



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# Management Update Minutes

**Monday, February 22, 2021, 9:00 a.m.**

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

## ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Danielle Bethell, and Colm Willis, Laurie Steele, Jan Fritz, Jane Vetto, Jeff White, Tamra Goettsch, Brian Nicholas, Ryan Matthews, Scott Norris, Cydney Nestor, Jason Dearing, Brian May, Camber Schlag, John Carlson, Chad Ball, Barb Young, Lisa Trauernicht, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

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

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **Review of Iris Telehealth**

- Cydney Nestor

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

- Prior to March 17, 2020, Health and Human Services (HHS) did not provide telehealth services;
- This is specifically for psychiatric services;
- HHS currently contracts with 12 prescribers of nurse practitioners and psychiatrists;
- HHS contracts with Iris Telehealth and they employ prescribers that would work for HHS and meet the needs of the patients;
- Ms. Nestor is interested in creating a hybrid program, which HHS continues to contract with their own prescribers that continue to provide the in office direct face-to-face work, but also provide the telehealth option; and
- Wanting to contract with a bilingual psychiatrist for the Woodburn area that can provide telehealth services and in office services.

#### ***Board discussion:***

- This is another option for mental health services:
  - HHS will still offer in office care.

### **Discuss Writ of Assistance for Property on Duchess Ct. NE**

- John Carlson, Camber Schlag, Jeff White

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

- This property has been vacant for the last four years since the property owner passed away;
- There have been people in and out of the house through the years;
- There are a lot of broken windows;
- The back door is broken and ajar;

- The neighbors will call the police if they see people squatting in the house, which will scare them away;
- On January 21, 2021, the Finance Department took possession of the deed through tax foreclosure;
- On January 25, 2021, Mr. Carlson conducted a site visit with Risk Management to assess the safety of the home;
- On January 27, 2021, Mr. Carlson requested a writ of assistance;
- On February 3, 2021, Mr. Carlson received calls from the adjacent neighbors stating that a couple had been coming to the home multiple times to what looked like they were moving in;
- On February 14, 2021, Mr. Carlson received a call from Salem Police and Fire that there was a fire at the home:
  - A gasoline and generator fire was started in the garage.
- On February 16, 2021, Mr. Carlson visited the property with Code Enforcement to deliver a letter to the potential occupants explaining that the home was owned by Marion County and possession of the home would be taken on February 24, 2021;
- The couple living at the home stated that they are friends with the deceased owner's son that no one has been able to locate:
  - They were attempting to purchase the home from him.
- On February 19, 2021, Mr. Carlson received a call from the couple living in the home stating they could not find any legal paperwork for the establishment:
  - They could not find the previous owner's son; and
  - They claim that they have made significant improvements to the property and would like to keep the house.
- On February 21, 2021, Mr. Carlson received a call that there was abnormal activity:
  - Many people coming in and out of the house until 3:30 a.m.
- Staff is looking for board direction; and
- The writ of assistance is scheduled for February 24, 2021:
  - Code Enforcement will be escorting the couple off of the property;
  - The locks are scheduled to be changed;
  - Board up the windows; and
  - Prepare the home for auction.

***Board discussion:***

- The next scheduled auction has been delayed due to scheduling an upcoming work session on foreclosed properties procedures;
- The commissioners would like a list of all foreclosed properties in Marion County; and
- The commissioners agree in moving forward with the writ of assistance.

**ICE STORM UPDATE:**

**Brian Nicholas:**

- As of 7:00 a.m., PGE is reporting 8,316 customers without power in Marion County;

- Salem Electric is stating that one customer is without power;
- Pacific Power is not reporting any remaining outages in Marion County, which Public Works believes is inaccurate;
- Road crews out cleaning up:
  - Public Works set up five debris drop off sites around the county:
    - North Marion Transfer Station;
    - The ponds up in North County;
    - Aumsville Shops;
    - MacLeay landfill; and
    - Salem-Keizer Transfer Station.
- Working with National Guard, along with the Sheriff's Office to do welfare checks;
- There will be a media opportunity with LT. Landers and the National Guard;
- On Saturday, Mr. Nicholas requested through the state for Team Rubicon and in certain scenarios they can deploy at no cost:
  - There is a process;
  - Requested a meeting with their leadership for today, but have not heard back yet;
  - The mission that the county is visualizing is helping get the cities cleaned up:
    - Debris out of the roads and out of yards.
  - It may take up to a week of conversation in order to determine if they will help or not.

