



Management Update summary Minutes

OREGON

February 28, 2023. 9:30 AM

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Danielle Bethell, Colm Willis, and Kevin Cameron; Jan Fritz, Jessica Stanton, Jon Heynen, Alvin Klausen, Shawnnell Fuentes, Brian Nicholas, Matt Knudson, Chris Eppley, Sherry Lintner, Adam Franco, Kellie Weese, Kim Parker-Llerenas, Dean Craig, Scott Norris, Celia Storey, and Jason Burns.

Commissioner Colm Willis called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Legislative Update:

-Alvin Klausen

Summary of presentation:

- SB 795 – Directs State Board of Forestry to convey certain state forest lands to the county that determines that county would secure the greatest permanent value of lands to county and requests conveyance;
 - Letter of support created;
- Legislative Concept 4359 - Public Health Modernization Funding Coordination and Equity;
 - Changes the calculation of money distribution to community-based organizations (CBO) and public health authorities;
 - Ryan Matthews (Health and Human Services Administrator) added comments/drafted language;
- Stayton Infrastructure Letter – they are requesting federal help, asking for the (BOC) Board of Commissioners’ support on this;
- Letter of support – Brian Nicholas is drafting letters for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests;
 - North Santiam Canyon Wastewater Facility;
 - Fire alerting system;
 - North Santiam Parks wildfire recovery;
 - Safety Corridor;
- Jessica Stanton - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded projects;
 - List of projects that an extension would benefit;
- Information to senators about forest management;
 - Finding differences in the contracts with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the US Forest Service;
- Funding for Mobile Crisis Teams;
 - Commissioner Bethell to meet Lisa Rockower (Senator Wyden’s office);
 - Discussed with Ryan Matthews as well as the flaws in Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets (CAHOOTS) Act;

- Representative Andrea Salinas and Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer asking for information on the bridge improvement grants;
 - They are drafting letters and have called the Department of Transportation to express support;
- Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR);
 - Drafting a letter to Senator Wyden’s office;
- SB 850 – any project over \$750,000 that has ARPA funds would essentially trigger prevailing wages;
 - Submitted testimony of opposition;
 - A project with public and ARPA funding is affected by this bill;
- SB 488 – Requires municipal solid waste incinerator that accepts more than specified amounts of hospital, medical, or infectious waste in a calendar year to meet federal emissions limits for hospital, medical, or infectious waste incinerator;
 - Covanta’s state lobbyist (Lloyd) would like the BOC to send testimony;
 - Brian May (Environmental Services Division Manager) is testifying. They would like the sheriff’s office to testify;
 - AOC and Oregon Refuse & Recycling Association (ORRA) may testify and;
- Paula Soos (Covanta’s lobbyist) meeting with Sen. Wyden’s office regarding Covanta – would like to represent Marion County in the meeting;

Board Direction:

- Alvin Klausen will send a copy of Legislative Concept 4359 with Ryan Matthews’s comments to the BOC;
- Remove CDS language in Stayton’s infrastructure request letter and they will support the project;
- ARPA Project Extensions - Navigation Center – Jessica Stanton follow up on why an extension is needed;
- Jessica Stanton - ARPA Project Extensions - Adjust spreadsheet for completed projects to be grouped together as well as extensions;
 - Remove earmarks and state completed projects instead;
 - Drafted memo to the congressional delegates;
- Alvin Klausen to reach out to the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) letting them know that our delegates asked for the spreadsheet;
 - AOC can prompt other counties;
 - Draft a letter to the delegation so Commissioner Cameron can present it to AOC;
- Alvin Klausen – Find resource allocation difference between Beachie Creek and Bull Mountain from US Forest Service;
- Alvin Klausen will send Sen. Wyden’s letter, regarding CDBG-DR, to Rep. Chavez-DeRemer. Also, will send a full spreadsheet of the \$120 million County needs;
 - Send to Sen. Wyden and Rep. Chavez-DeRemer;
- Alvin Klausen to send Rep. Chavez-DeRemer the BLM and US Forest Service contract/policy information;
- SB 488 - Commissioner Cameron will testify.
- SB 488 - Alvin Klausen - Reach out to the Sheriff’s Association and nearby hospitals and to testify;
- Regarding eRINs Paula Soos to go to the meeting with Sen. Wyden and;

Willamette Workforce Partnership Youth Wage Grant Update

-Adam Franco, Kelli Weese, Kim Parker-Llerenas, Dean Craig

Summary of presentation:

