

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, January 24, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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

ABSENT: Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer

Commissioner Cameron called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
Commissioner Willis arrived at 9:07 a.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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Board discussion:

- Commissioner Cameron introduced a seventh-grade student attending the meeting:
 - The student attends a school that specializes in science;
 - Students are engaging in a science project that will be reviewed and judged by scientists at the end of the year; and
 - She has an upcoming school presentation featuring Panama.

(Video Time 00:10:44)

CONSENT

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Board Committee Appointment – Justice Reinvestment Council

1. Approve an order appointing Debra Wells to the Marion County Justice Reinvestment Council with a term ending December 31, 2024.

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

(Video Time 00:11:12)

ACTION

COMMUNITY SERVICES

2. Consider approval of the Subrecipient Agreement with Brothers of Valor, Inc./Valor Mentoring in the amount of \$225,000 to assist with additional expenses incurred for the expansion of the Valor Mentoring Program that benefits youth in Marion County retroactive to July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028. –Steve Dickey

Summary of presentation:

Steve Dickey:

- The agreement with Brothers of Valor, Inc./Valor Mentoring supports the expansion of a mentoring program;
- The organization works with area youth;
- The agreement will assist the organization with obtaining a new facility and expanding services that will help youth;
- Many of the youth receiving services are homeless or at risk of homelessness; and
- The project is eligible to receive HOME, American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding.

Tim Davis:

- Mr. Davis represents Brothers of Valor, Inc./Valor Mentoring;
- The organization works with youth that are in the fifth grade or higher;
- In 2023 the organization provided 20,000 hours of mentoring to youth in Marion County;
- It is anticipated that 100,000 hours of mentoring will be provided in 2024;
- Brothers of Valor, Inc./Valor Mentoring acquired the City of Keizer Grange for the expansion project:
 - The building is 5,000 square feet;
 - It is located 250 yards from McNary High School;
 - The facility will host after school programs;
 - The programs will be provided for youth seven days a week; and
 - It is anticipated that 200 to 500 students will be served weekly.
- There will be an upcoming ribbon cutting at the facility.

Board discussion:

- The program originally provided mentoring for male youth only:
 - There is still a focus on male youth who do not have fathers; but
 - The mentoring is now also available to the female youth population.
- Free activities for the youth include:
 - A video production studio;

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- An audio production studio;
- A live stage;
- After school programs; and
- Camping events.
- The mentors are volunteers;
- The program continues to double in size every year;
- Brothers of Valor, Inc./Valor Mentoring also provides employment opportunities for youth;
- The organization has partnered with universities to provide scholarships for youth;
- Brothers of Valor, Inc./Valor Mentoring is utilizing e-sports, a video gaming activity, as a tool to engage youth:
 - An estimated three billion individuals play video games; and
 - E-sports gets youth involved in something they already enjoy.
- E-sports competitions allow the youth to provide:
 - Video production coverage;
 - Color commentary;
 - Journalism opportunities to talk about the competitions; and
 - Blogging opportunities.
- The funding will assist with operational expenses including:
 - Staffing; and
 - Additional equipment.
- The contract term is for five years;
- The organization is interested in the Marion County Youth Wage Program:
 - Employers that hire youth may be eligible for some salary reimbursement if the youth are first time employees.
- The organization's goal is to build vibrant community members.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the Subrecipient Agreement with Brothers of Valor, Inc./Valor Mentoring in the amount of \$225,000 to assist with additional expenses incurred for the expansion of the Valor Mentoring Program that benefits youth in Marion County retroactive to July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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Commissioner Cameron requested unanimous consent to return to the Consent agenda to allow Commissioner Willis to vote:

- Commissioner Bethell supported the request; and
- Commissioner Willis voted yes for the Consent agenda.

(Video Time 00:20:21)

PUBLIC WORKS

3. Consider approval of the Personal Services Contract for Non-Architecture and Engineering Planning Services with DKS Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$279,999.95 for the development of the Rural Transportation System Plan (RTSP) Update through July 31, 2026. –Lani Radtke

Summary of presentation:

