

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, January 30, 2019
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97305

PRESENT: Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Commissioner Sam Brentano, and Commissioner Colm Willis. Also present were Jane Vetto as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

ABSENT: John Lattimer, Chief Administrative Officer

Commissioner Cameron called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION

(Video time 0:00:59)

Holiday Wishes (Santa Central) Program results. - Lisa Miller, Stacy Vrooman, and Mandy Augsburgberger.

Summary of presentation:

Lisa Miller, Marion County Volunteer Services Coordinator, and co-chair of the program:

- The committee gets together every year to come up with creative ways to help support foster kids, through the Foster Parent Association.

Stacy Vrooman, Marion County Business Services, and co-chair of the program:

- County employees have helped foster kids in the community for 25 years;
- Northern Lights Theatre, Donatello's Pizza, and Dairy Queen teamed up with county employees and donated gift cards for a family night out;
- Donation boxes were set up around the county to collect the following:
 - Hygiene items;
 - Diapers in various sizes; and
 - A wish list of gifts for 206 foster kids.
- Ms. Vrooman would like to thank the employees, Business Services volunteers, and department representatives who all worked to make the event a success;
- The committee appreciates the board for their continued support; and
- Ms. Vrooman is proud to serve in Marion County with kind and generous staff who raised more than \$10,000 to support foster kids and families in the community.

Mandy Augsburger – President of the Marion-Polk-Yamhill Foster Parent Association:

- With the county’s assistance and generosity, the association was able to serve 206 children and teens in the community;
- Each child received a gift or gift card, handmade beanie hats, gloves, personal care items, and pajamas:
 - Each family also received a family night out package.
- Children’s behavior escalate during the holidays, especially between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and they can struggle with the following:
 - Loss;
 - Separation;
 - Unhappy memories; and
 - Grief.
- The majority of foster parents have biological children in the home;
- Foster parenting can be extremely lonely:
 - They struggle, because they don’t feel supported; and
 - It can be challenging giving to emotionally traumatized children.
- The thought of Christmas with no family, no traditions, and no gifts can be overwhelming for foster kids; and
- Ms. Augsburger appreciates Marion County for their community partnership and support.

Board discussion:

- Marion County has 800 children in foster care;
- Families selected for the program are paid members of the Marion-Polk-Yamhill Foster Parent Association;
- Families can receive multiple benefits with their \$25 annual membership fee:
 - Scholarships covering the fee may be awarded to families who can’t afford the membership; and
- Families who choose not to be a paid member are not selected for this program.

CONSENT

(Video time 0:17:35)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Approve an order reappointing Carla Munns to the Marion County Children and Families Commission with a term ending January 31, 2023.

Approve an order reappointing Tamra Goettsch, Karen Hilfiker, and Linsey Ober and appointing Ann Jorgensen and John Rowton as dog control officers; and rescind all prior orders appointing dog control officers.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Approve Amendment #14 with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$10,335 in funding and revise program element PH Modernization.

TAX OFFICE

Approve an order for a property tax refund in the amount of \$36,923.55 to Pacific Realty Associates, LP.

Board discussion on Community Services dog control Consent item:

- Marion County Code dictates that dog control officers and shelter management be appointed by the board;
- Mr. Rowton, Ms. Jorgenson, and Ms. Goettsch are part of the management team, as well as dog control officers;
- Each time there is a change in management, an order is issued ensuring that the most current management is on record;
- This allows the appointees to do the duties of a dog control officer in their absence; and
- Training and certification are required for the position.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved for approval of the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

ACTION

(Video time 0:20:34)

BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Consider approval of an order appointing Carey Klosterman, Mary Beth Allen, and Brandi Leos to the Marion County Compensation Board with terms ending December 31, 2019. – Colleen Coons-Chaffins

Summary of presentation:

Colleen Coons-Chaffins:

- The compensation board is comprised of three to five members with knowledge and background in personnel and compensation management;
- Their purpose is to determine the compensation of elected officials;
- County staff performs the following duties:
 - Gathers data;
 - Fills out paperwork;
 - Does analysis; and
 - Forwards the information to the compensation board for review.
- The Compensation Board performs the following duties:
 - Reviews data;
 - Asks questions to validate information;
 - Checks to see where there may be variables or differences; and

- Makes recommendations.

Brandi Leos:

- Ms. Leos is a former Marion County employee who is familiar with the role of the compensation board and its processes;
- Ms. Leos has consulted for other counties throughout the state in a similar role; and
- She is honored to be able to volunteer for the county, applying her expertise and knowledge in this role.

Mary Beth Allen:

- Ms. Allen has experience in human resources and labor relations in the public sector;
- She is a descendent of some of the original settlers of Salem, so the job position has sentimental value to her; and
- Ms. Allen praised county staff and stated that it's an honor for her to be part of this committee.

Board discussion:

- The comparables are Jackson, Lane, Deschutes, and Clackamas counties:
 - Occasionally the City of Salem and the state of Oregon.
- The board appreciates the appointees' willingness to serve.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved for approval of an order appointing Carey Klosterman, Mary Beth Allen, and Brandi Leos to the Marion County Compensation Board with terms ending December 31, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video time 0:25:29)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

2. Consider an order approving the distribution of Video Lottery Receipts in the amount of \$8,500 for the 2018-19 Revitalize Downtown Stayton Community Project Grant Application and Funding Recommendation. – Tamra Goettsch

Summary of presentation:

- The Community Project Grants Program is open to all cities and is available to:
 - Non-profit organizations;
 - City government; or
 - Business organizations.
- The program helps the county distribute resources within the community for economic development;
- The City of Stayton's grant request for \$8,500 to revitalize the downtown area has been reviewed and meets the minimum requirements for this particular program;
- Stayton has taken an opportunity to look at its downtown core and begin thinking about where it wants to go in the future;
- Bringing people downtown is a vision of the City of Stayton, community members, and business members;

- The grant will pay for the following:
 - An architect that will help in the design of the revitalization;
 - Help offset costs for an AmeriCorps member who will assist with:
 - Communications with business owners;
 - Project development; and
 - Making sure the city is complying with grant requirements.
- The \$8,500 is a launch grant for the city to help with:
 - The revitalization effort;
 - Share their vision and bring unity with the community; and
 - May be combined with other grant sources that have an interest in downtown core development.