#### Danielle Bethell

- There is a mobile home park in Woodburn that was hit hard by the ice storm:
  - Public Works has set up portable bathrooms in the area and propane;
  - Commissioner Bethell contacted leaders in the community to help with temporary placement for some residents in farmworker housing;
  - The parks electricity was restored last night:
    - They need their meters connected to their homes.
  - Ms. Trauernicht will help with getting the residents services; and
  - There is no water going to the park:
    - The United Way has been giving food boxes to the residents with bottled water; and
    - Community Action Agency has sent up their mobile shower units.

#### Brian May:

- The North Marion Transfer Station had 90 customers on Saturday;
- There are 18 different debris drop off sites throughout the county:
  - The county has been coordinating with the cities and franchise haulers to provide additional assistance; and
  - Woodburn sites are full.
- A lot of volume coming through Salem Keizer Transfer Station:
  - More than 1,000 customers last week.
- St. Paul will be going door-to-door to do collection sites;
- Cities are planning on keeping drop off locations open through this Friday;

- The little cities are working at an as needed basis; and
- The commissioners would like to have the drop off sites open through the weekend.
- The leaves contaminate the hog fuel market, which is why Freres is not interested in the debris.

#### BEACHIE CREEK FIRE UPDATE:

##### Tamra Goettsch:

- MASTT:
  - Have completed 117 interviews;
  - There are 54 families that have been housed:
    - 36 have been housed through SIT;
    - The rest have been housed through MASTT; and
    - There are 49 left in community that need to be interviewed.
  - In the next two weeks, Ms. Goettsch believes that the MASTT process will be closed and will go into disaster case management;
  - Housing is a huge issue; and
  - Ms. Goettsch is trying to be an advocate to funnel as many people through FEMA as possible to make them be considered for housing.

#### COVID-19 UPDATE:

##### Chad Ball:

- The vaccine allocations were delayed last week;
- The vaccines were shipped out over the weekend, so there will be a double shipment this week;
- The call center should go live tomorrow, which will be available to help people sign up for vaccinations; and
- Will get the information out to the public when it is available.

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

##### Barb Young:

- Tonight, Commissioner Cameron will testify before Representative Clem's Wildfire Recovery Committee:
  - Wednesday, elected officials will testify.
- SB 465 – Non-Conforming Use bill:
  - Wednesday, Commissioner Cameron is signed up to testify on this bill.
- SB 464:
  - Working on amendments for the bill;
  - Assessor Rohlfing and Nate Coombs have been instrumental in getting the amendments completed;
  - Will be ready to head to Legislative Council this week to get the amendments officially drafted:
    - Will be ready by early March for another work session or public hearing on the bill.

- Public Safety Coordinating Council Luncheon with the Legislative Delegation is tomorrow:
  - They will talk about public safety issues.
- SB 554 – Gun bill that will allow local governments, airports, and school districts to adopt local ordinances against people carrying concealed:
  - The commissioners would like to submit a letter of opposition on this bill.
- The Sit/Lie bill has a public hearing tomorrow;
- SB 254 – Immunization bill:
  - A letter has been drafted and will be signed by the commissioners in opposition.

COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATES:

Kevin Cameron:

- Jody Christensen and Commissioner Cameron are trying to coordinate a meeting between City of Detroit, other state agencies, and project consultants to get water into the city:
  - May need a project coordinator to watch over the consultants.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**

*Reviewed by:* *Melissa Rounds*