



Management Update summary Minutes

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August 15, 2023. 9:30 AM

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Colm Willis, Kevin Cameron, and Danielle Bethell Staff: Jan Fritz, Matt Lawyer, Alvin Klausen, Shawnnell Fuentes, Nick Hunter, Jon Heynen, Laura Sprouse, Phil Blea, Jeff Wood, Jay Bergman, Katrina Griffith, Rhett Martin, Brian Nicholas, Scott Wilson, Austin Barnes, Tamara Goettsch, Nick Harville, Adam Franco, Kelli Weese, Sherry Linter, Terry Stoner, Nate Combs, Tom Rohlifing, Brandon Reich, Ryan Crowther, and Chad Ball.

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

INFORMATIONAL:

Nusom Rd. NE, Abiqua Creek Road Scour Repair – Contract with David Evans and Associates

-Ryan Crowther

Summary of presentation:

- This is an additional contract for the scour project;
- This project is following the emergency procurement process;
- The project started under \$100,000, with an engineer, but it will be going over:
 - There will be an increase of \$40,035.95;
 - This will bring the total amount to \$139,716.16;
- This will provide construction support from the engineer as currently Marion County Public Works (MCPW) has many projects happening simultaneously;
- Two of the three permits needed have been obtained they are:
 - Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ);
 - An other environmental agency;
- The last permit needed is from the Army Corp of Engineers;
- The contractor, K & E Excavating, is ready as soon as permitting is done:
 - This will approximately take one to two weeks of work;
 - September 15, 2023, is when the in-water work window ends;
- Army Corp, tentatively, stated the permit should be ready mid or end of August;
- The project can be done through the Public Works engineering department;
 - There are three engineers on staff;
 - There are two project managers who manage consultants;
- A professional engineer needs to oversee the work to stamp and sign the plan;
 - Engineers can do three to five projects at a time, depending on size;
 - An urgent project, like this, is a full-time job for one engineer;
 - External help is brought in when needed;
 - They have teams that can be devoted with hydraulic engineer expertise;
 - MCPW does roadwork and small hydraulic projects;

- For construction portion, MCPW, sends an inspector to the field;
 - There are four full time inspectors with many projects happening;
- Construction is unpredictable being busy and slowing down at different times;
 - The firm is doing the inspection, they did the design, and have inspectors specializing in in-water work;
 - The county does not inspect;
- The plan was to design a project to go to bid in the fall/winter and begin construction next summer;
 - This spring saw more bank loss than anticipated;
- There is concern of the road washing away in the fall or wintertime; and
 - Would like to be done by fall instead of the summer.

Board Direction:

- Inform the Board of Commissioners (BOC) if help is needed for the permit; and
- The BOC is good to proceed.

Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities Update

-Austin Barnes, Brandon Reich

Summary of presentation:

- There is a draft of designations CFEC areas;
 - The Silverton Road and Lancaster Drive area is the primary location;
 - The impact on residential zoning is small as it is mostly commercial zoning;
 - This needs to be adopted by the end of the year;
- The consultant contract is underway for the community engagement plan;
 - The consultant has been met with every two weeks;
 - Mid-September the board and consultant will discuss community engagement;
 - Where the consultant is at and what the board would like to see;
 - There will be three meetings prior to January;
- Would like the board to recommendations submit before October;
- There were a few sites along Lancaster Drive;
 - The BOC asked for the Silverton Road and Lancaster Drive to be looked into;
 - Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (COG) did the work;
 - The information is on hand to be used to modify;
- The area has everything needed and residential land impact is minimal;
- Current zoning meets the requirements with a few minor changes;
- The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) would like this adopted by the end of the year;
 - Not sure if the timeline will be met;
 - The outreach plan will be worked through while getting feedback from the BOC on how to get this out to the community;
 - This may not be done until January/February;
 - Then the community will give feedback once the concept is put together;
 - Then it gets approved and overlay zoning gets adopted next year for builders to implement; and
- The project is a little behind, but the DLCD should be fine with this.

