



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Monday, October 26, 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, Brian Nicholas, Scott Norris, Brandon Reich, Chris Trussell, Barb Young, Lisa Trauernicht, Jolene Kelley, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

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

INFORMATIONAL:

Wildfire Building Fee Waiver Discussion

- Brandon Reich, Chris Trussell

Summary of presentation:

- The board passed a resolution that directed Building Codes Division to waive building permit and septic permit fees for primary dwellings that were damaged by fires;
- The authority to waive fees already exists in the Marion County Code;
- Building Codes intends to be generous with the fee waivers and refunds;
- Public Works created an affidavit that homeowners will need to fill out to show that the home is their primary dwelling;
- Mr. Reich will update the board every month explaining permitting activity in the canyon;
- Mr. Reich and Mr. Trussell will come to Management Update every quarter to present fiscal impacts of the fee waivers, as well as the summary of the building permits;
- Mr. Nicholas will provide an estimate of how many properties will need to be cleaned up to the board by the end of next week:
 - The information will be listed by primary versus secondary homes.
- Properties that are in the process of a sale would qualify for a fee waiver;
- Some people do not have insurance and cannot afford to rebuild:
 - They may sell their property to move elsewhere; and
 - A person can buy that property and get the benefit of the fee waivers.

Board discussion:

- Appeals would go to the Public Works Director for review;
- The commissioners want the benefit to go to the people that lost their primary homes;
- The purpose of this waiver is to benefit the survivors of the fire, not people that want to move to the canyon to build a new home; and

- Ms. Fritz would like this program to cost no more than \$1.2 million.

BEACHIE CREEK FIRE UPDATE:

- Working with Coffin Butte to take fire debris from properties that are clearing their own land:
 - Working with Pacific Sanitation;
 - The county does not have rates set to go to Coffin Butte for disposal;
 - Based on travel time and time and effort, Pacific Sanitation calculated rates:
 - The county brought in a third party consultant for a cost of services analysis;
 - Developed temporary rates to move forward; and
 - Pacific Sanitation is reviewing the rates.
 - Legal Counsel is helping with this matter:
 - There is a provision in the Marion County Code that allows the Public Works Director to set an interim rate, which can last for up to six months before it needs to come before the board for approval as a permanent rate; and
 - The intent of this issue is just for the fire debris.
 - Will dump the debris in a segregated area on the backside of Coffin Butte;
 - It will cost approximately \$5,000 per household for disposal of their property;
 - Working with Republic and the franchise haulers to get addresses of FEMA cleanup sites, contract cleanup sites, and sites that aren't being cleaned up; and
 - Once Pacific Sanitation turns in their final proposed rate sheet, Public Works will forward it to the board before they enact the interim rates.

COVID UPDATE:

- There were 38 positive tests today; and
- The commissioners are concerned that the governor will shut down the county again.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

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