- Active since May 2021. Supports businesses hiring first-time youths (14-17) through wage support of \$5 per hour of their hourly wage;
- Utilizes Economic Development Lottery funds. Focused on supporting urban businesses;
- Youth Wage Grant is run and managed by Willamette Workforce Partnership (WWP);
- Reviewing the Economic Development contract using lottery funds;
- The BOC to review the results of the program and discuss an alumni program;
- Found out about the program through Facebook;
- Jason Burns, Focus Heating and Cooling. 3 students. Done program for two years;
- Celia Storey, Silverton Gymnastics. The program was beneficial as it is expensive to train, so there was some compensation;
- Have another youth employment program, that pays \$15 an hour. 14-18-year-olds;
 - Hard to hire 14-15-year-olds because of Oregon Bureau of Labor & Industries (BOLI) rules and regulations;
- With Marion County's funding are able to support 21 businesses that hired 59 youths;
- After Marion County's funding was exhausted the State's funding was used;
- Have a program where they can follow up with the youth that was participating in this and how it impacted them;
 - Need to figure out a system to capture this information;
 - This is a business services program – do not have contact with the youth;
 - Participation and follow-up will be over email and texting;
 - Results are up to youth participation and;
 - Businesses would have to get the youth's contact information.

Board Direction:

- Adam Franco –
 - Update chart by adding dollar amount expended per line item;
 - Get the ages of youth that participated in the program;
 - Put together a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) brochure on the rules of hiring a 14-15-year-old per Oregon Bureau of Labor & Industries (BOLI) regulations;
 - Will build a plan for capturing youth participation/"where are they now";
 - Draft a report and Commissioner Bethell will give a presentation to AOC.
- The BOC supports increasing the amount to \$60,000 for the Program.

Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee Appointment Consideration, Jeff Crowther:

-Matt Knudsen

Summary of presentation:

- Advisory committee was formed in 2010;
- Current projects;
 - Stormwater quality treatment engineering standards;

- The committee primarily focuses on meeting the requirements of the MPDES storm water permits and the total maximum Daily Load (TMDL) permitting;
- This position was advertised through Volunteer Services. Only application currently;
- Jeff has considerable experience working in environmental regulation – primarily around wastewater and has a background in stormwater;
- Has worked with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and negotiating the requirements and working through the processes of implementing these types of programs;
- 4-year term and;
- With the Association of Water Utilities, he provided Marion County with a lot of insight into the wastewater system in Brooks for the last several years;

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed with Jeff Crowther;
- Will make sure the application is on the website and;
- Matt Knudson will discuss with the committee the polluted waterways by homeless camps.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Jon Heynen:

Summary of presentation:

- List of topics for the State of the County;
- Met with Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR) and Keizer Civic Center regarding audio and room setup;
 - Can support stream and audio with what they have;
 - On the day of, at 8 AM, will test equipment;
 - Stated system is completely functional;
- Reached out to Allied Video – have no staff on the day but can rent out equipment 4 speakers, 4 microphones, amp, and a mixing board;
 - Would have to pick it up and set it up. The cost is \$600;
- Marion County Today – Select Impressions sending proof and quote today for printing 250-500 copies for the event;
- Covanta ad – total cost \$200
 - 45,000 impressions on 19,768 individuals;
 - 511 clicked to learn more, cost 40 cents;
 - 39 cents per click that individual that engaged;
 - 1 cent to reach a constituent;
- Isaac’s Room Ad – total cost \$200;
 - 47,000 impressions;
 - 1,768 clicked to learn more of 21,000;
 - 1 cent to reach a constituent;
 - 11 cents - to learn more;
- Septic Grant ad – running until 3/10;
 - 16,000 impressions on 9,000 individuals;
 - 160 clicked;
 - 34 cents to engage;
 - Operating at ½ cent to reach a constituent;
- State of the County ad;
 - Facebook event;

- Cost per mil \$8.25;
- Cost per click is \$1.13 and;
- \$113 spent;

Board Direction:

- Speak to Allied Video - let them know that unsure if equipment will be needed until the day of. Ask about a reservation fee;
- At 8 am will need to test out the system at Capital Media;
- Find out how many nonmembers have registered for the State of the County;
- Release a statement/post that the cost of the State of the County has gone from \$50 to \$35 after listening to the public;
- The BOC to discuss the State of the County and SEDCOR – address cost;
- Will bring all of last year’s newsletters for State of the County and establish a QR code for those that want to be part of the communication that is sent out and;
- Work on updating the slide show for the State of the County.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE

Commissioner Danielle Bethell

- Received Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the \$12 million;
- Meeting with Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS), Matt Lawyer (Policy Analyst), Jan Fritz (Chief Administrative Officer), and Scott Norris (Legal Counsel);
 - Pre-meeting before meeting with the BOC and;
- Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance Executive Committee – Multi Agency Coordination Committee (MACC) has been accepted.