Board Direction:

- Commissioner Bethell would like to meet, early September, with Brandon and Austin;
 - Matt Lawyer to schedule a meeting; and
- Provide a map outlining the impact of the project.

Purchase of 2024, 10-Yard Dump Truck from Premier Truck Group

-Scott Wilson

Summary of presentation:

- The truck will be fully outfitted with a snowplow, sander, and pre-wet kit;
- The truck will be replacing one of the 14 trucks that public works has;
 - The truck being replaced is from 2001 and has over 300,000 miles on it;
- The procurement order (PO) amount is \$312,670 and it is awarded through the Oregon State Pricing Agreement Cooperative; and
- This is in the capital projects list for budget.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed.

Purchase of Reflective Marking Spheres (Beads) from Potter Industries, LLC.

-Scott Wilson

Summary of presentation:

- These glass beads are part of paint striping adding reflective capabilities;
 - This adds the visibility during the night when lights flash onto the paint;
- The amendment adds two years and a ten percent increase for the materials;
- The paint is applied, and the beads are sprinkled on top embedding into the paint;
- Beads wear out over time and striping happens once a year, especially on main roads;
- The previous two years \$525,000 was budgeted and \$490,000 was used; and
 - It was forecasted for two more years at a 10 percent increase.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed.

Purchase of a Skid Steer Loader with Attachments from Brim Tractor

-Dennis Mansfield

Summary of presentation:

- This is a compact loader on tracks;
- The bridge crew has been requesting this for the last four years;
 - This loader comes with various attachments and implements;
 - There is the ability to add four styles of bucket on it;
 - Asphalt grinder;
 - Pick-up broom;
- This will replace a small tractor loader that is not often utilized;
- The new equipment is more versatile and can be used in various projects throughout the year;
- This is awarded through the Sourcewell Cooperative;
 - This is a nationwide cooperative which does the same as State Pricing;
 - Pricings from various companies and vendors getting the best price;
 - This allows to seek equipment needed at prearranged bidding and pricing;
- Bidders participating in the State Pricing Agreement knows about the Sourcewell Cooperative; and
 - It is up to them to take advantage of it.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed.

Radio Technology Services Contract Amendment #5

-Brian Nicholas

Summary of presentation:

- The major Request for Procurement (RFP) is almost ready to go to Finance and Legal for review;
- This needs to come to the board for special procurement procedures;
 - The method used will need low bid and qualification-based selection criteria;
 - This will come in the next few weeks;
 - Has not been looked into if it needs a public hearing;
- This amendment adds the scope and fee needed for Radio Technology Services (RTS) to help with the procurement process;
 - This will take six months and up to 11 if there is protest;
 - This is a large amendment and that is why it covers a big length of time;
- This will be submitted for the August 30, 2023, board session;
- The Sheriff's Office interest is to get the RFP out and they have not seen the final version of the RFP;
- This request is to amend RTS's contract for their support services;
- Patrick of RTS is a great radio tech and knows how to install systems;
- RTS is advising on the selection of the radio the system and is a technical advisor to the committee;
 - The committee has not been selected but will most likely include;
 - Brian Nicholas;
 - A BOC representative;
 - A couple Sheriff's Office representatives;
 - A potential external representative, such as Chief Kyle McMann;
 - RTS as an advisor;
- Vendors must attend a preproposal meeting, run by RTS, but MCPW will give county focus and outcome expectations; and
- METCOMM may want to be one the committee.

Board Direction:

- The language needs to be changed to reflect that RTS is assisting the county; and
- Have someone like Chief McMann on the committee.

Appointment of Deputy Chief Treven Upkes to the Marion County Justice Reinvestment Council (JRIC)

-Undersheriff Jeff Wood, Commander Jay Bergmann

Summary of presentation:

- The Council oversees a number of diversion and reentry programs;
- Would like to appoint Deputy Chief Upkes to fill Deputy Chief Skip Miller's position on the Justice Reinvestment Council; and
 - Deputy Chief Miller has retired.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed.

