



OREGON

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Minutes

Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Danielle Bethell, Kevin Cameron, and Colm Willis, Jan Fritz, Chad Ball, Jessica Stanton, Tamra Goettsch, Chris Trussell, Brandon Reich, Scott McClure, Scott Norris, Brian Nicholas, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Discuss Occupancy of Recreational Vehicles on Land

- Brandon Reich

Summary of presentation:

- Oregon statute 446.125 permits a recreational vehicle (RV) or manufactured home to be occupied on private land if the land owner consents:
 - Subject to being connected to sewer or septic, water, electrical, and plumbing.
- There are very clear rules and statues pertaining to the site placement of manufactured homes:
 - The same rules are not in place for RVs.
- County code implements recreational vehicle spaces with the following conditions:
 - Setbacks;
 - Drainage;
 - Time limit;
 - Cannot be rented; and
 - Can have temporary connections to utilities.
- In November Mr. Reich is going to bring a code update before the board that would include an amendment to county code 17.126, RV spaces;
- Looking for feedback and interest from the commissioners;
- Mr. Reich would review proposed changes with the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD); and
- If the changes are made Code Enforcement could potentially clear up 42 of their current 181 open cases.

Board discussion:

- The code update would allow for individuals to live in RVs on private land, subject to certain conditions:
 - The commissioners would like to review the conditions.

- The commissioners do not feel this issue needs to be reviewed with DLCD:
 - By statute, if a legislative amendment is made to the code DLCD needs to be given a 35 day notice.
- Would need a permit process that would include an inspection:
 - A permit cannot be issued for a property that has a code violation; and
 - Updating the code may be incentive for individuals to clean up a property and to follow the new rules so that they can stay living on the property.
- Some of the conditions would be:
 - Only one RV allowed on a property;
 - Current time limit would be removed; and
 - The relationship between the person living in the RV and the property owner would be a contractual matter between those two parties.
- If a property owner is having difficulty with an RV tenant following laws, it is the responsibility of the property owner to evict that tenant:
 - If they have trouble with eviction they would have to take it to Circuit Court.
- The property owner is responsible for code violations;
- The commissioners would like to see the amendment before it goes to the planning commission; and
- The updates would apply to rural properties outside of urban growth boundaries.

Discuss Wildfire Damage Assessments in the Canyon

- Commissioner Bethell

Summary of presentation:

- Received information from the Service Integration Team (SIT) in regards to an individual who believes the Assessor's Office did not assess the wildfire damage to his home correctly:
 - The home is in the Breitenbush area;
 - The home had severe smoke and other damage;
 - The home was assessed as "affected";
 - The individual believes the home should have been assessed as "destroyed"; and
 - SIT is challenging the assessor.
- The county's assessment determines how taxes are affected:
 - It should not be affecting other processes.
- The individual does not qualify for wildfire survivor funding due to the assessment.

Board discussion:

- The county will not be modifying their assessment process; and
- Other agencies can modify their processes so they are better able to help wildfire survivors.

Review 2021 Marion County Today's Winter Draft

- Jessica Stanton

Summary of presentation:

- Provided the commissioners with an outline for the latest issue of *Marion County Today*;
- The goal is to have it received by residents before the end of the year; and
- Looking for feedback from the commissioners.

Board discussion:

- Consider including information on the Safe Routes to School programs;
- There will be information on the gates being installed in the North Fork area;
- Consolidate the information on homeless initiatives:
 - Include the amount of funding that is going towards these initiatives;
 - Include mental health initiatives; and
 - Mention cities and other partners that the county is collaborating with.
- The commissioners are not interested in expanding from four to six pages.

Ice Storm/Wildfires/COVID-19 Update

- All

Summary of presentation:

Brian Nicholas:

- The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will remove hazard trees on private property if the trees are a danger to the housing rebuild;
- ODOT will not remove trees on Bureau of Land Management property;
- The City of Detroit water system:
 - K & E Excavating has started demolition and debris cleanup; and
 - The new control building may not be done this year depending on the winter weather.
- All hazard trees within the City of Detroit and the City of Gates rights of way have been assessed:
 - ODOT is in the process of removing these trees.
- Breitenbush asbestos testing is complete:
 - K & E Excavating will be doing the cleanup.
- ODOT was originally not going to cut trees on Santiam Park Road until it was clarified that it is state owned property.

Board discussion:

- Possible timelines and options for the Detroit sewer system were discussed;
- Discussed septic systems and the need to help owners rebuild; and
- The implementation of the gates in the North Fork corridor is going smoothly.

Tamra Goettsch:

- SIT is releasing individuals from disaster case management:
 - The individuals are back to where they were pre-fire, or they are close.
- Hired an additional case manager within the last 30 days.

Board discussion:

- SIT is hiring an additional community health worker.

Brandon Reich:

- Almost half of all affected property owners have applied for a building permit;
- Over half of all affected property owners have applied for a septic permit:
 - The team in charge of septic permits has done a fantastic job over this past year.
- Approximately \$500,000 in fees have been waived; and
- Have submitted approximately \$300,000 to the state for reimbursement.

COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATES:

Colm Willis:

- Would like to send an official request from the board's office to ODOT regarding Brooks:
 - The board will revisit in two to three weeks.
- The Stayton Fire Chief has asked about revenue replacement:
 - He is wondering what the amount will be; and
 - Ms. Fritz will coordinate a response for him and other taxing districts:
 - How the process will work; and
 - When the funds will become available.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**

Reviewed by: