

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, October 12, 2016
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Commissioner Sam Brentano, Commissioner Janet Carlson. Also present were Bruce Armstrong as county counsel and Gordean Ash as recorder.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

(Video Time 00:01:05)

MOTION: Commissioner Carlson moved for approval removing consent item, Approve an order appointing Donald Dodson and Stephen Thorsett as honorary members of the Marion County Children and Families Commission, and place it as an action item under Community Services. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

CONSENT

(Video Time 00:02:25)

BUSINESS SERVICES

Approve an order recommending Marion County's use of Clackamas, Deschutes, Jackson and Lane Counties as consistent comparables for market review studies.

Approve a recommendation to change exemption status and adjust upward paygrade for Safety Specialist, class code #358.

CLERK'S OFFICE

Approve an order appointing Paul Allen, Jennifer Sasaki, Gerald Bauman, Richard Manning, Don Miller, Micah Moskowitz, Bob Riggi and Sue Thompson to the Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA) with terms ending June 30, 2017.

JUVENILE

Approve Amendment #2 to the Contracts for Services with Justice Benefits, Inc. to add 5 percent for the Oregon Kids placement data entry.

TAX OFFICE

Approve an order advancing tax levies to small taxing districts pursuant to ORS 311.392.

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

ACTION

(Video Time 00:03:45)

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1. Consider approval of a proclamation designating October 16-22, 2016 as National Hands and Words are Not for Hurting Week in Marion County. – Loryn Studer & Katie Larson, South Salem High School

Summary of presentation:

- Katie Larson is Miss Marion & Polk County's Outstanding Teen;
- Loryn Studer is the founder of the first annual Suicide Prevention week;
- They are the president and vice president of a club at South Salem High School;
- Main objective is to support their student body;
- Would like to put on several events this school year:
 - Would like Suicide Prevention week to be an annual event.
- Sponsored Out of the Darkness Riverfront Walk to raise awareness around suicide prevention;
- Created and sold purple shirts to support Suicide Prevention and Hands week;
- Would like to promote Ann Kelly's Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting pledge:
 - Pledge will be said at all their football games during half-time; and
 - Will offer purple hair wrap to the other school during volleyball games.
- Have raised over \$2,500 from local business owners and individuals;
- Will promote wearing purple at all volleyball and football games;
- Mission statement defines their desire to get the issue of suicide talked about;
- Katie Larson's platform is, "Not Okay is Okay Too Mental Health for Teens":
 - Raises awareness of possible contributing factors.

Board discussion:

- Peer support may have more of an impact than teachers and parent input at this age;
- Many mental health issues don't appear until the teen years; and
- Important to recognize when someone is struggling and be available.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved for approval of a proclamation designating October 16-22, 2016 as National Hands and Words are Not for Hurting Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Carlson; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

(Video Time 00:22:05)

BUSINESS SERVICES

2. Consider approval of a recommendation to change the Ancillary Marketing Benefits Program administration to Professional Benefit Services (PBS) effective January 1, 2017. – Justine Flora

Summary of presentation:

- Administration of ancillary programs:
 - Flexible spending accounts; and
 - Cobra and retiree medical plans.
- Currently using Benefit Hope Solutions:
 - Customer service and accuracy issues over the last few years.
- Request for Proposals (RFP) to discover new possibilities for benefits;
- Professional Benefit Services, a local Salem company, stood out:
 - Location convenient for employees;
 - Offers a phone app;
 - Direct deposit; and
 - Small family business feel.
- Would like to change to Professional Benefit Services effective January 1, 2017.

MOTION: Commissioner Carlson moved for approval of a recommendation to change the Ancillary Marketing Benefits Program administration to Professional Benefit Services (PBS) effective January 1, 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:27:05)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

3. Consider an order approving the Marion County Children and Families Commission's Bylaws revisions. – Tamra Goettsch

Summary of presentation:

- Children and Families Commission is a section of the Community Services Department which helps the board become more informed of children and families;
- As their role has been defined, the bylaws must be revised per legal counsel recommendation;
- Individual changes in the bylaws were pointed out by Mary Grim, Community Services Program Coordinator:
 - Recommends retaining minimum membership at eleven and cap at thirty; and
 - Proposes an honorary member position:
 - Can attend meetings as their schedule allows;
 - Cannot vote;
 - Would not count towards a quorum; and
 - Appoints honorary members a four year term.

Board discussion:

- Honorary members are important for the expertise they lend;
- Important to make sure that the people who serve can attend in order to meet quorum; and
- Cap helps staff manage changes in membership.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved for approval of an order approving the Marion County Children and Families Commission Bylaws revisions. Seconded by Commissioner Carlson; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:36:15)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

4. Consider an order appointing Donalda Dodson and Stephen Thorsett as honorary members of the Marion County Children and Families Commission.

Summary of presentation:

- Have served as members, but their term as expired and would like to remain as honorary members;
- Stephen Thorsett is the President of Willamette University and his travel schedule compromises his attendance at meetings; and
- Donalda Dodson is an early childhood professional and offers expertise on early youth development.

MOTION: Commissioner Carlson moved for approval of appointment of Donalda Dodson and Stephen Thorsett as honorary members of the Marion County Children and Families Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9:30 A.M.

None.

Commissioner Cameron read the calendar.

Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.



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