Unarmed Security and Vehicular Patrol for Health and Human Services Locations

-Rhett Martin

Summary of presentation:

- A new contract was presented in June, and this is for an extension of the contract;
- The contract was with De Paul industries and it was confirmed they were staffed;
 - De Paul said it would be six months before they are fully staffed and ready;
 - The contract was pulled back;

- The existing contract with Advanced Security will be extended to November 30;
- There will be an additional \$200,000 added to cover services along with small modifications to what they will do;
- A new RFP will be posted by the end of the month; and
- The request will go to board session on consent.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed.

Zero Suicide Grant Opportunity

-Phil Blea, Laura Sprouse

Summary of presentation:

- This is a grant opportunity from Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP) and Oregon Health Authority;
- This is RFPs for money to train in zero suicide initiatives;
- This is a training package with Dr. Ursula Whiteside;
 - A faculty member of Zero Suicide Institute at the University of Washington;
- In 2019, Dr. Whiteside trained Health and Human Services in Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT);
- The program will be as follows;
 - A one hour in-person introduction to Marion County Health and Human Services staff (MCHHS) to micro-intervention training content;
 - A three hour online micro-intervention on-demand course;
 - A one hour in person follow-up for all staff of the training;
 - Lastly, six-month one hour live virtual courses;
 - For 30 select behavioral health staff for specific DBT skills training;
- This will train staff in decreasing suicidal ideations;
- There was a short turnaround so the grant was submitted;
 - Direction is needed if the grant should be accepted;
- Zero Suicide Institute has the goal of zero suicides across the nation;
 - It looks at interventions within agencies and the community;
 - It initiates trainings, prevention interventions, postvention;
 - Dr. Whiteside is part of the institution looking into interventions;
 - Survivors of suicide, suicidal individuals;
 - The purpose is to train a caring and competent workforce;
- DBT is treatment for individuals at risk of suicide or with chronic suicidal ideation;
- DBT has shown the following;
 - A reduction in suicide attempts;
 - Decreased cost of treatment;
 - A reduction in hospital days;
 - Improved therapist resilience and less burn out;
 - A reduction in client self-harm;
- If staff feel equipped to provide for individuals they will see benefits among clients;
- DBT focuses on helping individuals bring opposing concepts in their mind;
 - How to live with both concepts;
 - In higher emotional states the brain works differently;
 - This teaches how to access different parts of the brain;
 - This doesn't teach to make things better but how not to make things worse;
 - These are skills that are effective in the moment;
 - Instead of shame and blame of suicidal thoughts;

- Micro interventions are given to individuals to be done in minutes instead of waiting for an appointment or calling a crisis line;
 - Distressed individuals can place their face in cold water regulating the body and heart rate;
- The trainings target the population of 25 years and older;
- The fundings focus is for intervention of the adult population; and
- The award notice will come on August 25, 2023.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed; and
- Phil Blea to inform the BOC when the grant is received.

OHA, IGA, Amendment #11

-Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- This is for a six-month extension to the county financial assistance award for addiction and mental health services;
 - The second six-month extension;
- The first extension took place because of transitions of leadership at the OHA and the governor;
- The extension is from July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023;
- There has been progress with OHA with very active work groups after moving to in person meetings;
- The funding was expected and does not include the one-time mobile crisis funds;
- Funding for aid and assist has increased;
 - This is due to larger workload with community restoration;
- Bridgeway contracts directly with OHA and the problem gambling funds no longer pass through MCHHS;
 - This arrangement is good as funding from OHA is slow; and
- There is no interest in more extensions and conversations will happen in the next two months.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed.

Tax Collector Appointment

-Tom Rohlfig

Summary of presentation:

- On, August 18, 2023, Rex Weisner the Tax Collector is retiring;
- He has been with Marion County for 35 years;
- A replacement needs to be appointed;
- The tax supervisor position has been recruited, Natasha McVey;
 - She has been with the county for 15 years;
 - She has worked alongside Mr. Weisner for that period;
- Mrs. McVey is being recommended for the Tax Collector position;
- This is a board appointed position;
- A Tax Collector needs to sign the foreclosure lists before they go out;
 - This happens at the end of the month;
 - This is dictated by statute;
- Mrs. McVey and the Tax Office will be supervised by Nate Combs;
 - The Tax Office will be under the Assessor's office as well;
- This is being moved because of personnel flow and how the office functions;

- Mrs. McVey was interviewed for the Tax Office Supervisor position;
 - Jan Fritz sat in for the interview;
 - The Tax Office Supervisor and Tax Collector positions go hand in hand;
- The Assessor and Chief Deputy Assessor would answer Mrs. McVey questions if they were appointed as Tax Collectors;
- There are roles and responsibilities, by statute, done by the Tax Collector;
 - Signing off on formal documents;
 - The assessment role with valuations and rate calculations, is signed as a tax rolled and filed by the Clerk's Office;
 - This is the main role of the Tax Collector;
 - This certifies the tax collection and assessment is accurate;
 - Monthly reports of new collected taxes;
 - Property valuation board reports;
 - They need to be bonded;
 - There is liability based on errors on the tax roll;
 - The assessor values the property;
 - The Tax Collector balances and has other banking roles;
 - Mrs. McVey has done so with Mr. Weisner the last six months to year;
 - Process refunds for over payment;
- The Senior Tax Clerk, Mike Engberg, is retiring as well;
 - He has 37 years of experience;
- There will be an updated flow chart for the Marion County Assessor's office; and
- This will be coming to board session on August 23, 2023, with a board order.

Board Direction:

- A status or job description to be given to the BOC to understand what the role is.

Board of Trustees of the Public Defenders of Marion County, Inc, Position 5 Vacancy

-Sherry Linter

Summary of presentation:

- Shaney Starr served this position and has recently resigned;
- There is no staff designation to oversee this position and the Volunteer Services Coordinator would take leadership on this; and
- A certificate will be created for Mrs. Starr to be mailed to her.

Board Direction:

- Ask the District Attorney if she has any recommendations;
 - Include Brendan Murphy on the e-mail; and
- Come back to management update.

EverFab Rural Industrial Application

-Adam Franco, Nick Harville

Summary of presentation:

- Rural Industrial Authorization is a property tax exemption available to businesses in rural areas;
- There are property tax exemptions if certain conditions are met;
- This authorization was approved in 2016 through Senate Bill 1565;
- It was adopted in Marion County Code 3.35.020;
- The application has been reviewed by the Marion County Assessor's Office;
- The conditions for the exemption are;

- Entering into a First-Source hiring agreement with the board for the exemption period and must be done within 90 days of the resolution;
- The employment of the applicant may not be less than the greater of:
 - The annual average employment of applicant is 110%;
 - The annual average employment of applicant plus on employee;
- The applicant must make industrial improvements to the property value between one and 25 million dollars;
- EverFab produces Americans with Disability Act (ADA) shower units in Aumsville for the last 35 years;
 - Currently they employ 40 positions;
 - With approval, they will hire about 28 more employees;
 - They plan to invest \$3 million into the property;
 - \$1.5 million into existing buildings and properties;
 - \$1.5 million would go into construction of new buildings;
- The company stated they need to expand to accommodate more seniors and ADA individuals using the shower units;
- They work with a large range of developers, architects, wholesalers, and plumbers;
 - Including Mission Senior Living, a senior living developer;
- This is under EverFab, instead of Modern Building Systems, as they pay the taxes;
- EverFab is on Modern Building Systems property;
- Modern Building Systems is doing the building improvements which is charged EverFab for along with paying the property taxes;
- This is \$30,000 each year for three years;
- The current tax rate is 0.0119014 per thousand;
 - Per the assessor's office this is about \$30,000 a year;
- Marion County is the only county that does this program;
- This is for industrial expansion;
- After the board approves this the company needs to get letters of support from the school and taxing districts; and
- This will come to the August 30, 2023, board session.

