



Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron and Colm Willis, Jan Fritz, Lani Radtke, Chad Ball, Jessica Stanton, Jon Heynen, Tanisha Rosas, Matt Lawyer, John Carlson, Brian Nicholas, Carl Lund, Kent Inman, Brandon Reich, Brian May, Camber Schalg, Joe Miller, Kathie Carter, Lori Klemsen, and Shawnnell Fuentes as recorder.

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

INFORMATIONAL:

MCLEA & NON-MCLEA Health Insurance Study Committee Recommendations

-Lori Klemsen

Summary of presentation:

- The Marion County Law Enforcement Association (MCLEA) has the following health plans:
 - A preferred provider organization (PPO) through PacificSource; and
 - A health management organization (HMO) through Kaiser.
- They also have Delta Dental and Kaiser dental plans;
- The recommendation is to keep the plans as they are;
- The non-MCLEA group has the following health plans:
 - A PPO through PacificSource;
 - A high deductible health plan through PacificSource; and
 - An HMO through Kaiser.
- They also have Delta Dental and Kaiser dental plans;
- The recommendation is to keep the plans as they are;
- There was a 7 percent increase in the cost of the PPO plan, and a 6 percent increase in the cost of the high deductible plan;
- The cost of the Kaiser HMO plan went down 5 percent;
- If a temporary employee works on average 30 hours per week over the prior 12 months, the county is required to offer benefits;
- The high deductible health plan offers a health savings account (HSA):
 - The county contributes to the HSA; and
 - The recommendation is to keep the county's contributions as they are.
- The non-MCLEA group asked the county to look at other insurance carriers:
 - The following companies were looked at:
 - United Health Care, Providence, and Regence.
 - There were no significant cost savings with any of the companies.

Board discussion:

- The county provides employees with life insurance, and employees may purchase more coverage.

Extending Building Fee Waivers for Secondary Homes for Wildfire Recovery

-Brandon Reich

Summary of presentation:

- After the wildfires the Board adopted the following two orders:
 - Provide fee waivers for five years for primary residences; and
 - Provide fee waivers for two years for secondary homes.
- When the orders were adopted, the county was not receiving any level of reimbursement from the state;
- The county is now receiving reimbursement from the state; and
- Staff would like to extend the fee waivers for secondary homes for the full five years:
 - This would not require a board order; and
 - The building official can extend the fee waiver.

Beachie Creek Wildfire Recovery Update

-Brian Nicholas

Summary of presentation:

- Update on North Fork Road recovery projects;
- The following recovery projects are currently being worked on:
 - Guardrail project is close to advertising for bids;
 - Road signs that were damaged in the fires are being replaced;
 - Overlay project;
 - Sinker Creek bridge replacement; and
 - Hazard trees are starting to be removed.
- The majority of work on North Fork Road that would impact recreational access will be completed by June 30, 2023; and
- The gates could be opened, and recreational access restored on July 1, 2023.

Oregon Department of Transportation, All Roads Transportation Safety Grant Cost Estimate Update – Ehlen Rd/Butteville Rd or River Rd/Quinaby Rd

-Lani Radtke, Carl Lund

Summary of presentation:

- Estimates for the cost of the roundabouts:
 - Approximately \$5.8 million for Ehlen Road and Butteville Road; and
 - Approximately \$6.3 million for River Road and Quinaby Road.
- The Oregon Department of Transportation funding is approximately \$10,000 under the cost estimate for the Ehlen Road and Butteville Road roundabout:
 - Staff recommends proceeding with this roundabout.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners agree with staff's recommendation; and
- Completion of the roundabout will take approximately five to six years.

Meeting recessed at 9:54 a.m.
Meeting reconvened at 11:42 a.m.

Proposed Vacation of a Portion of a Public Alley with the Trulinger Tracts Subdivision

-Kent Inman

Summary of presentation:

- Public Works received a petition to vacate the southern portion of the public alley on the east side of the Trulinger Tracts subdivision;
- The petitioners own property on both sides of the alley that would be vacated;
- The county has 100 percent consent from adjoining landowners; and
- The alley does not serve as access to any other properties.

Board discussion:

- There is no reason for the county not to do this; and
- This will be on a consent agenda at a future Board Session.

Sole Source Procurement for Use of Incinerator Ash as Alternative Daily Cover at Coffin Butte Landfill

-Brian May, Camber Schalg

Summary of presentation:

- This will be coming to Board Session next Wednesday;
- Valley Landfill accepts and transports incinerator ash;
- In December of 2010 the county went through the formal bid process for a project to show that ash can be used as alternate daily cover for landfill;
- In May of 2012 the county received approval from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to use ash as alternate daily cover, and Valley Landfill was the only certified company able to provide these services:
 - The county issued a sole source justification for Valley Landfill to provide these services for ten years.
- According to DEQ Valley Landfill is still the only approved provider of these services;
- The pay scale of the contract has been updated, and the amount of ash being transported has been updated;
- Covanta reimburses the county for this expense; and
- The term is for ten years.

Board discussion:

- The county can get out of the contract at any time.

City of Salem Requests Transfer of Tax Account 526097, Located Off Portland Rd. NE, in Salem OR

-John Carlson

Summary of presentation:

- The property is .22 acres located off of Portland Road NE;
- Claggett Creek runs through the property, and the property is in the flood way; and

- The City of Salem has requested that the county transfers the property to them at zero cost, so that they can have access to the culvert for maintenance.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners approve transferring the property.

Allocation of \$250,000 2022-23 Funding to Mid-Willamette Habitat for Humanity for the Construction of Two Homes

-Tim Glisson, Chris Eppley

Summary of presentation:

- Habitat for Humanity has problems with the way that the program is designed, and they are requesting the following:
 - The loan be 100% forgiven after 30 years:
 - The county had planned on the \$125,000 loan being reduced to \$100,000 after 30 years, and paid back to the county whenever the property was sold.
 - This matches their current model of operation; and
 - They want all of their homeowners to be treated the same.

Board discussion:

- If the home is sold prior to 30 years the entire \$125,000 would be paid back to the county;
- Commissioner Cameron is okay with the loan be forgivable after 30 years; and
- Commissioner Willis would like the county to work with organizations that are willing to solve the identified problems:
 - Staff will speak with Habitat for Humanity to see if they are interested in working outside of their current model of operation.

Legislative Update

-Tanisha Rosas, Brian Nicholas

Summary of presentation:

- The Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) has asked Brian Nicholas to talk about the County Road Program at the October 3, 2022, District 6 meeting; and
- AOC would like to support legislation that would allow counties to charge permit fees to utilities, to cover the true cost of these programs.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners would like to discuss the legislation with the other District 6 counties.

Communications Update

-Jon Heynen

Summary of presentation:

- The tax letter was mailed yesterday;

- The three videos for the Marion County Reentry Initiative are being filmed this week;
- The *Salem Reporter* had an article yesterday about the emergency alert system; and
- Everbridge has the following two lists:
 - An opt-in list for residents to say what notifications they want; and
 - A list that ties residents to a specific address within a zone.

Board discussion:

- The source of the fire this past weekend has not yet been determined.

Meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

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