



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# Management Update summary Minutes

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**April 15, 2025. 9:30 AM**

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem  
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Board Room

## ATTENDANCE:

**Commissioners:** Kevin Cameron, Danielle Bethell, and Colm Willis.

**Board's Office:** Jan Fritz, Chad Ball, Matt Lawyer, Jon Heynen, Trevor Lane, Chris Eppley, Alvin Klausen and Skylar Stangeland.

**Legal Counsel:** Steve Elzinga, and Scott Norris.

**Sheriff's Office:** Nick Hunter, and Jay Bergmann.

**Public Works:** Dennis Mansfield, Max Hepburn, Lani Radtke, Brian May, Scott Wilson, and Ryan Crowther.

**Assessor's Office:** Nate Combs, Natasha McVey, and Tom Rohlfing.

**Health and Human Services:** Kelly Martin, Laura Sprouse, Phil Blea, Laura Hambrecht, Carol Heard, and Christina Bertschi.

**Community Services:** Sarah Coutley, and Kelli Weese.

**Business Services:** Tamra Goettsch.

**Finance:** Unidentifiable

**Tax Office:** Natasha McVey

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **1. Direction on the Pending Horizon House Purchase**

-Tamra Goettsch

#### **Summary of Presentation:**

- Property details:
  - Located on 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
  - Unpaid taxes: \$6,700.
  - Lien less than \$340,000.
  - Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) restrict property to single-family residence.
- Potential House Bill 2138 could void single-family residence restrictions in 2027.
- Concerned about potential neighborhood resistance.
- Explored options to resolve CC&Rs with seller.
- Uncertainty about original CC&Rs enforcement.
- Potential need to negotiate with neighboring property owners.

#### **Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward.

## **2. Lock Box Services**

-Tom Rohlfiing

### **Summary of Presentation:**

- Lock Box processes approximately \$225 million in payments annually:
  - Handles around 50,000 payments between October and November.
- There is limited staffing in the tax office.
- There is difficulty during the peak period processing.
- Considerations:
  - Exploring potential in-house processing.
  - Planning to conduct RFP for service providers.

### **Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward.
- Investigate future alternatives.

## **3. Salmon Falls Wetland Construction Contract**

-Kevin Thompson

### **Summary of Presentation:**

- The lowest bid is \$116,350 from Segment Excavation and Construction.
- Fully funded by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) grant.
- The contract end date is September 30, 2025.
- This was a competitive bidding process.
- No protests were received during the bid period.

### **Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward.

## **4. Santiam Canyon Sewer Project Warranty Deed**

-Brian Nicholas

### **Summary of Presentation:**

- Purchase price is \$1,639,000.
- 2.1 acres dedicated at no cost to Marion County.
- The property is located in Marion County.
- Aligned with the county's infrastructure needs.

### **Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward.

## **5. Consider Board Order for Road Acceptance of Local Access Roads**

-Lani Radtke

### **Summary of Presentation:**

- Addressing roads with less than 50 feet right-of-way.
- Avoiding forced property acquisitions.
- Challenges include:
  - Complex legal descriptions.
  - Potential neighborhood impact.
- Propose continuing maintenance program.
- Potential legal documentation of right-of-way.

**Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward.

**6. City Coordination Meetings**

-Lani Radtke, Carl Lund

**Summary of Presentation:**

- Meetings Conducted:
  - Jefferson with involvement from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).
  - Silverton.
  - Preliminary discussions with Donald.
- Specific areas of focus include:
  - Pedestrian safety.
  - Infrastructure collaboration.
  - Road maintenance.
- There are potential partnership opportunities.
- Address specific local needs.

**Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward.
- Continue to expand city coordination efforts.

**7. Work Zone Awareness Week**

-Lani Radtke, Scott Wilson, Mathew Bathke

**Summary of Presentation:**

- This is a national safety initiative.
- Focuses on worker protection.
- Specific safety activities:
  - Social media campaign.
  - Staff safety stories.
  - Wearing orange for visibility.
- There are visibility challenges for road workers.
- Safety measures are important.

**Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward.

**8. Recycling Modernization Act (RMA) Overview**

-Brian May

**Summary of Presentation:**

- Uniform collection standards.
- Expanded recycling options.
- Specific challenges include:
  - Processing capabilities.
  - Market development for recycled materials.
- There are potential funding opportunities.
- Looking for long-term sustainability.

**Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward.

## **9. Contract Amendment #1 with Farline Bridge INC for Work on Rambler Drive Bridge #5419**

-Ryan Crowther

### **Summary of Presentation:**

- Additional funding of over \$100,000 for unexpected stringers.
- Some of the challenges include:
  - More structural wood replacements than initially anticipated.
  - Need to order materials quickly while bridge deck is removed
- Original bid was significantly lower than expected.
- There is potential to use the remaining grant funds.

### **Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward.

## **10. Safe Routes to School Rapid Response Grant**

-Carl Lund

### **Summary of Presentation:**

- The location of the project is the Scott Elementary crosswalk.
- There was a recent pedestrian incident with minor injuries:
  - This incident sparked this project.
- Proposed Enhancement: Rectangular rapid flash beacon crossing
- Some safety considerations:
  - There is an existing crossing guard present.
  - The incident occurred after school hours.

### **Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward.

## **11. Contract Amendment #1 with Melody Klug, for Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Services in the Adult Behavioral Health Program**

-Carol Heard

### **Summary of Presentation:**

- Ms. Klug works in the Early Assessment Support Alliance (EASA) program.
- The contract details are as follows:
  - Not to exceed \$297,000.
  - Expires June 30, 2028.
  - Services for youth ages 12-25 experiencing early psychosis.
- She works up to 50 hours per month:
  - Providing psychiatric assessments and medication management.

### **Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward.

## **12. Contract Amendment #1 with James Miller for Mental Health Assessments and Care for Adult Behavioral Health Program**

-Carol Heard

### **Summary of Presentation:**

- The contract details are as follows:
  - Not to exceed \$900,000.
  - Expires June 30, 2027.

- Provides psychiatric assessments and medication management.
- This is a higher hourly rate due to medical doctor status.
- Works up to 36 hours per week.
- Potential retirement in future.
- Explored future forensic evaluation capabilities.
- Potential certification opportunities.

**Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward.
- Explore future certification options.

**13. Contract Amendment #1 with Nathaniel Kravitz for Mental Health Assessments and Care for Adult Behavioral Health Program**

-Carol Head

**Summary of Presentation:**

- Removed from the agenda.

**Board Direction:**

- N/A

**14. Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation Draft**

-Kelly Martin, Laura Sprouse

**Summary of Presentation:**

- The theme is "Choose Community".
- Campaign activities include some of the following:
  - Signs of Hope campaign.
  - With over 70 community groups participating.
  - Mental Health Action Day (May 15).
  - Community connection event on May 29.
- Key focus areas of the campaign include:
  - Reducing stigma.
  - Increasing community connections.
  - Promoting mental health awareness.

**Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward with language modifications and community support emphasis.

**15. Purchase Opioid Treatment Medications**

-Carol Heard

**Summary of Presentation:**

- Contract with Cardinal Health for pharmaceutical purchases.
- The contract's duration is through July 2026.
- The total contract value is up to \$1,500,000.
- Medications that are purchased include:
  - Methadone.
  - Suboxone.
  - Subutex.
- Future considerations include:
  - Potential for additional medication types.

- Closed-door pharmacy implementation.
- Long-acting injection medication options.

**Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward.

**16. Emergent Economic Opportunity Program Application for St. Paul Rodeo for All**

-Kelli Weese

**Summary of Presentation:**

- Received an application from St. Paul Rodeo for All.
- The grant amount is \$2,500.
- The funding comes from lottery dollars.

**Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward.
- Share a presentation at board session.

**17. Travel Salem Grant Agreement Extension**

-Kelli Weese

**Summary of Presentation:**

- Existing two-year agreement which expires July 2025.
- The current annual funding is \$117,500.
- Previous funding levels was around \$125,000:
  - Gradual reduction in funding amount.
- Travel Salem is a tourism and regional marketing organization.
- North Marion Tourism Collaborative:
  - Newer organization.
  - Focused on rural economic development.
  - Limited resources compared to Travel Salem.
- Funding disparity between organizations.
- Need for balanced economic development support.

**Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward

**18. SEDCOR Grant Extension**

- Sarah Coutley

**Summary of Presentation:**

- Contract extension for an additional year.
- The contract value is \$160,000.
- Need to evaluate the organizational value and Return On Investment (ROI).

**Board Direction:**

- Approved to be extended for one year.
- ROI needs to be discussed over the next year.

**19. Establishing a Pricing Mechanism for the Private Sale of Real Property**

-John Carlson

**Summary of Presentation:**

- Removed from the agenda.

**Board Direction:**

- N/A

**20. Back Up Hearings Officer Recommendations, Rebekah Dohrman and Josh Soper**

-Steve Elzinga

**Summary of Presentation:**

- The candidates are Rebekah Dohrman and Josh Soper
- The current Hearings Officer is Jill Foster.
- Completed a Request for Information (RFI) and the two applicants applied.
- Current Hearings Officer has scheduling and legal conflicts at times:
  - These will provide backup support for the primary hearings officer.

**Board Direction:**

- Approved to move forward.
- The board would like to meet Mr. Soper and Ms. Dohrman.

**21. Board Session**

-Commissioner Danielle Bethell

**Summary of Presentation:**

- Overview of agenda.

**Board Direction:**

- N/A

**22. Legislative Update**

-Alvin Klausen

**Summary of Presentation:**

- Bills Discussed:
  - Senate Bill (SB) 1189 (Santiam Sewer Construction).
  - SB 2467 (Civil Commitment).
  - SB 3604 (Feline Bill).
  - SB 1067 (Anti-Flow Controls)
- Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Requests:
  - Radio Project.
  - Sewer Project.
  - Marinas.
- Potential use of Opal Creek funds.
- Prioritize critical infrastructure projects.
- Ongoing communication with legislative representatives.
- Monitoring bill progress.

**Board Direction:**

- Prioritize radio and sewer projects.
- Continue legislative engagement.
- Explore funding opportunities for critical infrastructure.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE

**Commissioner Danielle Bethell**

- N/A

**Commissioner Kevin Cameron**

- N/A

**Commissioner Colm Willis**

- N/A

Other

Steve Elzinga – Individual Sent to Marion County Jail from Oregon State Hospital (OSH)

- Federal court order received to accept the individual.
- Legal and ethical challenges.
- Key Legal Considerations:
  - Federal Judge voided previous circuit court order
  - OSH is required to transport the defendant.
  - Uncertainty about the jail acceptance protocols.
- Case Details:
  - Defendant charged with murder of her child.
  - She is currently at OSH.
  - Evaluated as potentially able to stand trial.
- There is no clear precedent for the situation.
- Concerns about the appropriateness of the detention location.
- The existing informal practices are being challenged.
- Explicit court orders are needed.
- This potentially could impact future cases.
- Potential Risks:
  - There are liability concerns for the county.
  - The defendant's mental health stability.
  - There is potential federal court intervention.
- Recommend the following:
  - Await specific transportation instructions.
  - Maintain openness to accepting defendant.
  - Seek expedited hearing.
- Communication Strategies:
  - Engage with District Attorney.
  - Communicate with OSH.
  - Prepare for a potential legal response.
- A hearing is scheduled for May 7:
  - Want an earlier expedited hearing.

**Board Direction:**

- Accept defendant per federal court order.
- Legal Counsel to draft response to OSH.
- Request expedited hearing from the circuit court.
- Engage the District Attorney for immediate action.

**Adjourned** – time: 10:07 a.m.

**Minutes by:** Mary Vityukova

**Reviewed by:** Gary L. White