- DKS Associates, Inc. is a traffic engineering and planning consultant;
- The Rural Transportation System Plan (RTSP) identifies road infrastructure projects while considering the county’s needs and priorities;
- The RTSP assists the county with the following:
 - Building a framework for growth;
 - Network enhancement; and
 - Grant opportunities.
- The county has been awarded a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Transportation for the Transportation Growth Management (TGM) program:
 - The grant award will cover the cost of a consultant; and
 - It will take approximately 18 months for the process to be completed.
- Staff has plans for public outreach; and
- A project management team will be created:
 - The board will decide which stakeholders will join the team; and
 - There will be public open houses.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Bethell expressed the following:
 - It is important to engage county citizens so that they understand what the project entails;
 - She is concerned with state policies and decisions related to densification in unincorporated parts of the county and East Salem;
 - The states choice for the following is troubling:
 - Removing driveways for individuals with cars;
 - Potentially creating congestion in poverty or low-income communities; and
 - Inadequate access to public transportation.
 - The study is to bring peoples voices to the table to discuss what the county’s system will entail;
 - She would like public outreach to include:
 - Website information;
 - Mailers; and
 - A media factual presentation so that community members can understand and participate in the process.
 - She supports and is in favor of the following:

- Transportation safety including:
 - Bike lanes; and
 - Sidewalks.
 - Pedestrian transportation; and
 - Livability factors:
 - The county needs to find a way to balance all of this during the process.
 - The consultant needs to communicate as effectively as possible with the public, as they will be impacted.
- Commissioner Cameron expressed the following:
 - The RTSP will encompass everything outside of the Urban Growth Boundaries (UGB);
 - The RTSP can impact smaller cities; and
 - It is important to reach out to communities as the RTSP is being drafted.
- The county's previous Transportation Safety Plan (TSP) is from 2005;
- Climate Friendly Equitable Communities (CFEC) is not part of the RTSP;
- Freight and agricultural representation will be part of the stakeholder's team;
- Commissioner Willis expressed the following:
 - The state makes decisions that the county has no say in;
 - Transportation is an area with state rules that need to be met for the county to receive funding;
 - The state has rules that do not allow the county to allocate funding to meet certain needs;
 - State funding is contingent to following the state's rules:
 - The state's rules can negatively impact communities; and
 - There are times when the county may walk away from funding if the state's decisions are going to harm individuals in our communities.
 - The RTSP is the county's opportunity to provide input to the state.
- Most grants require the project to be part of a plan; and
- This is an opportunity for the county to identify needs and projects that are important to communities.

Motion: Commissioner Bethell move to approve the Personal Services Contract for Non-Architecture and Engineering Planning Services with DKS Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$279,999.95 for the development of the Rural Transportation System Plan (RTSP) Update through July 31, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Colm; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

9:30 A.M.

PUBLIC WORKS

A. Public hearing to consider an adjustment to the Solid Waste Collection Rates for franchise haulers within the unincorporated areas of Marion County.

–Dennis Mansfield and Brian May

Summary of presentation:

- The Cost Of Services Analysis (COSA) was discussed and approved at a meeting on December 6, 2023;
- The COSA process is a yearlong process that culminates with a public hearing;
- Following the hearing the board makes a decision for the rate structure;
- Three clerical errors were discovered in the rate structure that was approved on December 6, 2023;
- The Marion County Solid Waste Code requires a second public hearing be held to address and correct the clerical rate errors;
- The errors are a result of the formula not capturing the correct rate increase;
- Rate errors were found for the following:
 - The rural 65-gallon cart;
 - The rural 2-yard container; and
 - The sparse 2-yard container.

Board discussion:

- No one signed up for public comment;
- Ms. Vetto expressed the following:
 - The published rates that were approved on December 6, 2023, were incorrect;
 - The published rates were lower than what was actually approved;
 - A second hearing provides the public with the opportunity to discuss the higher rates in the three categories; and
 - Per COSA terms, it was recommended the revised rates come back before the board so that the public has notice of three increased rates.
- Commissioner Willis requested clarification related to the changes:
 - The board agreed to a percentage increase on December 6, 2023;
 - The percentage increase was not reflected in the rates that were published;
 - The hearing is not for a policy change; and
 - The hearing is to address a correction to three clerical errors.
- Staff have measures in place to ensure this does not occur again in the future.

Commissioner Cameron closed the public hearing.

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ACTION

PUBLIC WORKS


4. Consider an order to approve an adjustment to the Solid Waste Collection Rates for franchise haulers within the unincorporated areas of Marion County as referenced in Exhibit A. **(TO BE ACTED ON FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING)** –Dennis Mansfield and Brian May

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve an order approving an adjustment to the Solid Waste Collection Rates for franchise haulers within the unincorporated areas of Marion County as referenced in Exhibit A. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.


Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.



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