



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# Management Update Minutes

**Monday, July 27, 2020, 9:00 a.m.**

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem  
5th Floor, Suite 5231, Commissioners Boardroom

## ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Colm Willis, Sam Brentano, and Kevin Cameron, Jane Vetto, Tamra Goettsch, Brian Nicholas, Colleen Coons-Chaffins, Lani Radtke, Matt Knudsen, Jason Schneider, Janelle Shanahan, Danielle Gonzalez, Larry Tillford, Barb Young, Chad Ball, Lisa Trauernicht, Jolene Kelley, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Sam Brentano called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **Discuss East Salem Service District Vegetation Management Project**

- Matt Knudsen

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

- In the past, Public Works worked with the Sheriff's Office inmate work crews and the Juvenile work crew to complete vegetation management along 11 miles of the East Salem Service District ditches and channels;
- Helps mitigate flood and fire prevention;
- Due to COVID-19, Public Works will need to bring in contractors to complete the work; and
- Public Works will be advertising on the Next Door app next week to advise the area that the work will be done.

### **Project Apofiki Strategic Investment Program Update**

- Jason Schneider

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

- This is a follow-up from last month's work session;
- This is a potential \$79 million investment in the Woodburn community that would bring in 1,200 jobs at \$40,000 a year average salary;
- The business that is represented by Business Oregon and Apofiki has expressed interest in a strategic investment program, which would be a tax abatement over 15 years:
  - The total taxes accumulated over 15 years would be \$17 million; and
  - They asked for an abatement of giving only \$5.8 million over 15 years, with an additional \$3.5 million in community service fees.
- The next step is an ad hoc piece:
  - The business is interested in the area; and
  - It is now up to the county to have the conversation of having the business in the area.

- Staff is asking for a letter of support from the board written to Business Oregon that would be passed onto the business so conversations can continue on a more formal level.

***Board discussion:***

- Two of the commissioners are willing to sign the letter of support; and
- Mr. Schneider will work with Ms. Young to draft the joint letter.

**Discuss Marion County Leasing Policies and Procedures**

- Colleen Coons-Chaffins, Larry Tillford

***Summary of presentation:***

- This policy and procedure has been discussed for quite a long time;
- Last time Mr. Tillford came before the board, he did not provide sufficient paperwork to help the board make an informed decision;
- Staff would like to bring this policy and procedure to Board Session this Wednesday;
- The procedure has been updated:
  - The following section has been deleted:
    - Religious organizations, political parties, relating action committees, and lobbying organizations are prohibited from leasing or renting Marion County real property.

**Public Works Update**

- Lani Radtke, Janelle Shanahan

***Summary of presentation:***

- In 2005, the Transportation Study Plan (TSP) was adopted;
- The county is overdue for a new plan;
- In 2013, there were some efforts made to update the TSP, but they did not get completed or adopted;
- Public Works has been trying to apply for other Transportation Growth Management (TGM) Grants, but have been unsuccessful because the TSP is so out of date:
  - Lacking pedestrian and bicycle systems; and
  - It would be helpful information in order to be a strong candidate for grant funding in the future.
- The TGM goal for Public Works is to provide transportation choices:
  - To keep a balanced, safe interconnected system throughout the whole county; and
  - Providing movement of goods and services, along with safe and convenient walking and bicycle opportunities.
- Public Works believes that the best way to move ahead with getting any type of grant funding for a TSP update would be to increase the bicycle and pedestrian plan;
- The last bicycle plan was from 1998;
- There are 11 cities in Marion County that have concerns with their downtown multimodal transportation issues;

- Staff is asking for the board's approval to apply for a grant to help prepare for the bicycle and pedestrian plan so that the Public Works can get to the place where the board can give priorities them for the plan;
- McKay Road:
  - The Safety Corridor designation has been approved;
  - Helps take a four 'E' approach to safety:
    - Enforcement;
    - Education;
    - Engineering; and
    - Emergency Services.
  - The following upgrades have occurred on that stretch of road:
    - Signage;
    - Striping;
    - Rumble strips;
    - Vegetation management; and
    - Heavy enforcement.
  - There will be a speed zone study done soon.
- I-5/Donald Interchange:
  - ODOT submitted the IM to renew;
  - In the past, when ODOT has done an IM for a new interchange or interchange update, the county has adopted it as an addendum to the TSP; and
  - This will be before the board for adoption at a future Board Session in October.

***Board discussion:***

- The commissioners suggested looking into constructing biking/walking paths for connectivity that is completely separate from roads;
- Smaller towns do not have sidewalks in their downtown area;
- Public Works would be interested in pursuing the idea of having biking/walking paths, but the first step would be having an adopted bicycle and pedestrian plan, which would open up opportunities for grants;
- Ms. Young has a letter of support drafted for the commissioners signature; and
- The grant is due at the end of this week.

**COVID-19 Update:**

***Summary of presentation:***

- Community Services:
  - Due to the more than \$850,000 in business development grants distributed, the county partnered with Yamhill and Polk Counties in drafting a grant proposal to Business Oregon;
  - Marion County drafted the grant proposal:
    - Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments applied, and Willamette Workforce Partnership is managing the grant;
    - Business Oregon has released funding in three tranches; and
    - Received \$707,000 in funding for the program.

OTHER:

Jason Schneider:

- The Community Development Block Grant:
  - Northwest Alpine has not been able to come through on a business plan that gives the county confidence in their ability to move forward; and
  - This issue was noticed as a public hearing at Board Session:
    - It will be on the consent agenda to close the public hearing with no action.

Danielle Gonzalez:

- Received notice that Zply Fiber received a \$627,300 grant to fully build out a fiber network in Detroit and Idanha;
- Based on the number of households in that area of 447, the economic impact over 20 years will be \$12.9 million;
- Marion County has no work involved in the implementation of fiber;
- The work must be done by the end of 2020;
- The fiber will need to be ran up Highway 22;
- Zply Fiber will dig micro-trenches to bury the lines, which are only six inches deep; and
- There is still an outstanding grant application with Oregon Emergency Management for consumer power:
  - They are looking at digging power lines right between the Federal Park and downtown Detroit.

Jane Vetto:

- Lottery Fund Workgroup:
  - Participated in the call with other county counsels and they decided that before any action was to take place the group would write a letter to the Department of Administrative Services to ask where the lottery dollars went that was supposed to be distributed to counties:
    - They are asking for the accounting of the funds.

Tamra Goettsch:

- Virtual County Fair was very successful:
  - Last year's fair auction raised more than \$600,000:
    - This year the kids raised more than \$400,000.
  - Each participant submitted a 90 second showing of their animals to be judged.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**

Reviewed by: *Joanna Ritchie*