



Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Danielle Bethell, and Colm Willis, Chad Ball, Jane Vetto, Brandon Reich, Chris Trussell, Brian May, Russ Dilley, Alisa Zastoupil, Katrina Rothenberger, Caroline Castillo, Matt Lawyer, Tanisha Bush, Jon Heynen, Robert Manier, Jessica Stanton, and Brian Nicholas.

Commissioner Bethell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

2021 Communicable Disease Summary

-Katrina Rothenberger, Caroline Castillo

Summary of presentation:

- The communicable disease and conditions report is for Marion and Polk counties;
- The report is sent to local hospitals and health care providers;
- Diseases and conditions that are increasing include:
 - Campylobacter:
 - Largely foodborne; and
 - Increase due to an outbreak in June.
 - E. coli:
 - Increase was mainly during the summer.
 - Giardia:
 - Has been increasing over the past five years.
 - HIV:
 - Has been increasing over the past five years.
 - Syphilis:
 - This has had the most significant and concerning increase;
 - National trend; and
 - Work is being done to understand the demographics and the risk factors, and to determine how the county can do a better job with testing, treatment, and education.
- Diseases and conditions that are decreasing include:
 - Chronic hepatitis B;
 - Chronic hepatitis C; and
 - Salmonella.
- Some decreased rates may be due to a decrease in testing and reduced access to healthcare during the pandemic; and

- Diseases and conditions that have remained stable include:
 - Chlamydia; and
 - Gonorrhea.

Board discussion:

- Acute hepatitis occurs soon after infection and an individual can experience nausea, vomiting, and jaundice;
- The majority of individuals with hepatitis C develop chronic infection;
- Chronic hepatitis C can cause severe liver impairment, liver failure, and liver cancer:
 - Effective treatment only became available in the last few years.
- Hepatitis is a virus;
- Chlamydia largely affects young people who don't even know that they have it, and it is easily treated;
- Gonorrhea and chlamydia can be found with the same simple test;
- There has been an increase in syphilis in women of childbearing age, and it can pass to the baby;
- Syphilis is hard to diagnose and treat, but the treatment is effective;
- For active tuberculosis (TB) cases the standard of care is directly observed therapy:
 - A public health worker goes to the patient's home every day and watches them take the medication, or video monitoring is done:
 - The medication is effective.
 - TB is airborne and highly communicable among household members;
 - TB can have severe outcomes;
 - The contact tracing is labor intensive; and
 - Currently treating 11 individuals from 7 households.
- The county tracts positive rabies cases in humans and animals; and
- Dog, cat, and ferret bites are reported to the county.

Discuss Environmental Health Licensed Facilities Fee Increase for 2023-2025

-Katrina Rothenberger, Alisa Zastoupil

Summary of presentation:

- Staff would like feedback on a proposal to explore increasing environmental health fees;
- Considering surveying operators and looking at other counties' fees;
- Currently the Environmental Health budget uses some of the Health and Human Services networking capital; and
- Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has instituted a rule that mobile units may no longer use non-integral wastewater and freshwater tanks starting in 2023:
 - Staff is looking for direction from the Commissioners on the enforcement of the rule.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Bethell would like to have a work session on the fees;
- The fee survey would go to all licensed facilities;
- The fees were last increased in 2020;

- The Commissioners are fine with the fee survey being done;
- The Commissioners would like Ms. Vetto to look at the OHA rule prohibiting the use of non-integral tanks by mobile units; and
- The county has not had any public health problems from the use of non-integral tanks.

Building Inspection On-Site Wastewater Permit Fees

-Brandon Reich, Chris Trussell

Summary of presentation:

- Public Works met with the Home Builders Association to get feedback on the septic program and the fee structure;
- The program has been operating at a loss;
- 80 to 85 percent of the expense of the program is personnel costs;
- Marion County's fees are competitive with other counties in the area;
- The average per year of the last four years:
 - Approximately 560 permits generated \$300,000 in revenue.
- The septic program currently has 3 full-time equivalent employees (FTE), with expenses of approximately \$480,000:
 - The expenses are mainly personnel costs.
- Having 3 FTE allows the program to provide timely response to property owners and installers;
- Staff has been mapping the GPS locations of new septic components:
 - If something goes wrong in the future the maps will show exactly where the tanks, lines, and cleanouts are.
- Staff looked at fees in Polk, Yamhill, Linn, and Clackamas counties:
 - On average Marion County's fees are 25 percent lower.
- Marion County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state so there are a lot of new septic installs;
- If the fees are raised to the average of the surrounding counties approximately \$400,000 in revenue would be generated per year;
- If the fees were raised to support 3 FTE approximately \$490,000 in revenue would be generated:
 - The Home Builders Association understands the benefits of having 3 FTE and supports this fee proposal.
- Fees were last raised seven years ago in 2015;
- The fee proposal does not include current inflation;
- The Home Builders Association is supportive of stepped fee increases;
- The fee proposal raises the fees incrementally over the next three years; and
- After three years the fees would be adjusted annually based on the prior year's Consumer Price Index.

Board discussion:

- Staff coordinates with installers and property owners on inspection times;
- The program deficit has been coming from Public Work's networking capitol which comes from building funds:
 - Building fees have been subsidizing septic fees.
- Commissioner Willis has had some interaction with the public where planning staff in the field has provided incorrect answers to questions:

- This topic will be discussed further at another time.
- Some of the permits require more staff labor to complete.

North Santiam Campground Fee Proposal

-Russ Dilley

Summary of presentation:

- The fee would help support long-term maintenance of the park;
- The goal is to have the campground running by May 15, 2022;
- Staff is proposing the following fees:
 - \$20 per night camping fee; and
 - \$5 extra vehicle fee.
- Individual campsites allow up to 8 people and 2 vehicles; and
- There would be a 14-day maximum length of stay.

Board discussion:

- The fee was previously \$20; and
- Commissioner Bethell would like to know the total revenue generated by the camping fees.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATES:

Danielle Bethell:

- Met with Congressman Schrader regarding the Aurora-Donald interchange project; and
- Clackamas County called to find out if Marion County was considering a fireworks ban:
 - The Commissioners are not considering a fireworks ban.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Young**

Reviewed by: Shawnnell Fuentes