



Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Tuesday, August 30, 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, Jan Fritz, Chad Ball, Jessica Stanton, Tanisha Rosas, Tamra Goettsch, Kelli Weese, Tom Kissinger, Ryan Crowther, Carl Lund, Lari Rupp, Adam Franco, Chris Eppley, Brian May, Brandon Reich, Brian Nicholas, Gary Christofferson, Natasha McVey, Terry Stoner, Justine Flora, Jane Vetto, Colleen Coons-Chaffins, and Shawnnell Fuentes as recorder.

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

INFORMATIONAL:

Property Tax Refund for Lumen Technologies Inc.

-Natasha McVey

Summary of presentation:

- There is an approximately \$235,000 refund for Lumen Technologies on the Board's agenda for September 7, 2022;
- The refund is a result of an appeal made by Lumen Technologies that covers four years;
- The refund amount is over the tax office's \$20,000 threshold to refund without the Board's approval;
- Lumen Technologies, formerly Century Link, is a centrally assessed property:
 - The Department of Revenue is responsible for assessing the property and then reporting to the county the value to put on the tax roll; and
 - Any appeal is the responsibility of the Department of Revenue.
- After four years in tax court the Department of Revenue has settled with Lumen Technologies;
- When the tax office found out about the appeal, they set up a potential refund credit account:
 - This was done to save the county and taxing districts from a huge loss of expected funds should the appeal be successful; and
 - When the appealing entity pays its property taxes for the year, the taxes are put in a holding account awaiting the outcome of the appeal:
 - Normally the county pays 12 percent interest on refunds resulting from a successful appeal of the value;
 - If a potential refund account is set up, the county only has to pay the interest that was actually made on the money in the potential refund account; and

- For this property the county only has to pay \$13,422 in interest, compared to \$59,575 that would have been owed if the potential refund account had not been set up.
- There is approximately \$5 million in the Lumen Technologies potential refund credit account:
 - After the refund is made to Lumen Technologies, the remainder will be part of the next distribution.

Board discussion:

- This will be on the consent agenda at the September 7, 2022, meeting.

Land Use Planning Fee Schedule

-Brandon Reich, Lindsey King

Summary of presentation:

- The planning fee schedule was last reviewed in 2004; and
- Staff proposes the following:
 - Look at fees in surrounding jurisdictions;
 - Develop an initial draft that will be reviewed by land use attorneys and consultants that the county works with; and
 - Return to the Board for further discussion and next steps.

Board discussion:

- Some of the current fees are expensive, especially for private landowners:
 - Staff will look at what options there may be.
- The county currently supplements the planning department's budget with \$300,000 of economic development funds:
 - Staff should find out if any other jurisdictions do this; and
 - Some of these funds are a subsidy for the fees that are charged.
- Marion County planning provides a higher level of service than some of the surrounding jurisdictions;
- The goal is to bring a draft plan to a work session in November; and
- Marion County cities have not shown any interest in having the county do planning work for them.

Update on Proposed Grant Application for Santiam Rail Trail

-Lari Rupp, Carl Lund, Tom Kissinger, Ryan Crowther

Summary of presentation:

- Update on an Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Community Paths Program pre-application for the Santiam Rail Trail;
- The first \$2 million for this project has started to come in from the U.S. Forest Service in partnership with Business Oregon;
- \$2 million will not cover the total cost of the project due to overages from inflation and the cost of bridges:
 - The county is applying to the Community Paths Program to cover the overages.
- Staff is looking for a letter of support from the Board for the pre-application that will be submitted to ODOT.