Board discussion:

- Developing the City of Stayton's downtown core has been ongoing for 30 years;
- Commissioner Brentano's wife rents shop space in downtown Stayton, but believes this will not be a conflict;
- Other cities in Marion County have benefitted from projects like this:
 - Mill City received a matching grant for facade improvements;
 - Mt. Angel made facade improvements, as well as improvements to their housing project; and
 - Donald received help with the planning process for their Urban Growth Boundary expansion.
- The county supports rural communities in helping make them great places to live, work, and play;
- Each year, there is approximately \$60,000 in the county's Lottery Grant Fund budget for these types of projects;
- Commissioner Willis has met with project leaders:
 - Believes they have a clear direction; and
 - Are doing great things for the City of Stayton.
- Commissioner Willis stated that he will abstain from voting due to living in close proximity to the project.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved to approve an order approving the distribution of Video Lottery Receipts in the amount of \$8,500 for the 2018-19 Revitalize Downtown Stayton Community Project Grant Application and Funding Recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried with a 2-1 voice vote, with Commissioner Willis abstaining.

(Video time 0:34:20)

PUBLIC WORKS

3. Consider approval of the Intergovernmental Agreements for the 2019 Emulsified Asphalt Slurry Seal Surfacing Project in the amount of \$215,000 through December 31, 2019. - Brian Nicholas

- City of Salem \$150,000
- City of Stayton \$45,000
- City of Turner \$20,000

Summary of presentation:

- Public Works has been running the Slurry Seal Pilot Program for three years and invites a small number of local cities to participate;
- Slurry seal is the most economical way to resurface a road;
- The county uses a mix of different treatments on the roadways, and each mix has different characteristics for the following:
 - Durability;
 - Structural impact for the pavement section; and
 - Overall costs.
- Slurry seal is not as durable as new asphalt and is used on residential streets and lower volume roads;
- Benefits for using slurry seal:
 - It resurfaces the street, filling in potholes, pop-outs, and road surface roughness; and
 - It seals out water that can get underneath the roadway, which can soften roadways and lead to premature failure of pavement.
- The program has doubled in size after the county invited cities to participate;
- There is a 12 percent savings on unit pricing;
- Cities participating in the program are noticing a larger unit price decrease:
 - The cities are seeing a cost savings of 20 to 40 percent.
- The county slurry seal program is now attracting a larger group of contractors:
 - Contractors are giving Public Works more competitive bids and stable and consistent unit pricing.
- The county has the engineering resources to manage a larger program, and plans to invite more cities to participate;
- The county's summer slurry program will focus on the following areas:
 - City of Salem:
 - An area of NE Salem, outside the incorporated city; and
 - Spongs Landing County Park.
 - City of Stayton:
 - A neighborhood north of Shaff Road.
 - City of Turner:
 - Third Street; and
 - Denver Street.
- The City of Stayton has requested 20,000 square yards:

- Focusing on areas in the community where they can get the most efficiency by keeping the footprint tight; and
- Plans in the future to move throughout the city, focusing on an area by area basis.
- The City of Salem is still finalizing their list, but has requested 80,000 square yards;
- The program allows cities to do slurry seal work that they were not able to do in the past:
 - Gain access to a contractor that they did not have access to before.
- With the higher volume production, contractors are bringing in larger pieces of equipment that have more capabilities, and allows them to complete the job quicker;
- Larger slurry units have a dry Portland cement additive that is mixed into the slurry as it is being laid down on the road which cuts back on cure times and allows cars to drive on it within hours;
- Cities provide their plans, listing the roads needing repaired with maps if available;
- This is a county contract; the county is responsible if issues arise; and
 - There is only one contract available for cities, and there is no variation in that contract.

Board discussion:

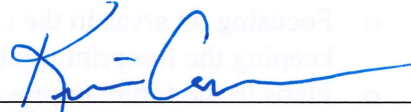
- Contracts are reviewed by legal:
 - There is a Hold Harmless clause in the contract that adds one more layer of support for the cities and the county.
- With a larger package, the county tends to move to the top in response time with the contractors:
 - There is language in the contract that requires the contractors to mobilize and stay mobilized until the job is done.
- The city pays for staff time associated with assembling and managing their contract:
 - The county provides inspectors for smaller communities.
- The county contracts out for all the work needed in the cities; and
- The county has an established and trained paving crew, that will pave in small batches for maintenance and repair work:
 - Longer patches of road are contracted out.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreements for the 2019 Emulsified Asphalt Slurry Seal Surfacing Project in the amount of \$215,000 through December 31, 2019.

- City of Salem \$150,000
- City of Stayton \$45,000
- City of Turner \$20,000

Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

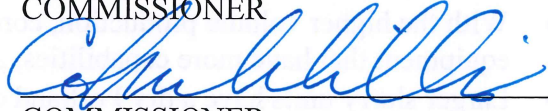
Commissioner Willis read the calendar;
Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.



CHAIR



COMMISSIONER



COMMISSIONER

Board Sessions can be viewed on-line at

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLSUQ1gg6M78UsBE3q6w4rdf59Z5rXkEi5>