

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, November 9, 2016
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: Commissioner Kevin Cameron and Commissioner Janet Carlson. Also present were John Lattimer as chief administrative officer, Gloria Roy as county counsel and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

ABSENT: Commissioner Sam Brentano

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION

(Video Time 00:01:00)

Economic Development – SEDCOR 1st Quarter Report - Chad Freeman & Nick Harville

Summary of Presentation:

- Existing companies are continuing to grow in Marion County;
- Unemployment rate is at 5.5 percent;
- Continuing to see job growth in Marion County;
- A challenge in the area is a lack of industrial buildings:
 - Vacancy rate is roughly 2-3 percent.
- Investors have been building new industrial buildings in the area;
- 500,000 square feet of building currently under construction in Marion County;
- Mill Creek Corporate Center Building is approximately 200,000 square feet;
- Donald development project will have 200,000 square feet of industrial buildings;
- Many projects have an infrastructure for job growth in the area;
- SEDCOR brought in a new Board:
 - Recognized John Lattimer as a new board member.
- Making major steps to start vocational training within the school districts;
- Two expansion projects at the Aurora Airport;
- New industrial buildings in Hubbard on nine acres along Highway 99;
- Two projects outside Donald's urban growth boundary;

- Inviting all to the groundbreaking ceremony on November 17th at 11:00 a.m. to kick off construction of Wilco's new hazelnut processing plant and store distribution center in Donald, OR; and
- Growth projects happening in Woodburn with existing companies.

Board Discussion:

- Currently, there is a long lead time for contractors to build in the area:
 - There is a shortage of industrial buildings in Marion County due to lack of property; and
 - Water and sewer constraints in local communities.
- Would like to have SEDCOR at the table when discussing traffic issues in Donald;
- There are federal and state grants out there for community infrastructure:
 - United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has a rural development grant:
 - There are constrictions and restraints on the money.
 - There are bonds available to finance community infrastructures.

(Video Time 00:16:00)

Economic Development – GROW EDC 1st Quarter Report – Allison McKenzie

- Working with communities in a particular region:
 - Eastern region of Marion County along the Highway 22 corridor.
- Clients work in non-traded sectors:
 - Hospitality;
 - Services;
 - Retail; and
 - Wholesale.
- Report captures July – September 2016;
- Worked with 61 clients and had 187 individual appointments;
- Hosted two small workshops;
- Hosted a small gathering with the local tourism network group at Piluso Winery in July 2016:
 - 10 people attended.
- A lot of involvement with tourism action teams;
- Held four planning meetings;
- A lot of work done by email;
- Tourism initiative will continue in the area;
- Working with Travel Oregon since last spring;
- Tourism is one of the top three industries in Oregon;
- Creating regional tourism marketing strategy that will help bring people to the area;
- Working on building a local tourism network:
 - The next networking event will be focused on the eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017.
- Working on creating an annual river festival:
 - Tie communities together throughout the region, celebrating water and land activities; and
 - Planning to launch River Fusion 22 on the same weekend as the eclipse.

- Youth Engagement and Workforce Development:
 - Working with OSU Extension on a pilot project with the Santiam Canyon School District;
 - Working with students to give them skills to better prepare them for their professional lives;
 - Still figuring out curriculum; and
 - OSU Extension will take the lead on the project.
- Fiscal sponsorship of the United Way Grant for Aumsville Education Collaborative:
 - Summer reading program that started 6-8 years ago with a handful of kids;
 - Served 318 different children last summer;
 - Average of 180 kids;
 - 50 parents were involved;
 - 66 percent of the children were under the age of seven years old;
 - 150 kids attended the August Academy:
 - Helped kids prepare for excellence in the elementary school.
 - The afterschool program is launched in November and will continue throughout the school year:
 - Run by volunteers in the community and volunteer teachers.
- Cherrits planned to eliminate service from the canyon to Salem:
 - Decided to keep two runs a day.

CONSENT

(Video Time 00:31:23)

HEALTH

Approve Amendment #3 to the contract for services with Health Care Services, LLC to add \$30,000 in funding and extend through November 30, 2017 for temporary health care personnel.

PUBLIC WORKS

Receive hearings officer's decision denying Conditional Use (CU) 16-014/Klopfenstein, Clerks File #5716.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Approve the grant agreement from the Oregon Department of Justice, State Criminal Alien Assistance Program for \$102,032 to provide correctional officer salary assistance.

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

ACTION

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
9:30 A.M.

Commissioner Cameron read the calendar.

Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.



CHAIR

Not Present At Meeting

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