

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, January 18, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: Commissioner Colm Willis, Commissioner Kevin Cameron, and Commissioner Danielle Bethell. Also present were Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer, Jane Vetto as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

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

(Video Time 00:00:45)

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Beem:

- Mr. Beem is a spokesperson for people with disabilities; and
- He would like more money spent on getting homeless individuals off of the street.

(Video Time 00:01:50)

CONSENT

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Approve an order ordering the relocation of Lumen Technologies, Inc. communication service lines, fixtures, and facilities on a portion of Hayesville Drive in Salem, Oregon.

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

(Video Time 00:02:23)

ACTION

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

2. Consider approval of the Contract for Services with Pictometry International Corporation in the amount of \$228,160 to provide 2023 aerial imagery, imagery processing, software licensing, support, and maintenance through December 31, 2024. –Tom Rohlffing

Summary of presentation:

- Pictometry is the imagery the county has been using in its geographic information systems (GIS);

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- There have been three flights over the last seven years;
- The imagery is used in the county's internal and external facing GIS applications, and in its mobile applications; and
- The imagery is extremely helpful with day-to-day tasks and in emergencies.

Board discussion:

None.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the Contract for Services with Pictometry International Corporation in the amount of \$228,160 to provide 2023 aerial imagery, imagery processing, software licensing, support, and maintenance through December 31, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:04:19)

BUSINESS SERVICES

3. Consider approval of the Purchase Order with PacificWRO (PWRO) in the amount of \$637,175.93 for the purchase of office furniture for the new Health and Human Services Building located at the Center Street campus in Salem Oregon. –Terry Stoner, Wesley Miller, and John Kubasak

Summary of presentation:

- The approval and groundbreaking of the new building was in the Spring of 2022;
- The project has been staying on schedule:
 - The project is approximately 50 to 55 percent complete; and
 - It is anticipated that the project will be completed in October of 2024.
- The new building will consolidate several Health and Human Services (HHS) programs and services into one location:
 - The entire Public Health and Administration divisions will be in the new building; and
 - Approximately 145 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees will be working in the new building.
- The building is approximately 31,000 square feet;
- The furniture plan was reviewed to determine where costs could be cut:
 - Overhead hutches were removed from all of the cubicles;
 - The county will outfit the children's area in the lobby; and
 - Employees will be bringing their current office chairs with them.
- Costs will be saved by having only one reception and lobby area;
- The county is moving to a standard of purchasing Herman Miller furniture:
 - It is more expensive than furniture that has been purchased in the past, but the county has run into problems with manufacturers not supporting products that have been purchased and parts not being available; and

- Herman Miller furniture is in use in several other departments, so parts can be used where needed.
- The county has also been working on standards for the size of furniture purchased; and
- There will be 143 workstations in the new building.

Board discussion:

- The five-year term listed in the contract review sheet is for the price agreement, not for the project:
 - The price agreement is a cooperative;
 - The current price agreement ends on January 21, 2023; and
 - The purchase order amount will go up by approximately \$80,000 if it is not approved by January 21, 2023.
- The standard cubicles are approximately eight feet by eight feet, and will consist of the following:
 - L shaped desk;
 - Two shelves;
 - Two pedestal file cabinets that slide underneath the desk;
 - Electrical wiring; and
 - Data infrastructure.
- The contract includes the cost of labor for the installation of the cubicle and furniture components;
- The infrastructure will be done by an electrical contractor;
- Standard furniture for the offices will include the following:
 - L shaped desk; and
 - Two pedestal file cabinets.
- Some division directors will have a slightly larger desk, and the administrator and deputy director will have slightly different furniture to accommodate meetings held in their offices;
- The contract for the Pence Loop location ends in January of 2024, and the expectation is that it will not be renewed;
- There are approximately 160 to 170 employees in the existing HHS building:
 - Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Behavioral Health programs will continue to occupy the building.
- There are approximately 50 to 60 employees on the Suite A side of Silverton Road, and approximately 100 to 120 employees on the Suite B side.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the Purchase Order with PacificWRO (PWRO) in the amount of \$637,175.93 for the purchase of office furniture for the new Health and Human Services Building located at the Center Street campus in Salem Oregon. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:16:17)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

