



Management Update Minutes

Monday, August 5, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Sam Brentano, and Colm Willis, Jane Vetto, Hitesh Parekh, Tom Rohlfing, Brian Nicholas, Kathleen Silva, Barb Young, Chad Ball, Jolene Kelley, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Kevin Cameron called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Introduction of New Emergency Manager Kathleen Silva

- Brian Nicholas, Kathleen Silva

Summary of presentation:

- Ms. Silva previously worked for Marion County from January 2016 through January 2018:
 - She was the emergency preparedness coordinator;
 - Left to pursue a job at Chemeketa Community College as the emergency and risk manager; and
 - She is very excited to be back working for the county.
- Storm Ready:
 - Program through the National Weather Service;
 - Helps with flood management;
 - The first city in Marion County to receive the Storm Ready certification was Aumsville;
 - In order to be Storm Ready certified, the city has to have a way to receive emergency alerts for natural disasters that the National Weather Service sends out:
 - Needs to have an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) in place that covers early warnings and notifications; and
 - Have an emergency operations center.
 - There will be a ceremony in Aumsville recognizing their Storm Ready certification:
 - They will receive signage and the entrances and exits of the city will state that they are a Storm Ready city.
- Resource Management:
 - Will present to the board the resources emergency management has at the Board of Commissioners Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) Tabletop Exercise on August 29th;

- Will conduct a resource management catalog and training meeting to get ready for the COOP exercise;
- Proposing to the board having a radio that would be in the office that can be used as a redundancy when all other communications fail:
 - Would be stationary; and
 - Dedicated channel for the commissioners for the ability to talk to the emergency operations center in the event of an emergency or disaster.
- The county is required to have an EOP that has been adopted in order to qualify for grants that fund the emergency management program:
 - So far, the county has not been denied grant funding.
- The EOP tells the community, county departments, and partners how the county will operate in an emergency:
 - Each natural disaster, threat, and hazard that happens in the county are addressed in the EOP;
 - It addresses who has the authority;
 - Outlines how the county activates the emergency operations center:
 - Where the centers are located.
- Public Works has a draft EOP, which was started in 2016:
 - It is out of date;
 - It would be better to do a rewrite on the EOP instead of an update; and
 - Ms. Silva identified several threats that were not identified in the previous EOP.
- Would like to schedule a work session in the fall:
 - Present at a board session in December to have the EOP formally approved.
- Will be working with all county departments, private sector, non-profit, and faith based partners to identify each of their roles in an emergency.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners are concerned with upcoming community events and the threat of an active shooter:
 - The Department of Homeland Security comes to the Oktoberfest pre-setup and identifies potential threats and hazards that can impact the event:
 - The event coordinators have borrowed a camera that they place above the festival that gives law enforcement a 360 degree view in order to monitor the crowd;
 - Public Works has their communications team from emergency management that work with their volunteers to help with medical issues that may arise:
 - The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) walks the grounds and conducts crowd observations.
 - There is a large law enforcement presence on the grounds during the festival.
- There are issues with radio towers around the county no longer being up to code:

- Strategy for bringing up the Sheriff's Office VHF radio update:
 - The update is a bit different than what was presented at a work session last November:
 - It focused on getting the radio pieces purchased and in place, but not the infrastructure that supports it:
 - Radios;
 - Towers;
 - The microwave backbone that rides on a system of towers:
 - There are seven towers in the network;
 - Marion County owns three of the towers; and
 - The county relies on the other four owners of the towers.
 - There are seven repeaters that are around the county.
 - The towers that support the antennas and microwave system do not meet code:
 - The county should not be placing public safety infrastructure on the towers.
 - The county will not be investing in the radio hardware purchase without making decisions on what to do about the infrastructure.
- Step one of the contract with the radio vendor is to do a comprehensive site reconnaissance of all 14 sites:
 - Seven tower sites; and
 - Seven repeater sites.
- Once step one phase is completed, Mr. Nicholas will present a more comprehensive plan of the cost to the board.
- Backup power for Wheatland Ferry is in the process of being designed:
 - Buena Vista Ferry platform is there, but a generator has not been purchased yet.

Discuss the Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation for a Fallen Hero Roadside Memorial Sign

- Brian Nicholas

Summary of presentation:

- Through a series of house bills, the legislature created the Fallen Heroes Program:
 - The program puts up signs along Oregon highways that recognize fallen service members.
- The first bill targeted three specific individuals:
 - The second bill targeted four specific individuals; and
 - House Bill 2389 was passed which broadened the bill and included anyone that has died in active duty.
- The program is ran by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and applies to the state highway systems;
- Their coordinator received an application for a young man that was killed in the line of duty, Nickolaus Gossack:

- Did not realize that Oregon 213 is a county maintained road with a state designator; and
- The coordinator promised the sign to the family on Oregon 213, which is actually Silverton Road.
- The county is proposing to allow the request;
- The county will enter into an agreement with ODOT:
 - Will install and maintain the sign under ODOT's program, but will be in the county's right-of-way; and
 - The sign stays up for only as long as it is serviceable, which is 30 years.
- The county may get more requests for memorial signs in the future.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners approve allowing the memorial sign on Silverton Road.

COMMUNICATIONS

Update

- Jolene Kelley

- Ms. Kelley gave a brief update of upcoming scheduled events and communications activities.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATE:

Sam Brentano:

- Attended the Willamette Work Force Meeting;
- There was a missed opportunity with federal funding of infrastructures that would have funded more than 50 percent of the third bridge in Salem; and
- The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has made all fish reporting and deer hunting electronic:
 - It affects the older population that does not have smart phones.

Kevin Cameron:

- Attended the canyon tour with Congressman Schrader's Office.

Colm Willis:

- Attended the canyon tour with Congressman Schrader's Office;
- Signed the Memorandum of Understanding with PacificSource as the new Coordinated Care Organization:
 - Working on negotiating a provider contract.
- Attended the Building Strong Families, Resilient Communities & Education Call to Action Conference in Keizer.

OTHER

Summary of presentation:

- The Sheriff's Office is applying for the 2019-21 Justice Reinvestment Grant Initiative;
- One of the requirements is that the council include letters of support with their application;

- Letters are required to be submitted for consideration of the supplemental grant from the following:
 - Circuit court judge;
 - Public Safety Council Chair;
 - Board of Commissioners;
 - Sheriff's Office; and
 - Community Corrections Director.
- The commissioners signed the letter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**

Reviewed by: *Joanna Ritchie*