



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# Management Update Minutes

**Monday, August 19, 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, Jan Fritz, Bruce Armstrong, Katrina Rothenberger, Brian Nicholas, Lani Radtke, David Jensen, Lisa Trauernicht, Chad Ball, Jolene Kelley, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

## GUESTS:

Danna Drum, Oregon Health Authority

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **Review Marion County Health & Human Services Public Health Division 2019 Triennial Review Results**

- Katrina Rothenberger, Danna Drum

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

- The review is every three years, but the last review was in January 2018:
  - Oregon Health Authority adjusted the schedule to be able to be more strategic geographically:
    - Better use of state resources; and
    - Staff time.
- There are two primary agreements that are looked at when conducting the triennial review:
  - Intergovernmental agreement for public health services:
    - Primary way to pass funding onto local public health authorities for public health work.
  - Environmental Health intergovernmental agreement:
    - County collects fees and performs the work; and
    - Portion of the fees are remitted to the state, per statute.
- The review ensures compliance with state and federal requirements, as well as contractual requirements related to public health funding;
- The review is an opportunity to identify strengths, as well as an opportunity for improvements;
- The county had an excellent review;
- Areas of strength:
  - Strong public health leadership team;
  - Continued work on reaccreditation:
    - First public health authority in the state to be accredited.

- Commitment and focus in continuous quality improvement using data to drive decision making;
- Systems in place to support surge capacity;
- Strong community partnerships;
- Leader in implementing best practice recommendations;
- Excellent responses to communicable diseases:
  - Timeliness with contact and outbreak investigations.
- There are 192 water systems Health and Human Services supervises:
  - Supported services during the cyanotoxins in the drinking water incident in 2018, which helped identify gaps in planning and operations in emergency preparedness.
- Better at targeting outreach for individuals with HIV;
- Maintains a high level of immunization coverage for the citizens of the county;
- Quality improvement in working with public and private health providers;
- A lot of good thinking and practice around using staff skills and times for case investigations for the Sexually Transmitted Disease Program;
- Tobacco Prevention and Education Program has had a strong partnership with other jurisdictions for tobacco prevention and cessation resources;
- In 2018, the county experienced a large increase in cases of tuberculosis, which resulted in a large contact investigation:
  - Staff was highly proficient with tuberculosis management.
- Vital Records has long-standing staff with a lot of experience, which allows orders to be fulfilled in one-day.
- Areas of improvement:
  - Environmental Health:
    - Travelers accommodations:
      - Needs to be inspected every two years:
        - Marion County has a policy to inspect twice a year, which was not met; and
        - Marion County has changed the policy to inspect once a year.
  - Immunizations:
    - There were a few standing orders that have not been updated:
      - Have since been updated.
- The Communicable Disease Task Force has done a lot of great work improving adequate treatment for gonorrhea across the health system:
  - Improved screening; and
  - Increased focus on HPV vaccinations.
- Health and Human Services represents the county well in serving the community.

## McKay/Yergen/Ehlen Road Corridor Traffic Control Enhancements Update

- Brian Nicholas, David Jensen

### **Summary of presentation:**

- The corridor goes from OR-219 to the City of Aurora;
- The county has increased their attention to the corridor;
- In the recent legislative session, a bill was passed to establish a program administered by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) that intends to produce a county-level safety corridor program;
- The process will take two to three years to establish;
- The county has upgraded the signage on the road with larger, more reflective signs;
- Centerline rumble strips have been installed;
- Intersection improvement:
  - Old stop signs have been replaced with larger, more reflective signs;
  - Large, highly reflective "Stop Ahead" signs have been installed; and
  - Flashing beacons have been ordered and will be maintained.
- Advance intersection warning signs have been upsized using highly reflective sign stock;
- The road will have the appearance of a well-cared for corridor when the improvements are finished:
  - Encourages drivers to change their driving behavior.
- Enhancements:
  - Will be adding 10 new speed signs that will be highly reflective;
  - Installing an eight-inch wide fog line;
  - Decreasing the length of the road where passing is permissible;
  - Installing street lights at intersections; and
  - The whole corridor will be reflectorized on all guardrails and curves to help navigate the road at night.
- Long-term Capital Projects:
  - Donald Road Intersection is the county's first priority:
    - Troublesome intersection;
    - Will get rid of skewed intersection and install a "High-T" intersection; and
    - Will improve sight distance.
  - Butteville Road Intersection:
    - Advanced warning signs have been installed at the intersection, including rumble strips;
    - The county has recently started their consultant selection to do the design on the remainder of the project:
      - Will put advanced warnings on McKay Road:
        - Will tell drivers that are on the through roads when traffic is approaching at the stop signs on the side streets; and
        - ODOT gave 100 percent of the funding to install the advanced warning.
    - Added turn pockets for Olmstead, Case, Arbor Grove, and French Prairie Road Intersections to the 10-year Capital Improvement Projects (CIP);

- Adding slow vehicle turnouts in the 10-year CIP;
- ODOT has added shoulder rumble strips to their All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) Program:
  - The county will solicit funding to add shoulder rumble strips to the corridor; and
  - Marion County will be the pilot program and ODOT will report back to the legislature to secure more funding for the program.

