



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# Management Update Minutes

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**Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

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

*Audio Issues- Meeting already in progress at start of recording.*

## ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Danielle Bethell, and Colm Willis, Jan Fritz, Laurie Steele, Jane Vetto, Brian Nicholas, Tamra Goettsch, Lani Radtke, Kent Inman, Max Hepburn, Robert Manier, Chad Ball, Matt Lawyer, Jessica Stanton, Jolene Kelley, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **Review Proposed Connection of New City Roadway to Culver Drive SE**

- Lani Radtke, Max Hepburn

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

- The 2021 map is part of a Comprehensive Plan Map amendment that the city submitted;
- In 2009, the connection was already proposed and improved;
- In the 2021 plat there is a phase one;
- The southern side is property owned by Amazon;
- The city is trying to sell certain lots as conservation areas;
- Would require improvements to the frontage as an urban area;
- Asking to improve Culver Road;
  - Only 4,200-foot road;
- Would allow alternative frontage improvement to accommodate traffic;
- Entertaining non-standard usage that will serve the public;
- Neighbors living across the street from the property have complaints;
- Gaffin Road was not improved:
  - Established a development district; and
  - The only requirement was urban frontage.
- In lieu of having city gutters and bicycle lanes, improvements will be made to the pavement;
- A Transportation Impact Analysis (TIA) from the city was obtained;
- The higher area has since been developed;
- The wetlands have been developed;
- The city made other assumptions the county did not agree with;
- Would not make a traffic impact on Culver Drive;

- The city would pay the county for improvements on Cordon Road and State Street; and
- Culver Road has been carrying a lot of traffic.

*Start of recording.*

**Board discussion:**

- Waiting on an updated traffic impact amendment;
- The funding for the improvements are from land sales:
  - No existing revenue sources.
- The city is moving forward with their project, and would like approval from the county:
  - They are trying to sell the parcels based on two potential access routes;
  - Gaia Street is within city limits; and
  - The county has control over Culver Drive:
    - The county could deny a new connection.
- The complaints from citizens are in regards to adding traffic on Culver Drive;
- Commission Willis does not agree with extending Gaia Street, except for emergency services access only;
- Commissioner Bethell would like to visit the property; and
- The commissioners would like to discuss this further at a future management update meeting:
  - Would like the traffic impact amendment completed and available; and
  - A list of potential commercial buyers.

**Ice Storm/Wildfires/COVID-19 Update**

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**Summary of presentation:**

Tamra Goettsch:

- Disaster case managers are working:
  - Looking for a trailer to house staff; and
  - Training new staff.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is returning August 13<sup>th</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>; and
- The Service Integration Team (SIT) has 25-35 cases that are not being resolved due to FEMA receiving blurry documents.

Brian Nicholas:

- K & E Excavating finished all the work from their first work order;
- The second work order is in the North Fork area:
  - 11 residential properties:
    - Have notified the Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) that none of these properties have applied for any permits.
- Reminded K & E to communicate timeline with the public;
- Meetings with FEMA:
  - All Category A and B information is submitted:

- Working on answering FEMA's questions and providing requested supplemental information; and
    - The goal is to have FEMA's approval by the end of the month.
  - Category C:
    - FEMA did not like the methodology used for the cost estimates; and
    - FEMA is going to provide the estimates.
  - Provided FEMA with information on the Halls Ridge radio site:
    - Asking FEMA for funding to replace outdated radio equipment:
      - New components that had to be replaced due to the wildfire are not compatible with remaining outdated components that were not damaged.
  - Update on the potential use of fire sirens:
    - Submitted a letter of intent for a Hazard Mitigation Grant for evacuation planning:
      - The purchase of communication equipment is forbidden under the grant program;
      - Asked for Advanced Assistance:
        - If approved, would receive help with the following:
          - Scope of project;
          - Systems and technologies that could be used for the supplemental communication system; and
          - How to get the project funded.
      - The grant application is due November 4, 2021.
- Fire siren issues:
  - Good as backup, not as primary communication system:
    - Everbridge is intended to be the primary communication system.
  - Gaps in coverage;
  - Expensive;
  - Has to be maintained; and
  - There are currently siren systems in use for other purposes.
- Need a primary and two alternate forms of communication:
  - Everbridge does not work for everyone; and
  - Want a high level of confidence that between all three communication methods everyone will be reached.
- Scotts Mills Work Group:
  - A lot of good information was collected on what individuals want to see from the park:
    - Some items are compatible with the dam remaining, and some are compatible with the dam being removed; and
    - A lot of items are independent of the dam.

Matt Lawyer:

- Some of the 11 property owners mentioned above are working directly with SIT:

- 4 families have septic inspections scheduled and house plans have been chosen; and
- Trying to connect with the remaining families.
- SIT is not communicating with the LTRG.

Kevin Cameron:

- Vaccines are working;
- The majority of individuals hospitalized for COVID symptoms are not vaccinated; and
- Individuals hospitalized for COVID symptoms that are vaccinated usually have underlying conditions.

COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATES:

Kevin Cameron:

- Attended the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council meeting last week:
  - The City of Salem's police audit was presented.
- Janet Carlson gave feedback on the homeless initiative; and
- Working with NW Natural to get the costs associated with them potentially increasing the available natural gas in the canyon.

Colm Willis:

- Scotts Mills Work Group:
  - Some attendees gave negative feedback:
    - Felt only ideas related to the dam removal were being collected.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Young**  
 Reviewed by: *Melissa Rounds*