Board discussion:

- Following are county match requirements for the grant:
 - 10.27 percent match for federal; and
 - 30 percent match for state:
 - The federal Opal Creek Wilderness dollars can be used for the state match.
- ODOT requires the path be paved;
- The full grant application is due January 31, 2023;
- The path would be considered a park facility;
- The first section of the path would be 1.5 miles, and would go from Gates to The Maples Rest Area, going through Minto County Park;
- From a maintenance aspect the pavement is longer term than the alternative which is crushed gravel:
 - Crushed gravel would require yearly maintenance to maintain ADA accessibility.
- The entire trail does not have to be paved, just sections paid for with the grant;
- There needs to be a plan for the maintenance of the path;
- The path will be 12 feet wide, and the goal is to have service vehicles use it during an emergency;
- The county will be applying for two separate grants:
 - \$1 million in state funding, for the Gates to The Maples Rest Area section of the trail:
 - 30 percent match requirement; and
 - Will pay for the expected overages of this section.
 - \$6 million in federal funding, for the Gates to Mill City section of the trail:
 - 10.27 percent match requirement.
- Today staff is looking for Board support for the \$1 million grant pre-application.

Dog Control Officer Appointments

-Tamra Goettsch

Summary of presentation:

- Staff would like to bring an order to the September 7, 2022, Board Session;
- Karen Hilfiker and Linsey Ober are the current dog control officers, and they would be reappointed;
- Proposing to add Melissa Gable and Lauren Thielke as dog control officers:
 - This would allow them to act as officers at the shelter when needed.
- This rescinds any previous orders of dog control officers.

Consider External Request to add cats to Marion County Dog Code 6.05

-Tamra Goettsch

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners do not support this.

Detroit - Downtown Visioning and Zoning Code Update

-Kelli Weese

Summary of presentation:

- Discussed with the Detroit City Council the two options they have to procure a consultant for their downtown planning and zoning code amendments:
 - Detroit could procure the consultant and be reimbursed by the county through an intergovernmental agreement (IGA); or
 - The county could procure the consultant.
- The city council requests that the county procures the consultant and manages the contract; and
- The city council passed a resolution requesting Marion County procure the consultant and serve as project manager, and specific requirements were included regarding Detroit's participation:
 - Marion County would procure the consultant on behalf of the City of Detroit:
 - It is the city's project; and
 - The city would approve the scope of work.
 - The city would assign a representative to serve as a communications liaison between the county and the consultant; and
 - The scope of work for the contractor as funded by the county does not include the steps for final approval of any zoning amendments.

Board discussion:

- \$250,000 has been allocated from the economic development budget to cover canyon support:
 - It was anticipated that this would be spent on downtown planning for Detroit and Gates.
- Gates plans to procure their own consultant:
 - The county will support them through an IGA:
 - Requirements will be written into the IGA.
 - Staff will provide additional support to Gates as needed.

Business Services Policy Reviews, Policy #523, 523-A, 514, 514-A

-Colleen Coons-Chaffins

Summary of presentation:

- There were scrivener and editing errors;
- Policy 514 covers volunteer injuries;
- Policy 523 covers work crew injuries; and
- Policy 525 is also going to be reviewed:
 - Covers animals in the workplace.

Jail Video Project Update

-Gary Christofferson, Colleen Coons-Chaffins

Summary of presentation:

- The project was started three years ago;
- There are currently two very old, unsupported camera systems at the jail;
- Marion County has a new video standard that will be used;

- The jail will have a brand new system with new cameras, and it will be fully vendor supported;
- Had originally planned to integrate the older cameras into the new system:
 - Approximately 150 new cameras were installed, and when the older cameras were added the system started to have failures.
- There is currently no contract because the project was supposed to be done;
- At tomorrow's Board Session the Commissioners will be asked to approve a contract extension to June 30, 2023, that will include the following two change requests:
 - Replace half of the old cameras:
 - This has already been done.
 - Replace all 56 of the remaining old cameras.
- The total change request is for approximately \$250,000;
- This project does not impact the door control project; and
- Following are the two types of cameras at the jail:
 - One type monitors open space; and
 - One type is attached to doors, and is activated when a door is opened:
 - All these cameras are new cameras.

