



OREGON

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Minutes

Tuesday, December 7, 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, Chad Ball, Jon Heynen, Jessica Stanton, Matt Lawyer, Jane Vetto, Matt Knudsen, Max Hepburn, Kelli Weese, Brandon Reich, Tom Kissinger, Janee Quinonez, Brian May, Sherry Lintner, Shane Ottosen, Alex Wade, Ryan Matthews, Chris Eppley, Brian Nicholas, Heather Johnson, Lani Radtke, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

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

INFORMATIONAL:

Review Recommendations of Appointments and Re-appointments to Various Boards and Committees

- Sherry Lintner

Summary of presentation:

- Marion County Fair Board:
 - Re-appointment of Mike Adams, Shannon Gubbels, and Ken Outfleet; and
 - All three are recommended for re-appointments to a three year term.
- Board of Trustees of the Public Defenders of Marion County, Inc.:
 - Re-appointment of Shaney Starr; and
 - Recommended for re-appointment to a three year term.
- Salem Foundation Distribution Committee:
 - Re-appointment of Terry Hancock; and
 - Recommended for re-appointment to a five year term.
- Mental Health Advisory Committee:
 - New advisory committee; and
 - The commissioners were provided with a roster that outlines the members being recommended for appointment and their recommended terms.
- Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee:
 - Appointment of Carlos Maldonado; and
 - Recommended for appointment to a four year term.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners would like Shaney Starr and Terry Hancock to describe their work on their respective boards; and
- Mental Health Advisory Committee:

- The commissioners would like a representative from Salem Health;
- Commissioner Willis recommends Dr. Harrington; and
- Commissioner Willis has concerns with the lack of relevant experience of one of the individuals being recommended.

Discuss the Process to Recruit and Appoint a Director to the North Santiam Watershed Council

- Matt Knudsen

Summary of presentation:

- The director is appointed by the commissioners;
- The position was filled by the same individual for several years, so now is an opportunity to redefine the process;
- The watershed council would like any potential appointee to come to three meetings; and
- There are individuals interested in serving on the council.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners would like to know what part of the county the interested individuals live in, and if they work in the public or private sector; and
- The commissioners would like an open recruitment process.

Stormwater Engineering Standards Update

- Matt Knudsen

Summary of presentation:

- Stormwater requirements have been established by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and there are deadlines when the requirements must be met;
- Environmental Services would like to have standards in place one year before they are required;
- Downstream analysis standards will be included, but they are not required;
- DEQ prefers green over gray infrastructure because they are maintained at a higher level;
- Construction erosion will be discussed at a later meeting; and
- Staff would like to bring this to a January board session for adoption.

2021 Parks Season-End Update

- Tom Kissinger

Summary of presentation:

- Aumsville Ponds:
 - The bridge from the parking lot to the trail was rehabbed;
 - The steps were replaced; and
 - A new trail is being built.
- Scotts Mills:
 - Gravel was removed from part of the fish ladder;
 - Vegetation cleanup;
 - Picnic tables are being added; and
 - Looking at adding additional parking.
- Bonesteele:
 - Working on a new trail system.

- Eola Bend:
 - Vegetation cleanup.
- Spong's Landing:
 - Trees and flowers were planted; and
 - Picnic tables were added.
- Winter ice storm and wildfire canyon cleanup is not included in the presentation.

Hayesville Drive Urban Widening Project – Right-of-Way Acquisition

- Lani Radtke, Shane Ottosen Jr., Brian Nicholas

Summary of presentation:

- 94 right-of-way acquisitions are required:
 - Temporary and permanent easements.
- 1 property owner has not agreed to the easement required on his property:
 - The next step is to start the condemnation process;
 - Public Works would like to send a letter to the property owner explaining that this is the next step in the hope of coming to an agreement without condemnation; and
 - Staff would consult with the board before starting the condemnation process.

Review the Behavioral Health Resource Network Application and Proposal

- Ryan Matthews, Cydney Nestor

Summary of presentation:

- Addiction treatment services staff would be available 24/7, primarily at the Psychiatric Crisis Center:
 - Services would be provided at no cost to the patient.
- Working with Bridgeway to provide transitional housing to patients who are new to recovery and who have barriers that could make it difficult for them to succeed in the program:
 - Waiting on a proposal from Bridgeway.
- Looking at partnering with the HIV Alliance; and
- Applying for \$2.5 million:
 - Funding is for 2 years; and
 - Funding has the potential to continue after the 2 years.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners would like the county to apply for a much larger dollar amount; and
- Funds can be used to incentivize and increase wages for providers.

Review the Good Neighbor Program Criteria

- Tamra Goettsch, Kelli Weese

Summary of presentation:

- The Good Neighbor Grant Program was implemented in 2007:
 - For smaller projects that affect property values and public health and safety, and that have no other funding source; and
 - \$20,000 per year is available.

- Criteria for the program:
 - The property must be located within Marion County;
 - The property must be up to date on property taxes and have no code enforcement issues; and
 - The project must cost less than \$5,000 to complete.
- The allocation of resources is at the board's discretion;
- The program has received little use; and
- Staff recommends that the maximum amount per grant be increased to \$10,000, with no limit on the total cost of the project.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners approve staff's recommendation.

Community Resource Network (CRN)

- Tamra Goettsch, Heather Johnson

Summary of presentation:

- The program is being expanded;
- The program is available to case workers and organizations that case manage individuals;
- If a case worker cannot fulfil a need they can submit a request online that will go to all CRN users:
 - A popular request is for beds and other furniture.
- The program was expanded this year to include giving partners who can see the requests;
- Working with the United Way to potentially gain access to the items available through their Good360 program; and
- Working with Emergency Management to coordinate and direct donations during future emergencies.

Review Marion County Today's Draft Winter Newsletter

- Jessica Stanton

Summary of presentation:

- Would like to deliver to the printer by the end of the week so it can be mailed by the end of December.

Wildfire Update

- All

Summary of presentation:

Brian Nicholas:

- The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has finished debris clean up on private properties;
- ODOT still has hydro seeding and wood chipping to finish on private properties;
- Tree removal in the North Fork area started last week;
- Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursement projects:
 - Have approval for all the road improvements, and that work is in progress; and

- Waiting on approval for the radio project, Environmental Services projects, and the park projects.
- The Juvenile Department is going to take some of the fallen wood for their firewood program.

Tom Rohlfig:

- Four batches of refunds have been mailed;
- Four batches of refunds remain to be mailed and this should be done within two weeks; and
- Some of the refunds have been returned so working on finding up-to-date addresses.

OTHER:

Jessica Stanton:

- On November 30, 2021 there was an executive council meeting with the Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance:
 - There is a legislative concept that five counties will participate in:
 - Each county will receive \$1 million to create a strategic plan to address homelessness:
 - The \$1 million is for two years.
 - If the commissioners are interested in applying a letter of interest is due December 10, 2021.

COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATES:

Kevin Cameron:

- Attended timber meetings with the Council of Forest Trust Land Counties and the Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**

Reviewed by: Shawnnell Fuentes