



Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Danielle Bethell and Colm Willis, Matt Lawyer, Jessica Stanton, Dennis Mansfield, Tamra Goettsch, Joe Miller, Kathleen Silva, Brian May, Brian Nicholas, Melissa Rounds, Andrew Johnson, Scott Norris, Jane Vetto, Chad Ball, and Shawnnell Fuentes as recorder.

Colm Willis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

SKRTS Franchise Agreement Between Marion County and Republic Services

-Brian May, Scott Norris

Summary of presentation:

- Republic Services has been difficult to work with;
- They are not willing to do another extension to the current agreement;
- The existing contract was fee based plus incremental tonnage fees;
- The new contract is tonnage fees only, with no guaranteed tonnage amount:
 - At 5,000 tons per month the price goes from \$26/ton to \$35/ton.
- The new contract includes five incentives to promote customer service:
 - The incentives provide an opportunity for Republic Services to earn an extra \$2 per month per ton, for the first 5,000 tons; and
 - The extra dollars are dependent upon how many of the five incentives they meet.
- The county is providing \$1 million to go towards improvements at the facility:
 - Safety and customer service improvements.
- If the county had any other options, they would not be entering into this contract; and
- Mr. May has asked for a meeting with Republic Services' Chief Operating Officer to discuss this process.

Board discussion:

- The contract is for 5 years, with 1 3-year extension, and 2 1-year extensions;
- The county can get out of the contract with 180 days notice;
- The contract will cost the county approximately \$1 million additional per year over the current agreement, plus the \$1 million for capital improvements;
- The county will work on moving material to different facilities;

- Staff is looking for a new location for a transfer station; and
- This is coming to tomorrow's Board Session.

Marion County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

-Kathleen Silva, Brian Nicholas

Summary of presentation:

- Update on the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan being developed with the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD);
- A draft was given to the county yesterday, and it is in public comment review until October 7, 2022:
 - The draft is posted to the county's website.
- There are four volumes to the hazard mitigation plan, and they are posted on the county's website; and
- Oregon Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency will review the plan.

Board discussion:

- This is a basic update to the county's existing hazard mitigation plan;
- The county's current plan expired August 16, 2022;
- Staff will bring the draft to the Commissioners and go over it in detail;
- Staff will highlight the updates to the existing plan and provide it to the Commissioners;
- A final plan will be brought to a Board Session around the beginning of December; and
- There is a work session on this topic scheduled for October 27, 2022.

Removing COVID-19 Physical Distancing and Infection Notification Temporary Policy and Procedure

-Tamra Goettsch

Summary of presentation:

- On September 12, 2022, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) held a meeting where they addressed their permanent rule:
 - The county is no longer required to have a policy.
- The county is still required to provide masks and shields free of charge to employees who want them;
- If the county chooses to test employees for COVID-19, the county is required to pay for the tests;
- If employees have been exposed to COVID-19 OSHA is recommending that the individuals are notified of the exposure within 24 hours;
- There are no changes to the masking requirements for health department workplaces that provide patient care and jail medical facilities:
 - Employees are still required to wear masks at these facilities.
- Staff is recommending that the county rescinds its temporary COVID-19 policy.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners do not want to test employees; and

- Commissioner Willis clarified that the temporary policy was in effect until the Board rescinded the COVID-19 emergency declaration:
 - The emergency declaration was rescinded in July 2022, so the temporary policy is already no longer in effect.

Subrecipient Agreement with Marion County Housing Authority for implementation and administration of Emergency Rental Assistance Program under ERA2 Grant

-Melissa Rounds, Camber Schlag

Summary of presentation:

- The agreement starts October 1, 2022;
- The contract with Yardi ends on September 30, 2022:
 - Finishing with ERA1.
- When done with ERA1 staff will provide the Commissioners with a debrief;
- The ERA2 policy has not changed from the ERA1 policy except for the removal of ERA1 specific language:
 - The hardship no longer has to be directly related to the COVID pandemic; and
 - Language was added per the Commissioners directive regarding direct to tenant payments.
- This is coming to Board Session on October 12, 2022;
- Planning on doing a one time distribution of \$3.3 million to the housing authority:
 - The funds also cover administrative costs and reporting requirements.
- The housing authority is considered a low risk subrecipient, so they require minimal monitoring.