***Board discussion:***

- The funding comes from projects that were approved, but not executed because of staffing issues;
- The commissioners would like to have a press release on what the county is proposing with the safety corridor;
- ODOT is proceeding with an improvement project on Ehlen Road and OR-551;
- The Sheriff's Office is very supportive of the proposed changes;
- Most of the violations on the road happen from the City of Donald going west;
- Public Works will be adding speed feedback signs to the corridor; and
- Mr. Nicholas introduced the new county engineer, Lani Radtke, to the commissioners.

**Discuss Creating a Marion County Housing Initiative Website**

- Lisa Trauernicht

***Summary of presentation:***

- Commissioner Willis and Ms. Trauernicht are interested in creating a webpage within the county's website that would have information about meetings and different topics of interest around the housing initiative;
- There have been several meetings with a variety of community people, non-profits, developers, investors, and internal employees:
  - It would be a good idea to have a webpage of meeting information for people to go to.
- The Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative webpage is still up:
  - All of the information was transferred to the Mid-Willamette Council of Governments when the position was developed:
    - A possibility is to get rid of that webpage and create the Marion County Housing Initiative.
- The Marion County Housing Initiative is still in the meeting process:
  - Next meeting is September 16, 2019, with local non-profits that have housing opportunities for homeless populations, or people at risk of homelessness.
- Have been laying a foundation of a variety of people who are interested in this topic to get their input;
- Cities within Marion County are ramping up their development of housing:
  - Woodburn; and
  - Gervais approved 62 new units.

- The county wants to make sure they are communicating with the public, and the webpage would allow the information to be accessed easily and centrally located.

***Board discussion:***

- The commissioners would like Commissioner Carlson to be notified before the Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative webpage is taken down.

COMMUNICATIONS

**Update**

- Jolene Kelley

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

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATE:

Colm Willis:

- The contract for the new Coordinated Care Organization is close to being completed:
  - Will come to Board Session on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Kevin Cameron:

- Attended the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) Board Retreat:
  - A recommendation came forth that in order to move forward, dues need to be raised.
- Received an email stating that the Detroit Lake Marina Excavation Project did not submit an official application:
  - Will be having a conference call this afternoon;
  - Ms. Young stated that the deadline to submit the application was missed, but if there are updates to the plan, it can be resubmitted; and
  - Commissioner Cameron would like to bring this project up when he travels to Washington D.C. to find additional funding.

Sam Brentano:

- Heading to the City of Florence to attend the Coastal Caucus on Wednesday, August 21-22, 2019.

OTHER

Chad Ball:

- Commissioner Brentano had a series of questions that Mr. Ball researched for him:
  - Forest Service Road 410 will be closed and the U.S. Forest Service will give the Sheriff's Office a key for access:
    - Commissioner Brentano has concerns of having the road closed;
    - It is a Linn County road;
    - Commissioner Brentano believes that the board should be opposed to any permanent road closures;
    - It is not a supervised road; and

- It has been vandalized in the past:
    - Drug use activity.
- The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) delisted the Marbled Murrelet bird from the endangered species list for Oregon:
  - Was challenged by an environmental group;
  - The judge came back and stated that ODFW did not go through the proper channels to delist the bird;
  - The bird nests 0-60 miles inland from the ocean;
  - Environmentalists use the bird being on the endangered species list as a method to prohibit logging;
  - The Marbled Murrelet's numbers are rising; and
  - The logging will not affect Marion County, but will affect other counties in the state.
- Commissioner Brentano is interested in looking into preventing mobile home parks from closing:
  - Mobile home owners typically owe more on their home than it is worth;
  - The majority of home owners are the older population;
  - It is in the public's best interest to keep the mobile home parks open;
  - Mr. Ball researched what avenues the county can go through to keep the parks open:
    - The state passed ORS 90.660:
      - No local government can put any tenant protections in place for mobile home parks after 2007; and
      - Portland was able to get around that law by creating mobile home park zones under land use.
    - Incentivize the property by requiring less property tax;
    - There isn't a lot that can be done at this time;
    - It would be difficult to create a mobile home park in Marion County with the limited land that is available; and
    - A mobile home park was recently sold to a developer within the City of Salem:
      - Unsure of what is going to happen to the park.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**  
 Reviewed by: *Joanna Ritchie*