Board Direction:

- The application states Modern Building Systems and not EverFab;
- Would like to see the agreement with Modern Building Systems and EverFab;
 - A lease stating EverFab is paying the taxes for the three years;
- What is the current tax rate being paid, what the exemption is for three years, and what the tax rate will be in three years;
 - This needs to be part of the record at board session so the public understands the county is not giving money away and in three years there will be a benefit;
- Need to make other communities aware of this program; and
- Let Commissioner Bethell know of any problems getting this out to the districts.

North Marion Tourism Collaborative IGA and Oktoberfest Shuttle Program

-Adam Franco

Summary of presentation:

- North Marion Tourism Collaborative is a destination marketing organization representing the 10 communities of North Marion County;
- It is made up of cities, chambers, farmers, and local businesses;
- The mission statement is;

- “Collaborate to effectively promote, educate, support, and grow the region’s tourism assets and overall local economic vitality”;
- The BOC recently gave direction to work with the collaborative through an IGA with Woodburn to fund the group as they grow;
- The collaborative requested \$22,500 for one year with an option to extend for one year;
- The IGA listed the following items as deliverables;
 - Develop a marketing plan for the region;
 - Coordinate activities with appropriate regional tourism organizations;
 - Quarterly reports in activities;
 - Annual reports;
 - Reports on the progress of the group;
- The collaborative is working on the Oktoberfest Shuttle Project;
 - The shuttle will go to and from Mt. Angel on Friday and Saturday from;
 - Portland;
 - Salem;
 - Woodburn;
 - Silverton;
- The total cost is \$43,000 and the collaborative has received funding from several groups;
 - Travel Oregon;
 - Mt. Angel Oktoberfest;
 - City of Woodburn;
 - City of Silverton;
 - Portland General Electric (PGE);
- The project needs \$7,000 to hire a consultant and security for the buses;
- Last year Oktoberfest had over 400,000 participants;
- Two fields were used for a park and ride system;
 - This caused traffic for locals;
- The shuttle addresses the traffic with less cars on the road and bringing new tourists to the area;
- The shuttle will bring an estimated 1,500 additional visitors spending about \$110;
 - This will bring an additional \$170,000 of tourism spending in the area;
- The tickets will be \$10-\$15 each and will contribute to the funding of the project;
- The Oktoberfest was not part of the original request; and
- The report will include all the events including the shuttle and Oktoberfest.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good with the contract and but not the additional \$7,000; and
- The collaborative can come back and share the results of the project.

Economic Development Strategic Plan – Board Interviews

-Kelli Weese

Summary of presentation:

- Currently working on scheduling interviews with the board as individuals;
- This starts the process to develop the new Economic Development Program Strategy for the next five years;
- Stakeholder interviews have been scheduled with other individuals;
- There can be one-on-one interviews with the board for input on the strategic plan;
- Commissioner Cameron stated he would like to be scheduled;
- The interviews can be done over zoom but they will be here for other meetings;

- After the first round of public outreach this will come back to BOC at a work session sharing the results;
 - The BOC can give feedback at this point as well;
- Will reach out to the following:
 - City and elected official's staff;
 - Through a survey given directly or at council meetings;
 - Business and Economic Development organizations;
 - Through focus group meetings;
 - General public input; and
 - Through surveys.

Board Direction:

- Send the BOC the questions that will be asked;
- Commissioner Willis and Bethell are interested;
- Send the proposed plan of who will be reached out to; and
- Nick Harville needs to have a direct interview outside of SEDCOR.

Collection of Supervision Fees

-Jeff White

Summary of presentation:

- This is in regard to Parole and Probation supervision fees;
- In 2021 a law passed revoking the county's ability to charge supervision fees;
- There was \$10 million given to the state to compensate;
- The compensation fell short of what would be normally collected;
 - Between 300,000 and \$400,000;
- The language of the law did not address previously charged supervision fees;
- The state said no supervision fees should be billed to those still on supervision;
 - This is different from those with fees no longer on supervision;
- The state said the language would be changed in 2022 to be clearer, this did not take place;
- There is about \$4 million in uncollected fees that were charged prior to 2021 and collection was suspended for the last two years;
 - This was done to determine if legislation would make a change;
- The state was clear about not collecting fees, if they find out fees were collected, they will be deducted from allocations they will make;
- Representatives on the committee stated they are aware what the law says but they did not mean that;
- There is not a large concern if the fees are collected;
- The state gave about half of what was collected;
- If this was a major concern for the legislature the easy fix would have been done;
- The collection agency has the fees;
- There were other fees along with the supervision fee;
 - Supervision fees made up 90 percent;
 - The other 10 percent was not included in the bill; and
 - It can be collected.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed with collecting the fees.

