

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, October 31, 2018
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97305

PRESENT: Commissioner Janet Carlson and Commissioner Kevin Cameron were present. Also present were Jane Vetto as county counsel and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

ABSENT: Commissioner Sam Brentano and John Lattimer

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Video time 0:00:45)

David Beem:

- Would like more funding for mental health services after 5 p.m.; and
- Add counseling to foster and group homes

Cy Smith:

- Disabled Veteran;
- County recently picked up the Veteran Service Officer (VSO) office;
- County office has two service officers and two staff members;
- State office had at least eight to ten staff members;
- Veteran's Affairs (VA) claims are complicated;
- Veterans are being underserved;
- More funding in budget for staffing;
- System is overloaded; and
- Takes months to get an appointment.

Board discussion:

- Former VA Director asked the county to take this on several times;
- State has been running program for years;
- With additional funding county was able to move forward;
- County asked how state would help out until county was on its feet;
- State promised it would work side by side with county;
- County has one supervisor, two VSO's, and one staff person;
- Only one VSO has passed certification test;
- Other VSO has to wait until January 2019 to take the test;

- State pulled back after three months;
- Hiring additional staff would not resolve the wait time problem;
- Community Action Agency is aware of wait times and is monitoring issue;
- Will continue to work with the state to continue to get services to veterans; and
- Transition from state to county has not gone as smoothly as they hoped.

CONSENT

(Video time 0:11:17)

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OLCC Applications – Recommended Approval

Tanker Petroleum Corp. DBA: Lancaster AM/PM – Salem, OR

Approve an order appointing Brenda Koenig as Clerk of the Board for the Board of Commissioners.

BUSINESS SERVICES

Approve Amendment #1 to the Master Services Agreement with Carlson Veit Architects, PC to add \$207,588 for the new Juvenile Administration Project.

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

ACTION

(Video time 0:12:31)

BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Consider ratification of Health Insurance Contributions for contract years 2019-2020 within Marion County Employees Association (MCEA) Collective Bargaining Agreement 2016-2020 and Oregon Nurses Association Collective Bargaining Agreement 2016-2020. – Justine Flora, Jane Vetto

Summary of presentation:

- Asking board to consider the ratification of a tentative agreement reached with MCEA on October 10, 2018, Article 10, Section 4 of their Collective Bargaining Agreement;
- Four year agreement entered into in 2016;
- Under Article 10, agreed to reopen bargaining in 2018 for the county's health insurance contribution for 2019-2020;
- Four bargaining sessions held:
 - June 14, 2018;
 - September 20, 2018;
 - September 27, 2018; and
 - October 10, 2018.

- The board was updated on the status of the negotiations and authorized the tentative agreement reached with the union on October 10, 2108;
- Pursuant to the terms of the tentative agreement, the county will contribute per employee, per month:
 - \$1,471 for January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019; and
 - \$1,496 for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
- Monthly increase of \$25 per employee, per month;
- Total increase of \$169,512 for 2019 and \$472,212 for 2020;
- Non-represented employees will also receive the same contributions;
- Increased county contribution for both years reflects the total amount for both MCEA and non-represented employees;
- Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) bargaining agreement provides for an increase to their county medical contributions if one is received in MCEA;
- ONA contract has been amended to reflect the increases;
- Total increase for ONA contributions are \$3,024 for 2019 and \$8,424 for 2020;
- Ms. Flora participated in the negotiations this year;
- Good cooperation between represented and management teams; and
- Appreciate the board's input and authorization of the tentative agreement.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners stated that over the four years the increase totaled \$100 per employee;
- Cost of health insurance continues to rise;
- Employees are now sharing in contributions; and
- Will be difficult to keep costs down in the future.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the ratification of Health Insurance Contributions for contract years 2019-2020 within Marion County Employees Association (MCEA) Collective Bargaining Agreement 2016-2020 and Oregon Nurses Association Collective Bargaining Agreement 2016-2020. Seconded by Commissioner Carlson; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video time 0:20:17)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

2. Consider approval of the Allocation Agreement with the Oregon Garden Foundation for \$500,000 through June 30, 2023 to support economic development. – Tamra Goettsch

Summary of presentation:

- Marion County has a long history of supporting the Oregon Garden bringing tourist opportunities to those outside and within the community;
- Grant will provide support for staffing and infrastructure to the Oregon Garden Foundation (OGF);
- OGF supports the garden through fundraising efforts to repair infrastructure, update garden equipment, expand plant opportunities, and through marketing opportunities to promote the Oregon Garden;

- Through the existing agreement, OGF's resources are limited in their ability to hiring quality staff;
- Funds will help offset costs and support staffing and day to day operations; and
- Asking the board for approval of \$100,000 per year for the next five years.

Board discussion:

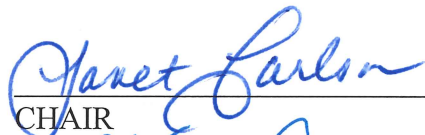
- County has been contributing this amount since 2009;
- The request is to ensure that funding is available for the next five years instead of on a year to year basis;
- Minimizes staff costs to renew contract yearly; and
- Will give certainty for OGF to continue operations of the garden.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the Allocation Agreement with the Oregon Garden Foundation for \$500,000 through June 30, 2023 to support economic development. Seconded by Commissioner Carlson; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

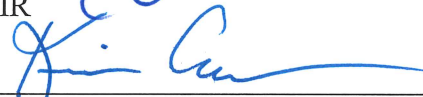
**PUBLIC HEARINGS
9:30 A.M.**

None.

Commissioner Carlson read the calendar.
Commissioner Carlson adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.



CHAIR



COMMISSIONER

Not Present At Meeting

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