiam River:
 - Park benefits include:
 - Direct recreational access to the river;
 - A natural boat ramp; and
 - Walking and hiking trails.
- Park amenities include:
 - Thirteen campsites;
 - A group picnic shelter;
 - Drinking water; and
 - Flush restrooms.

Board discussion:

- OPRD has been a great partner for the county;
- Great campsites are available at the park; and
- Calm waters make the area a great place for families with small children to fish.

Motion: Commissioner Willis moved to approve a Deed to convey the North Santiam Park and Campground from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) to Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

8. Consider approval of the Contract for Services with VillageReach in the amount of \$175,000 to facilitate the development and alignment of services for Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) strategic plan for providing services and supports to the community through December 31, 2026. –Katrina Griffith and Joe James

Summary of presentation:

- Before the board for consideration is a contract with VillageReach to support Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) in the strategic planning process;
- Strategic planning allows for the alignment of goals, outcomes, and support for county communities, stakeholders, employees through the following:
 - Collaboration;
 - Setting priorities; and
 - Allocating resources.
- The contract with VillageReach is for \$175,000;
- The contract's ending term date is December 31, 2026;
- The strategic plan is for five years; and
- The plan provides a clear roadmap for staff to understand the county's vision.

Board discussion:

- The work period starts in February and proceeds through March 2026;
- It is anticipated that it will take a full year for the work period:
 - This allows MCHHS enough time for the following:
 - To process through the information; and
 - Align with the community health assessment and improvement plan priorities.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the Contract for Services with VillageReach in the amount of \$175,000 to facilitate the development and alignment of services for Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) strategic plan for providing services and supports to the community through December 31, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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9. Consider approval of the incoming funds Contract for Services with Santiam Memorial Hospital in the amount of \$120,000 for Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS), Psychiatric Crisis Center (PCC) to provide crisis services for hospital patient screenings through December 31, 2027. –Debbie Wells

Summary of presentation:

- The contract is between the Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS), Psychiatric Crisis Center (PCC) and Santiam Memorial Hospital;
- The partnership provides mental health crisis services to hospital patients during the overnight hours;
- The contract's ending term is December 31, 2027;
- There is an option to extend the term date to December 31, 2029;
- The contract has a not-to-exceed amount of \$120,000:
 - This includes all allowable expenses.
- The agreement provides timely mental health support to community members during critical hours.

Board discussion:

- The hospital has its own behavioral health team that provides mental health assessments during the day:
 - PCC will provide after-hours services in the facility.
- Commissioner Bethell expressed the following:
 - A House Bill was passed that prevents hospitals from creating a long-term payback for services from individuals without insurance;
 - This has created a gap in resources for systems of care where there is no state or federal reimbursement; and
 - Hospitals are having to write off the cost of the services provided.
- The hospital is the primary organization responsible for the cost associated with care:
 - PCC helps connect individuals to resources for services;
 - If the client is ineligible for insurance, then PCC pursues other resources; and
 - Individuals are clients of the hospital, and the burden of payment stays with the hospital.
- The contract for \$120,000 covers PCC's cost for the assessments.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the incoming funds Contract for Services with Santiam Memorial Hospital in the amount of \$120,000 for Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS), Psychiatric Crisis Center (PCC) to provide crisis services for hospital patient screenings through December 31, 2027. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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10. Consider approval of the incoming funds Memorandum of Understanding with PacificSource Community Solutions in the amount of \$135,200 for the Supporting Health for All through REinvestment (SHARE) Initiative's, Creating Equal Housing Opportunities Program (CEHOP) for individuals and families that do not fit within the eligibility requirements of existing housing initiatives through December 31, 2026 . –Christina Bertschi

Summary of presentation:

- The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with PacificSource Community Solutions is for \$135,200;
- The Supporting Health for All through REinvestment (SHARE) Initiative supports Marion County's Health and Human Services (MCHHS) Creating Equal Housing Opportunities Program (CEHOP);
- The program is for individuals and family's ineligible for some of the following:
 - Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) services; and
 - Rental assistance services.
- The program focuses on individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD), or substance use disorders that are experiencing homelessness;
- The program connects individuals with the following:
 - Barrier removal tenant education classes;
 - Housing navigation services;
 - Transportation resources for six months; and
 - Background checks to speed up the housing process.
- The program accommodates the following:
 - Approximately 60 individuals for the tenant education classes; and
 - Approximately 160 for the background check.

Board discussion:

- PacificSource gave MCHHS the flexibility to choose either Ready to Rent or Rent Well classes:
 - MCHHS will train two staff members to provide classes; and
 - Rent Well classes will provide landlords the opportunity to access up to \$5,000 for damages if the tenant has a Rent Well certificate.
- There is a significant need in communities for individuals experiencing homelessness:
 - It is important to create long-term stabilization.

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- Landlords are struggling with permanency for the homeless population:
 - There is a lack of skill for living in a household or apartment; and
 - Navigating the lease documents and utilities can be challenging.
- Tenant assistance will help individuals to navigate the process; and
- Housing navigation may be provided for up to 18 months or longer;
- HRSN services can be provided once an individual is housed; and
- The goal is that anybody who is housed has the necessary skills to maintain the home long-term.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the incoming funds Memorandum of Understanding with PacificSource Community Solutions in the amount of \$135,200 for the Supporting Health for All through REinvestment (SHARE) Initiative's, Creating Equal Housing Opportunities Program (CEHOP) for individuals and families that do not fit within the eligibility requirements of existing housing initiatives through December 31, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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***Recess as Board of Commissioners.
Convene as Contract Review Board.***

CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD ACTION

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. Consider approval of an order granting an exemption from Marion County Public Contracting Rules to reinstate an expired contract with Pelton Project, Inc. to provide Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) 1915(i) services for qualified Medicaid recipients as referenced in Exhibit A. –Jennifer Chun and Toby Giddings

Summary of presentation:

- A contract has expired and needs to be reinstated for a second time:
 - This requires the board to approve an exemption to the Marion County Public Contracting Rules.
- Extension of the contract would allow Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) to continue to provide homebased habilitation services while a Request for Proposal (RFP) is noticed for replacement services;
- Homebased services are a Medicaid benefit for individuals diagnosed with serious and persistent mental illnesses;
- Behavioral and psychosocial rehabilitation is provided to qualified individuals;
- Services are provided in individual homes and adult foster homes; and
- Training is provided for some of the following:

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- Medical support;
- Medication;
- Skills training;
- Health and wellness activities;
- Community access and integration;
- Budgeting; and
- Interpersonal and adaptive skills.

Board discussion:

- None.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve an order granting an exemption from Marion County Public Contracting Rules to reinstate an expired contract with Pelton Project, Inc. to provide Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) 1915(i) services for qualified Medicaid recipients as referenced in Exhibit A. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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

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

None.

Commissioner Bethell adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

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