County-Wide Awareness of Dangerous Properties

-Commissioner Bethell, Sheriff Hunter, Assessor Tom Rohlfling

Summary of presentation:

- A few weeks ago, Brian Van Bergen, stated he appreciated the support of the BOC to all departments;
 - He then sent an email stating his wife is an assessor in Yamhill County;
 - In the last 90 to 120 days there was a serious situation at a private property with a dangerous person at the residence;
 - His wife was supposed to assess the property and the danger was not communicated;
- There is no communication between departments, who look at properties, and the sheriff's office regarding dangerous properties in any county;
 - Yamhill County is looking into creating a system for this;
- Marion County needs to a similar system so departments do not approach dangerous properties and endanger employees;
- Properties need to be flagged so the assessor's office does not visit these homes or goes with a deputy;
- If an assessor is sent out and they hurt or killed this is a large risk to the county; and
 - Do not want to put employees in this situation.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is supportive of creating a system;
- The assessor's office and sheriff's office need to work this through; and
 - Then present it to the BOC to show what it would look like.

Street Vendor Ordinance

-Commissioner Bethell, Sheriff Hunter, Lani Radtke

Summary of presentation:

- This was prompted by John Zielinski and direction was given to Matt Lawyer to work with the Sheriff's Office to see what can be done;
- The meeting took place with the following attending;
 - Sheriff's Office;
 - Matt Lawyer from the board's office;
 - Public Works;
 - Health and Human Services;
- During the meeting it was discussed that there were two Marion County code chapters that can be used to cover the issue;
 - A vendor selling produce across the street from E.Z Orchards;
- Revision was looked into for Marion County Code Chapter 1010140;
 - Replacing public road with a right-a-way;
 - This is in compliance with Oregon statute;
- Revision was investigated for Marion County Code Chapter 1010150;
 - Public roads replaced with a right-a-way;
- There was discussion with code and enforcement about their ability to respond;
- The code is being revised and this is being worked through with Public Works;
 - Who will be in charge of bringing the change before the board;
- A code officer, in the field, can respond and have contact with the vendor;
 - They can provide education, give warning and citation, if needed;
- If there is no code officer available a deputy can respond and ask them to move;
 - The call will then go to code enforcement;
- Flyers will be given out to individuals, in Spanish. English and eventually Russian;
 - Vendors can be aware;
 - Things can be tracked and there can be follow up;

- Code needs to be contacted, call or e-mail, so things can be tracked internally;
 - The non-emergency line can be called also;
- The Sergeants of patrol are aware of the situation;
- Patrols can stop and educate vendors as citations do not want to be given out;
- There was confusion with the language as individuals stated they were not on the road;
 - Shoulders are included in the road;
 - The addition of the right-a-way language can help with this issue;
- Do would not want the E.Z Orchards owner to give the document to the vendors;
 - This is done as a safety precaution;
- There is a cart on the West side of Cordon Road and the vendor was almost killed because he was on the road;
- Patrols need to be proactive and make contact when they see something;
 - They do not need to wait for a phone call or report;
- There is concern for liability as some vendors are on private property;
 - Concerned that an injury can happen;
 - The sheriff followed up with the situation; and
- This will be talked about at the Farm Bureau meeting.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed.

