



Management Update Summary Minutes

Monday, August 15, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Silverton Conference Room

ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Commissioner Sam Brentano, Commissioner Carlson, Jolene Kelley, Scott Norris, Barb Young, Gloria Roy, Tom Rohlring and Kenna West as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

COMMUNICATION UPDATE

- Jolene Kelley, Public Information Coordinator, provided current updates.

INFORMATIONAL

Introduction of the new Dog Shelter Manager, Dean Freeze

- Tamra Goettsch and Dean Freeze were not able to make it.

Discuss Senate Bill 1513 – Tax Exemption Request

Summary of Presentation:

- Silverton Mayor Rick Lewis requests that Marion County adopt the bill;
- The bill provides a property tax exemption to families impacted by the loss of a first responder killed in the line of duty; and
- It is an option for counties to participate and would require official action from the board to enact.

Board Discussion:

- Allows for an exemption of up to \$250,000 of the assessed value for each homestead owned and occupied by a surviving spouse;
- This is a lifetime exemption, but there are disqualifiers:
 - Remarriage or new domestic partnership;
 - Does not transfer to a new property so a new application would be required; and
 - Does not follow the property.
- There's an application process to determine eligibility;
- The exemption can be implemented by ordinance instead of going to voters;
- There will be ongoing maintenance each year by the Assessor's Office;
- There have been no requests thus far;
- Doesn't align with the benefits for a surviving spouse of a fallen veteran who's benefits are much smaller;
- No objections from the Assessor's Office submitted by testimony to legislature at the time the bill was passed;
- Will refer matter to Public Safety Coordinating Council for discussion;
- Could also consider approving a lesser benefit amount;
- If the county applies this exemption, it applies to all taxing districts;

- Due by April 1, 2017, but can have any effective date the board deems;
- Will have Hitesh Parekh gather data on number of fallen thus far;
- Board will share data and possible fiscal impact once known at their monthly meeting with local leaders; and
- The bill is not retroactive.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE

Commissioner Sam Brentano:

- Attended Coastal Caucus:
 - Panel of 8-10 people discussing transportation package:
 - Only one thought there would be a problem getting a clean fuel tax bill through; and
 - Does not agree with this view.
 - Housing issues with zoning around Urban Growth Boundaries (UGB) that limit a family from selling a parcel of their land:
 - Static nature of UGB impacts housing growth; and
 - United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that they have a lot of money for a wide variety of levels.
- AOCC meeting:
 - Discussed Sudden Oak Death a concern in the southern area of the state;
 - O&C Counties has filed suit against the federal government; and
 - Culture of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has changed in that they do not know how to sell lumber nor do they want to, so may still have issues with lumber sales.
- Was approached by someone in Mt. Angel who complained about having three projects held up in Marion County for lack of septic:
 - County does not currently have the staff for the work load;
 - If county cannot handle workload then the work should be contracted out;
 - Certifiers have to be approved by Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ);
 - County is backed up 6-8 weeks on inspections; and
 - Public Works will come to Management Update next week to update as there are a number of concerning issues with the process.

Commissioner Kevin Cameron:

- Had second meeting with City of Salem regarding the North block:
 - Potential covered market place without food trucks; and
 - Could possibly implement bike parking as well.
- City of Stayton is having an issue with their auditor;
- Army Corp meeting regarding marinas to improve permitting process;
- Business grants coming up in October and expecting a lot of interest;
- Marion County School District Construction Excise Tax (SDC) has not been properly billed and would like Warren Jackson to attend the next Aurora Airport meeting to explain the process:
 - \$28,000 has been uncollected;
 - Needs to know who the property owners are and how much they owe before attending the meeting; and
 - Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) says the county is not liable for the money and the debt is the property owner's.

Commissioner Janet Carlson:

- Visited with Senator Merkley's staff from Washington D.C. who would like to know how they can assist with the Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative (MWHI);

- Affordable Housing Subcommittee of MWHI is currently researching land use regulations:
 - Accessory Dwelling Units fall under state law, but may have options when it comes to rural codes.
- An immigration and terrorism discussion occurred at last week's Public Safety Coordinating Council:
 - Seems to be an impasse between FBI and local law enforcement; and
 - Juvenile Department has not been reporting foreign born juveniles for over a year.
- Marion County Fair had a Volunteer Appreciation Night and it went great:
 - The fair this year was very well organized.
- Pay For Success project is wrapping up:
 - A work session will be set up to brief the commissioners;
 - Concept is to find funding for intensive in-home therapy to divert juveniles from Oregon Youth Authority (OYA);
 - Juvenile Department is already partnering with Catholic Community Services who use the Cavazos House to house Latino youth:
 - OYA pulled the contract once the resident number dropped to two and the facility was closed;
 - Now looking at the center for short-term residential placement for juvenile youth;
 - Juvenile Department would screen the youth;
 - Wrap around services would be provided; and
 - Funding could come from donors and also through legislature.
 - OYA has a tool that will say what type of placement services will mostly likely work for a youth in custody:
 - Marion County is the only county in Oregon not using the tool; and
 - Would like Faye Fagel to hold a work session to provide more information.
- A certificate signed by the board was sent to Scott's Mills for their 100 year anniversary.

Adjourned at 10:11 am

COMPLETED BY: **Sarra Sparks**

Reviewed by: Kristy Witherell