4. Consider approval of the Purchase Order with SHI International Corp in the amount of \$846,285.40 for procurement and a four-year subscription for network traffic analysis software through September 30, 2026. –Gary Christofferson

Summary of presentation:

- The software will enhance the security of the county by analyzing network traffic to find patterns in activity and communications by automatically detecting suspicious traffic, troubleshooting latency, and detecting malicious traffic.

Board discussion:

None.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the Purchase Order with SHI International Corp in the amount of \$846,285.40 for procurement and a four-year subscription for network traffic analysis software through September 30, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9:30 A.M.

None.

(Video Time 00:17:55)

Board discussion:

Commissioner Bethell:

- Commissioner Bethell wanted to make the following comments on the record:
 - She wanted to remind the community that on January 24, January 25, and January 28, 2023, there are two shifts available to support Marion and Polk counties in the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count:
 - Service providers and agencies, including Marion County, utilize data from the PIT Count to further understand the homeless crisis; and
 - Commissioner Bethell encourages individuals to sign up for the PIT Count as there is a shortage of volunteers covering the Salem area:
 - Information can be found on the Marion County Facebook page and on the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance’s website.
 - Governor Kotek declared two executive orders and two states of emergency, one on homelessness and one on housing:

- There are six specific components that are unique, including one that states that state agencies are to work with local level entities, which would include Marion County:
 - Commissioner Bethell is hopeful that there will be an opportunity for Marion and Polk counties to participate in the discussions.
 - Governor Kotek requested that all state agencies find additional dollars and they came up with \$40 million:
 - The governor is reallocating the \$40 million to Oregon Housing and Community Services for them to work through Oregon Emergency Management to work with the eight continuums of care regions:
 - The continuums of care regions are tasked with working to solve the homeless crisis; and
 - Marion County, Polk County, Salem, and Keizer are all members of one region.
 - Commissioner Bethell agrees with Commissioner Willis, and she thinks that policy is going to drive the discussion;
 - Yesterday the House Republicans released their 2023 priorities, and policy specific to housing and homelessness is included;
 - The Senate and House Democrats discussed their priorities and agendas, and they had the same talking points as the Republicans:
 - Both parties are saying similar things.
 - Commissioner Bethell has hope and optimism regarding the whole process, yet she is reserved and concerned because if there is not thoughtful dialogue local level solutions will not be accomplished:
 - Local level solutions are needed across the state.

Commissioner Cameron:

- The governor will put forth her budget at the end of this month and it will be interesting to see what her budget reflects in her priorities:
 - Marion County will lobby on behalf of the items that are the county's priorities.
- Commissioner Cameron is optimistic that there may be some real focus on getting some of these challenges done; and
- The Commissioner followed up with Michael Gay yesterday on several issues, including a couple of bills that impact Salem Health that are really important to the county.


Commissioner Willis:


- This is an outcome-oriented business, and there has been a lot of talk about homeless solutions since he has been a commissioner, and yet the county is still stuck in the same situation:
 - A lot of people think that we just need to add more money to fix the problem; and


- Until everyone gets serious about changing policy, spending money alone is not going to fix the problem.
- One example of policy that needs to be addressed is aid and assist:
 - The state hospital decided that they do not want to keep individuals until they are healthy and stable, they want to release individuals before they are stable and can stand trial;
 - The hospital says that there is nothing they can do because there is a court order:
 - The hospital did not oppose the lawsuit, and as soon as the court order was issued, they rushed to introduce a bill that would codify the court order:
 - This left the community with a situation where hundreds of individuals who are not mentally stable are being released into the community.
 - As long as this continues to be the policy of the state, there will be a homeless problem; and
 - These individuals need good treatment options, and they need to be treated:
 - Some of them have been accused of very serious crimes.

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Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.



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