Legislative Update:

-Alvin Klausen

Summary of presentation:

- A board member from the Oregon Sweet Cherry Commission reached out;
 - They are sending a letter to the Governor declaring an emergency;
 - They are not looking for a letter of support;
 - They would like the county to be aware;
 - A declaration of emergency allows for;
 - At the United States Department of Agriculture level to get emergency grants and loans;
 - Asking the governor for short term emergency small business loans;
 - Asking to align Oregon cherry crop insurance programs with programs in California and Washington;
 - As they are at a competitive disadvantage;
- US Treasury Department released the interim final rules;
 - This does not benefit the county as it doesn't extend the expenditure dates;
 - Will reach out to Senator Ron Wyden's office;
 - It allows flexibility to invest American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds into other infrastructure;
 - Roads, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), and other disaster relief items;
- Will be attending an Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) on aid and assist liability study work group;
 - This is a law that Lane County passed trying to attach it to 2405;
 - Marion County said no to additional burden on the bill;
 - It was placed on the Christmas Tree bill; and
 - This is \$100,000 of the General Fund going to administrative services to study barriers preventing local government's community mental

health programs getting protections against aid and assist coming back to the county.

Board Direction:

- Oregon Sweet Cherry;
 - A heat wave last year affected berries and the USDA was involved;
 - Reach out to the USDA to see if they are helping the cherry farmers;
- Interim Final Rules;
 - Will reach out to Senator Wyden's staff;
- AOC Meeting;
 - Will present to the BOC after the meeting; and
 - Will send information to Jane Vetto;

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

-Jon Heynen

Summary of presentation:

- GoGov;
 - Contacting departments that have not updated the information;
 - Departments would like to use the system;
 - There is concern of switching to a user system as the structure may change;
 - Keeping the same structure is making the process longer but it will be more efficient in the end;
- Environmental Video Series;
 - Will be filming the next two days at various locations;
 - The Covanta portion has been filmed;
 - Rebuttals of SB 488 are in the video but no mention of the bill;
- Marion County Today;
 - A few articles have been drafted;
 - All article drafts will be brought to the board at the end of the day;
- CGI Video; and
 - The scripts are in the commissioners' boxes to be reviewed.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good with the update.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE

Commissioner Danielle Bethell

- Met with Jimmy Jones;
 - It was said that the city of Salem may sue Marion County over the homelessness crisis; should this be included?
- Salem Pay Roll tax may fail and there is confidence that it will get to the ballot;
- DJ Vincet sent an e-mail asking to meet; and
 - The meeting needs to be done as a board.

Commissioner Kevin Cameron

- Spoke with Lani and Carl. This will be presented at a Work Session;
- Met with Jimmy Jones;
 - Spoke on their budget, staffing issues and general issues;
- Sent message to Mayor Chris Hoy about the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) draft from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT);
 - Which was not what was agreed on; and
 - There is an appeal pending about the rules.

Commissioner Colm Willis

- N/A

OTHER

Tamara Goettsch – Air Conditioning;

- At a July Work Session, the board was informed that the air conditioning unit at the annex was have issues and this continues to be so;
- There are concerns with the rising temperatures and from Judge Tracy Prall;
- Jan Fritz declared an emergency for procurement allowances for Business Services procurement and statute rules;
- July 7, 2023, was designated as the declaration of an emergency;
 - This allowed to find an alternative local vendor to service the air in the annex;
- Working with Legal and Finance to make sure everything is done correctly;
- This is coming to board session tomorrow with an emergency contract with Service Master;
- The emergency contract will be about \$16,000 with \$37,000 in total;
 - There will be a second contract for the vendor to work for another year maintain the unit;
- Need to be able to provide conditioned air from now until the end of the season;
- The same process will need to happen in April through the summer season;
- The long-term solution is a new unit;
 - A mechanical engineer will work to redesign a new system;
 - A procurement will be sent out for purchase, installation and commissioned;
- Currently the temperatures in the building are in the 70's;
- A generator was placed because the electrical infrastructure couldn't handle the work; and
- This will go on consent at board session.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed.

Jan Fritz – Gates Property;

- A bid was placed on the gates property and the county is in second position; and
- It is under consideration.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good with the update.

Adjourned – time: 11:31 am

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Gary L. White