Commissioner Kevin Cameron

- Meet with Polk County to talk about trash;
- Work with Environmental Services, Brian May, and Jon Heynen about the waste energy facility.

Commissioner Colm Willis

- Will make a draft of a speech for the State of the County.

OTHER

Brian Nicholas – CDS requests;

- Safety Corridor - extending safety median;
 - Using state funds that were received in the last legislative session;
- Fire Alerting System at the Canyon - tag on to county-wide radio system;
 - Emergency broadcast system to supplement phone and radio failure;
- North Santiam Parks wildfire recovery;
 - Looking for additional funds;
- North Santiam Wastewater facility and;
 - \$3 million in additional funding.
- Submitted everything CFM needs to enter information into the portal that the senators are using. Rest of the week soliciting letters;
- CFM and the senators will need to know the order of priority for the projects;
- Proposed priority;
 - Safety Corridor – \$3 million, match 10.27%;

- Canyon Alerts System – \$2.5 million, no match found yet. Stand-alone project;
- North Santiam Parks – \$2 million, match 20%;
- North Santiam Sewer – \$3 million, No local funds as a match. Try to get state dollars than 20% match;
- Septic Grant Program in Detroit.
 - Met with Business Oregon;
 - Spoke on specific language placed in the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA);
 - Residential and Commercial Septic Grant Program - IGA – language needs to be updated; the same changes can be done in both grants;
 - Business Oregon, Davis-Bacon and the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) gave go ahead;
 - Commercial septic needs a written agreement with the property owner;
 - Residential septic owner attestations that are needed are on the application;
 - Commercial septic needs a grant that obligates compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (or contractors have to comply);
 - Checked with Scott Norris (Legal) for solutions for every item;
 - Davis-Bacon Act: must pay Davis-Bacon or BOLI wages (whichever is higher) and submit certified payroll;
 - Awarded cost to pay full wages;
 - Kim Aldrich (Onsite Wastewater Specialist) – asked commercial septic installers, none have a problem with Davis-Bacon work;
 - Met with Camber Schlag (Contracts and Procurement Manager) and Debbie Gregg (Budget and Grants Manager) to discuss being exempt from competitive public procurement rules under a grant program;
 - There are requirements needed in the agreement with the property owner;
 - Property owners are a beneficiary not a sub-recipient under ARPA’s definition so they can go to an installer of their choice and follow the normal septic permitting process;
 - Now the program needs to be written and get it implemented;
 - Brian Nicolas’s recommendation to the BOC is to get the Commercial Septic Grant Program and use the Residential Program as a model;
 - Grant amount – \$10 million. \$5 Million to the master planning effort of the large sewer system. \$3 million for commercial septic and \$2 million for residential septic;
- Detroit Septic Process;
 - First step is going to be writing the facilities plan and submitting it to DEQ and they approve it;
 - In a year with the facilities plan, pursuing the final design or not will be clearer; There will be an indication of actual costs, permit feasibility, and agreements;
 - \$2 million to get the facilities plan. May have extra money if the project does not go beyond the facilities plan. There will be excess funding for the Mills City project;
 - A year ago, there were plans it would take \$5 million to get Detroit’s big sewer to final plans and;
 - Property owners can have the county build their system or build their own;

- The requirement is that the exit pipe from their septic tank will need a “T” connection. One leg must have an unobstructed pathway to the street with a blind flange and the other goes to the drain field;
- The signed agreement will give the County access to the sewer if the County builds otherwise the owners will have to hook up to the sewer;
- \$3 million may not be enough for the commercial septic so a plan is needed on how to get more money and;
- Nick Donald’s meet and greet will be accompanied by Brian May.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good with the priority order;
- Need to come up with an estimate for the commercial grant so the BOC knows how much to budget and;
 - Then will be more comfortable to move forward with a grant.

Jessica Stanton

- Paid internship contract with Corban. Have finalized version. Will resend the information to the BOC and;
- Intellectual and Developmental Disability Advisory Committee IDDAC division is having a summit in March.

Board Direction:

- Will resend information to the BOC.
- Update BOC on how testimony went for HHS, at the Capitol recently.

Adjourned – time: 11:53am

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Shawnnell Fuentes