Board discussion:

- The housing authority has set up a portal for pre-screening applicants;
- There will be a local case manager to assist applicants throughout the process;
- The housing authority will contact landlords and try to get them to participate in the process so that checks can be sent directly to the landlords;
- For ERA2 the hardship needs to have occurred during the pandemic, but does not have to be directly related to the pandemic;
- The housing authority's portal needs to have a link to the graph that can assist applicants in determining their percentage of Area Median Income (AMI);
- Mr. Heynen will be working with the housing authority on a media plan;
- Case managers working at the housing authority or other county partners can refer applicants;
- The housing authority will provide updates at their board meetings; and
- As the program proceeds it will need to be decided if some of the funds are going to be set aside for relocation expenses of wildfire victims who are moving into the tiny homes.

Legislative Update

-Tanisha Rosas

Summary of presentation:

- Last week was Legislative Days:
 - Ms. Rosas sent the Commissioners a summary of the committee meetings;
 - The Oregon Department of Transportation is still seeking funding for the Aurora project; and
 - Ms. Rosas sent the Commissioners information from the Measure 110 hearing.
- There is going to be more stakeholder engagement on the wildfire map updates until February 2023:
 - The new map will be released in March 2023.
- Ms. Rosas provided the Commissioners with the support letter for the county's application to get money to replace seven bridges in the county; and
- The Oregon Department of Forestry is changing the permitting process for incidental takes on forest land:
 - Tillamook County has sent a letter against the new permitting process; and
 - The new permitting process will tighten the standards for when a permit is required.

Board discussion:

- The wildfire map updates need to be on the agenda for the North Fork town hall that the Commissioners are hosting;
- Detroit and Gates city councils also need to be notified that the wildfire map updates are available for public input;
- Mr. Heynen can send an email regarding public input for the wildfire map updates to the county's canyon email list; and
- The Commissioners would like Ms. Rosas to draft a letter regarding the change in permitting process for incidental takes.

Communications Update

-Jon Heynen

Summary of presentation:

- Editing the Marion County Reentry Initiative videos;
- Project LTD will be here next week to present to the Board;
- Working with the housing authority on a press release to promote the ERA program;
- ELI Broadband has asked for the county to promote the new broadband plan;
- The Bureau of Land Management does not have any plans to open more of their land in the near future:
 - They are anticipating opening more land in late spring or early June; and
 - They are not going to open land if access points are closed.
- The county needs to release information on the work that is being done in the canyon to reopen parks.

Board discussion:

- Mr. Heynen will bring the Commissioners the plans to promote ERA and ELI Broadband before taking any action.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATES:

Danielle Bethell:

- Sent an email regarding a situation at the state hospital:
 - They released an individual with severe mental illness who had committed a crime:
 - A judge in Lane County dropped the charges;
 - The individual's mental illness requires medication, but he refused any support from the county's service providers;
 - The individual's mother in Polk County was originally going to pick him up, but she changed her mind and decided not to; and
 - It is not currently known where this individual is.
 - The chief justice has notified all presiding judges that they will do a status hearing in their home county before they dismiss any charges:
 - This will require the individual being transferred back to their home county at that county's expense.
- Attended the North Willamette Research and Extension Center harvest dinner on Friday;
- Met with Sergeant Landers regarding code enforcement:
 - There are three full time equivalent employees;
 - They are actively working approximately 200 cases;
 - Their priority issues are land use and building permit issues;
 - They don't enough staff to tackle some of the more difficult, time consuming cases; and
 - Legal is available to assist with cases that require court action.
- Attended the executive committee meeting for the Homeless Alliance:
 - Discussed priorities of the organization.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Orr**

Reviewed by: Shawnnell Fuentes