Board discussion:

- The door control project is on schedule; and
- There are currently two camera systems being operated at the jail:
 - The new cameras are on the doors; and
 - The old cameras are monitoring other spaces.

Marion County Veteran Resources and Purple Heart Community

-Matt Lawyer, Jon Heynen

Summary of presentation:

- Staff is looking at the possibility of the county hosting a page on its website that would show veteran services, programs, and activities:
 - Would meet with veterans and veteran partners to learn about services and programs that are offered.
- Staff would review with the Board what programs and resources would be listed on the website; and
- Staff is researching Marion County becoming a Purple Heart Community.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners support staff working on a veteran's website; and
- A proclamation will be required to become a Purple Heart Community.

Election Allocations for Secure Rural Schools

-Hitesh Parekh

Summary of presentation:

- The Board is being asked by the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) and the Association of O & C Counties (AOCC) to approve an election allocation for the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act funding for the 2022 federal fiscal year:

- The following amounts are for both the National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) funds:
 - Title I – 85%;
 - Title II – 8%; and
 - Title III – 7%.
- The deadline to approve the election allocation is September 19, 2022.
- Counties have the option of an 85%-15% split, or an 80%-20% split:
 - AOC and AOCC recommend an 85%-15% split.

Board discussion:

- The 85%-15% split is the best option because the county has the most discretion over Title I funds;
- The National Forest Title I funds are split as follows:
 - 75% to the Public Works Department for county roads; and
 - 25% to county schools.
- The BLM Title I funds go into the county’s general fund;
- The 15% is split between Title II and Title III:
 - The county has some discretion over Title III funds; and
 - All of the 15% may be put into Title II, but all of it may not be put into Title III.
- The 85%-15% split is the county’s standard allocation; and
- The approval will be brought to a future Board Session.

Legislative Update

-Tanisha Bush

Summary of presentation:

- The wildfire risk map was withdrawn;
- Under Senate Bill 762 certain agencies are required to provide recommendations and reports; and
- The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) has submitted their draft recommendations, and is asking for comments:
 - Planning is reviewing the recommendations and will bring their concerns to the Board.

Communications Update

-Jon Heynen

Summary of presentation:

- *Marion County Today* is printed:
 - The printer is awaiting the money for postage, and then will mail them out; and
 - Mr. Heynen and Ms. Fritz have reviewed a proof.
- The internal newspaper is compiled except for information from Health:
 - Would like to include the Commissioners' reflections on the 2020 Labor Day fires.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATES:

Kevin Cameron:

- Attended the Saint Paul luncheon with Commissioner Willis:
 - There are problems with trash at San Salvador Park:
 - The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is not planning on cleaning it up until after Labor Day.
- Attended the farewell party for Director Peters.

Danielle Bethell:

- Commissioner Bethell would like to terminate the contract with Ron Evans in Gates for the property where the county was originally planning on putting tiny homes:
 - The county has been paying \$5,000 per month since October;
 - Staff is working on getting reimbursed for over \$300,000 that the county has put towards the property; and
 - Commissioners Cameron and Willis agree with terminating the contract.
- Commissioner Bethell has reviewed the applicants for the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC):
 - She likes Elizabeth Infante:
 - She will be a new appointee.
 - The Commissioners agree to reappointing Jayne Downing, Representative Rick Lewis, and Alison Kelley.
- Met with Lieutenant Jefferson regarding challenges they have with housing some individuals:
 - Coordinating another meeting with Lieutenant Jefferson and others to discuss housing options.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has given approval to the county to put tiny homes at the FEMA park in Mill City:
 - There is not consensus on the Mill City Council on maintaining the park long-term as a tourism site:
 - One possible option is to give the 12 tiny homes to Mill City when the county is done with them, and they could turn them into recreational rentals:
 - The Commissioners are okay with this if Mill City wants the homes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Orr**
Reviewed by: Shawnnell Fuentes