



Management Update Minutes

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Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Colm Willis, and Danielle Bethell, Jan Fritz, Jolene Kelley, Chad Ball, Jessica Stanton, Matt Lawyer, Tom Rohlfing, Nate Combs, Natasha McVey, Rex Weisner, Jane Vetto, Scott McClure, Brian Nicholas, Kathleen Silva, Tamra Goettsch, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

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

INFORMATIONAL:

Wildfire Housing Update

- Commissioner Bethell, Jan Fritz, Matt Lawyer

Summary of presentation:

- The housing team meets every other week with state agencies to ensure everything possible is being done to help the individuals who lost their homes during the wildfires;
- The Santiam Service Integration Team is currently tracking 317 families who started the program because they had no permanent housing solution:
 - Mostly renters who have no permanent place to go.
- There are 21 households identified as immediately needing housing:
 - 9 are currently in hotels; and
 - 12 are at the Mill City temporary RV site.
- On Friday both short term housing solutions were approved:
 - When finished the two locations will accommodate 32 households;
 - 2-3 year concepts, with options to extend;
 - North Santiam State Park location:
 - The project is named Santiam Cottages:
 - 16' x 24' cabins will be built;
 - 16 cabins will be completed by June 2022; and
 - Looking at having a small unit that would serve as a laundry mat.
 - Gates location:
 - The project is named Evans Haven:
 - 16 tiny homes will be built, each with 2 parking spots; and
 - There will be space for washers and dryers within the units:

- Working with United Way to see if they could supply the washers and dryers.
- Working on a long term housing solution:
 - Could potentially include:
 - Apartments;
 - Townhomes;
 - Duplexes; and
 - Single family homes.
 - There is a prospective location in Mill City:
 - Working on a preliminary site design for the identified property; and
 - Working with the Oregon Department of Transportation on egress and ingress for the property.
 - Will allow households to transition from temporary housing into a more permanent solution.
- Working with the Department of Environmental Quality on sewer and septic issues for both the short term and long term housing projects.

Board discussion:

- A presentation of this information will be given next week at board session.

Ice Storm/Wildfires/COVID-19 Update

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Summary of presentation:

Lani Radtke:

- One of the gate contractors had unforeseen circumstances that were out of their control:
 - The gates may not be operational until early next week.
- There has been extensive outreach to residents about the gates:
 - Have received a lot of calls requesting information.
- There are a limited number of remote controls that will be offered to Marion County staff that require entrance to the gated areas.

Brian Nicholas:

- Hazard tree removal:
 - The Oregon Department of Transportation is removing wildfire debris on private property, and hazard trees along county roads; and
 - Right of Entry forms are being collected through tomorrow.

Rex Weisner:

- Property tax refunds will be sent out immediately after tax season is done.

OTHER:

Rental Assistance Program:

Melissa Rounds, Robert Manier:

- There are currently 190 applications;
- 41 of the 190 applications are fully submitted:
 - Both the landlord and the tenant have submitted; and

- Total of \$300,000 requested.
- There are weekly meetings with Yardi:
 - There are currently seven case managers auditing Marion County cases.
- Working with the Recovery Outreach Community Center (ROCC) to identify and communicate with individuals and landlords who may qualify for rental assistance.

Brian Nicholas:

- Marion County transfer stations currently charge \$5.50 for the disposal of an appliance;
- Due to the nationwide coin shortage the transfer stations are unable to provide change; and
- The charge is going to be temporarily lowered to \$5.00 for 90 days.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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