



Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Danielle Bethell, Kevin Cameron, and Colm Willis, Jan Fritz, Jessica Stanton, Chad Ball, Tamra Goettsch, Jane Vetto, Brian Nicholas, Kent Inman, Dakota Tangredi, Tom Kissinger, Rachel VanWoert, Justin Ford, Michael White, Rex Weisner, Tom Rohlfling, Tim Glisson, Scott McClure, Brian May, Jolene Kelley, Katrina Rothenberger, Kathleen Silva, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

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

INFORMATIONAL:

Review Food Waste Reduction Grant and Discuss Upcoming Materials Management Grant

- Rachel VanWoert, Tom Kissinger

Summary of presentation:

- During Fiscal Year 2020-21 Marion County and EarthWISE conducted a pilot food waste reduction grant:
 - \$10,000 grants were given to five Marion County restaurant industry businesses for food waste reduction:
 - They each had unique projects they worked on; and
 - They participated in classes, audits, other reduction programs, and EarthWISE certification.
 - There is a lot of food waste in commercial garbage;
 - The program ended on June 30, 2021 and was very successful:
 - Food waste audits work.
 - The participating restaurants saw significant cost savings when their food waste was reduced;
 - The following restaurants participated:
 - Mount Angel Abbey;
 - El Mercadito in Woodburn;
 - The Silver Inn;
 - The Manila Fiesta; and
 - Taproot Lounge & Cafe.
- Upcoming Materials Management Grant:
 - Restaurants and other businesses want help with packaging and materials management;
 - Will be following the Department of Environmental Quality Materials Management Grant criteria;

- Applicants can present a project and project costs:
 - What are their reduction goals.
- The program will be starting in September.

Discuss a Proposed Dedication of a One Foot Reserve Strip Located at 4560 Center Street NE, Salem

- Kent Inman

Summary of presentation:

- Public Works received this request from Jensen Development;
- The county acquired the reserve strip in 1968;
- The city annexed the property to the north of the reserve strip in 2011:
 - There is a development plan for the property:
 - Conditions for approval from the city include connectivity from the new subdivision south to 46th Avenue:
 - Currently this condition cannot be met because the county owns the one-foot reserve strip.
- Public Works recommends that the one-foot reserve strip is dedicated to the public through a Deed of Dedication, making it a part of 46th Avenue:
 - The commissioners agree.

Senate Bill 464 Implementation

- Tom Rohlifing, Rex Weisner, and Adam Crateau

Summary of presentation:

- Changes have been made to the boundary map as directed by the board;
- The commissioners would like clarification for one area of the new map;
- There are 3,599 properties located within the boundary;
- Property owners will need to fill out an application; and
- The commissioners would like confirmation that the bill has been signed by the governor.

Review Final CDBG Consolidated Plan and Citizen Participation Plan to be Submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- Tim Glisson

Summary of presentation:

- On the agenda for approval at tomorrow’s board meeting; and
- Deadline to submit to HUD is August 16, 2021.

Ice Storm/Wildfires/COVID-19 Update

-All

Summary of presentation:

Brian Nicholas:

- K & E Excavating is completing work quickly;
- The county is receiving complimentary emails regarding the work being done;
- Reminded the Oregon Department of Transportation that communication with the public is very important;
- Christian Action Ministries, the Service Integration Team (SIT), and Public Works are meeting this week; and

- Met with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) yesterday to review all the Public Assistance projects:
 - Category A:
 - All costs are incurred and FEMA is ready to review the package.
 - Category B:
 - FEMA is waiting on a cost estimate for the Erosion Threat Assessment/Reduction Team project.
 - Category C:
 - The county is answering FEMA's questions on some of these projects.

Danielle Bethell:

- Met with Ron Evans in Gates regarding housing on his property;
- 200 volunteers have been scheduled on September 11th to work on cleaning up North Santiam State Park;
- Looking at four acres of bare land in Mill City that is for sale:
 - The property is being evaluated; and
 - Mill City's mayor will be seeking support from the Mill City City Council for the plan that has been submitted.
- Working on determining the number of cabins and tiny homes that need to be purchased; and
- There is a temporary RV park in Mill City alongside the highway that has become a problem:
 - Eleven families;
 - There are challenges with the families who are staying there:
 - Making no effort to find other housing; and
 - Not properly maintaining the property.
 - The county is going to coordinate with SIT to make sure all of the families are being helped with finding new housing:
 - If a family does not want to work with SIT they have to vacate the RV park.

Tamra Goettsch:

- There is a FEMA engagement event August 13th through August 16th:
 - SIT is identifying individuals who have been having challenges with their claims.
- The number of new cases at SIT is slowing down; and
- Spoke with SIT regarding the role of the county and the role of SIT during this phase of the rebuilding process.

Kathleen Silva:

- Governor's press release:
 - There are no counties mentioned in the executive order, addressing issues statewide;
 - One of the purposes of the executive order is to activate state resources; and
 - Addressed price gouging for water and other heat related supplies and equipment.

- Marion County Emergency Management is in an enhanced state of ready:
 - Monitoring heat advisories issued by the National Weather Service;
 - Working with cities and county partners to see what they are doing to prepare;
 - Tracking open cooling centers:
 - Public Information Officers (PIO) are sharing this information with the public; and
 - This information is being shared with the 2-1-1 call center.
 - PIOs are doing outreach to inform the public of possible heat related medical issues.
- Status of Bull Complex fire:
 - 510 acres have burned;
 - Continuing to work on fire lines;
 - Crews are monitoring the Round Lake and Ogre Creek fires;
 - The Kola, Janus, and Ridge fires are being assessed for opportunities to construct direct and indirect lines;
 - Looking for ways to gain access to the Janus fire; and
 - Winds and humidity are being monitored.
- Status of Bruler fire:
 - 75 percent contained; and
 - Anticipating the fire will burn through October 30, 2021.

OTHER:

Update on Rental Assistance Program

- Melissa Rounds, Jolene Kelley

Summary of presentation:

- Two weeks into the program;
- There are currently 27 applications for a total of \$180,000 rental assistance requested:
 - Only 5 applications have had both the applicant and landlord respond.
- Currently in Marion County both the applicant and landlord have to respond to receive funding;
- Yardi is reaching out to landlords, and asking tenants to ask their landlords to participate;
- Other agencies in Oregon are allowing direct payments to tenants;
- The board does not want to make payments directly to tenants:
 - No guarantee the money would be used to pay rent.
- There are other programs that are helping with paying rent; and
- Working on an outreach program:
 - There are administrative dollars that can be used for a paid campaign:
 - Looking at digital, print, and radio placements:
 - The board would like for cable to also be included.
 - Will include outreach in Spanish; and
 - Targeted outreach for canyon wildfire survivors.

COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATES:

Kevin Cameron:

- Property owners in Detroit are getting denied for home loans due to the current water system:
 - The water system is permanent, and in the future the county is going to enhance and enlarge it.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Young**

Reviewed by: Melissa Rounds