



# Management Update Minutes

OREGON

**Tuesday, October 11, 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, Matt Lawyer, Tanisha Rosas, Kent Inman, Ryan Matthews, Jay Bergmann, Tamra Goettsch, Jane Vetto, Chris Eppley, and Shawnnell Fuentes as recorder.

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

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **Proposed Vacation of the Public Alley within Block 5, Lynd, Hanshaw Fruit Farms**

-Kent Inman

#### ***Summary of presentation:***

- The Hanshaw Fruit Farms subdivision is mostly vacant;
- The county has received a petition to vacate the alley within Block 5:
  - The alley cannot be assessed by a public street;
  - The petitioners are asking the county to vacate the alley so that they can better utilize the property; and
  - There is 100 percent consent from adjacent landowners.
- The Board can choose to have a public hearing, or this can be done through consent.

#### ***Board discussion:***

- The petitioner is a trucking company;
- They own the land on both sides of the alley;
- The public alley is hindering their ability to expand their shop building;
- There is no reason for the county not to do this:
  - There is no opposition.
- This will be on the consent agenda at a future Board Session.

### **History of Jail Work Crew at the Dog Shelter**

-Chris Eppley, Tamra Goettsch

#### ***Summary of presentation:***

- The dog shelter was built in 2006;
- An agreement was entered into with the Marion County Jail for inmates to perform kennel and yard maintenance, and janitorial services;
- Initially the agreement was to use only female work crews;

- The number of inmates available to work on the crews was inconsistent, so the decision was made to allow male work crews:
  - This caused issues at the shelter due to the behavior of some of the male inmates.
- The work crews provided service at the shelter twice a day;
- During the COVID pandemic it was mutually agreed that the service would pause :
  - The duties became the responsibility of the shelter technicians.
- The shelter entered into an agreement with the Business Services department to provide janitorial services; and
- If the county wants to go back to using inmate work crews or a third party provider such as Garten, the funding will have to be addressed:
  - Business Services may be able to provide more services.

***Board discussion:***

- The cost of the one full time equivalent employee denied during the budget process was approximately \$60,000 to \$70,000;
- The \$80,000 that was approved in the budget pays for Business Services janitorial services;
- The intake of dogs goes up and down over time:
  - Staff is hesitant to ask for resources that cannot be pared back when the cycle goes down; and
  - Need to solve the workload issue for when the cycle is up.
- Lieutenant Bergmann stated it would be difficult to start the work crews back up due to the small number of adults in custody at the Transition Center:
  - They are having trouble filling existing work crews.
- Mr. Eppley has prior experience with Garten:
  - They require management and the work output tends to be average at best.
- The new Psychiatric Crisis Center will require janitorial services, and maybe those services could be shared with the dog shelter;
- The shelter technicians spend a large amount of their time working to get dogs placed, including behavior management and working with other rescue facilities:
  - There are currently three shelter technicians.
- The dog shelter has 54 kennels:
  - During COVID the kennels were half full; and
  - Today the kennels are 100 percent full.
- Commissioner Bethell would like Ms. Fritz to arrange an audit of the current positions at the shelter and the current workload; and
- Individuals must be 18 to volunteer at the shelter:
  - Students at local colleges may be interested in volunteering.

OTHER:

Ryan Matthews:

***Board discussion:***

- Commissioner Willis wanted to discuss the intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for behavioral health housing that is on tomorrow's Board Session agenda;
- He thought that there was going to be a meeting with OHA:
  - Mr. Matthews was told that a work session was no longer needed; and
  - Commissioner Willis would like to meet with OHA to voice the county's concerns before voting on the contract.
- Commissioners Bethell and Cameron met with Mr. Matthews;
- Commissioner Cameron thinks that the county should accept the funds, and then put pressure on OHA to provide long term funding through the legislature;
- Commissioner Bethell has asked Mr. Matthews to develop a scope of work for a request for proposals for entities to apply:
  - Included in that scope of work would be how the entity would maintain the funding for a minimum of 20 years; and
  - Commissioner Bethell does not believe that OHA will provide continuous funding.
- The public's perception is that there will be a secured facility:
  - There is not enough funding available for a secured facility.
- There are gaps in behavioral health housing that the money could be used for;
- Mr. Matthews will schedule a meeting with OHA and the Commissioners; and
- The item will be taken off of tomorrow's Board Session.

**Legislative Update**

-Tanisha Rosas

***Summary of presentation:***

- The county submitted a request to the Legislative Council for the self-dispensing gas legislation:
  - The legislation is currently by county.

***Board discussion:***

- The Commissioners would like the self-dispensing gas legislation to be by jurisdictions within counties that have populations smaller than 10,000, and unincorporated area of counties that are at least 30 miles from a city with a population of 150,000 or more:
  - Ms. Rosas will map out what this would look like and provide it to the Commissioners before anything is submitted.
- The Commissioners are good with a January 1, 2023, effective date.

**Communications Update**

-Jon Heynen

***Summary of presentation:***

- Completed the Marion County Reentry Initiative (MCRI) videos;
- There is a meeting today at 3 p.m. regarding the MCRI breakfast;

- SEDCOR's latest issue includes Commissioner Willis' article on workforce issues in Marion County;
- Their next issue is going to be on technological innovation in the county;
- Have been promoting the Lyons check presentation video and it has been doing well;
- Looking for Board feedback on doing a video with the housing authority promoting ERA2; and
- If the Board wants to do an opinion piece on the OHA conversation Mr. Heynen requests that he is notified so that there is a coordinated plan because the issue has received prior press coverage.

***Board discussion:***

- Commissioner Cameron will do the video promoting ERA2.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATES:

Colm Willis:

- Worked on items for the Association of Oregon Counties.

Danielle Bethell:

- Met with Scott Norris regarding the land use case that is coming forward;
- Had lunch with Sheriff Kast;
- Met with the Service Integration Team and the Long Term Recovery Group;
- Mr. Lawyer attended the pre-application meeting with Public Works for Mill City;
- Met with Tim Murphy at Bridgeway; and
- Commissioner Bethell resigned from the school board.

Kevin Cameron:

- Attended the department head meeting last week; and
- Attended groundwork leadership training.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Orr**

*Reviewed by: Shawnnell Fuentes*