

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, October 12, 2022  
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room  
555 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

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

Commissioner Bethell called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.  
Commissioner Willis arrived at 9:04 a.m.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Beem:

- Mr. Beem expressed the following:
  - He is a spokesman for individuals with disabilities residing in Marion County;  
and
  - He is interested in being appointed to a task force with the Marion County Sheriff's Office as an advisor for the special need's population:
    - Many citizens encounter reading and writing challenges.

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Commissioner Cameron moved to remove item #8 from the agenda under Health and Human Services. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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## PROCLAMATION

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – Action

1. Consider approval of a proclamation declaring October 16-22, 2022, as National Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting® Week in Marion County. –Ariana Jahanshir, Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project®; Alison Kelley, Chief Executive Officer, Liberty House; and students from South Salem High School and Sprague High School

#### ***Summary of presentation:***

- The nonprofit, education organization was founded in 1997 with local schools;
- The movement has expanded to all 50 states within the United States and 28 foreign countries:
  - It is a public health approach to a public health crisis for the following:
    - Domestic and family violence;
    - Child abuse;
    - Bullying;
    - Self-harm; and
    - Suicide.
- The pledge can bring communities together and create social change:
  - It brings awareness to communities; and
  - It provides opportunities for unity.
- The pledge encourages youth to trust and disclose abuse:
  - It helps students to build skills to reduce impulsivity and increase empathy.
- The pledge teaches the following:
  - Empathy;
  - Self-control; and
  - Accountability.
- The organization promotes a shared vision for the following:
  - Safe schools;
  - Safe homes; and
  - Safe communities:
    - This begins with educating children, starting at an early age, and continuing through their young adult life.
- The Purple Hands Pledge can have a positive impact on the following:
  - Youth;
  - Families; and
  - Communities.
- Purple Hands Pledge bracelets and lapel pins serve as reminders to treat others with respect;
- Liberty House provides specialized resources for children, their caregivers, and their parents who disclose abuse:
  - Liberty House serves approximately 1,000 children per year in their clinic; and

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- The organization serves approximately 400 children in their therapy program.
- With input from the community and youth, Liberty House created the iRespect and Protect project:
  - The organization’s website contains resources to help children learn that they matter, and that they do not have to do things to get people to like them; and
  - Liberty House’s mission is to support the lives of children, youth, and families.
- Three students from the Salem-Keizer School District provided a youth perspective on the importance of the Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Pledge:
  - The students have witnessed an increasing need for mental health support in schools;
  - All three students are actively involved in mental health efforts through Live To Tell, a student-led suicide prevention nonprofit organization;
  - Live To Tell has been working with the Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project®;
  - The pledge, “I will not use my hands or my words for hurting myself or others”, tells us that violence in any form is not acceptable:
    - The pledge reminds us that everyone counts, and everyone is accountable;
    - It teaches students and their peers that they can and should be kinder to each other;
    - It reminds students that there is power in their actions, and that they can use that power to help instead of hurt; and
    - Through the pledge the students hope that the values can continue to extend to upcoming generations of youth.
  - The students have witnessed the importance of maintaining mental health and well-being:
    - Sharing resources to improve mental health is important;
    - Students of all ages are vulnerable populations:
      - They can benefit from having resources to identify and prevent abuse; and
      - The pledge is one of the tools.
    - By preventing and identifying abuse, resources like the pledge improve community health and mental health;
    - The pledge directly, and indirectly, improves student mental health by creating safer, less violent environments;
    - Students aided by the pledge have the language to speak out about incidents that harm their physical or mental health; and
    - The pledge is important in the context of youth:
      - It empowers students to speak up and encourages abuse prevention.
  - The pledge opens the door for vulnerability, invites conversation, and encourages individuals to acknowledge another's humanity:

- Instead of turning to violence or self-harm, the pledge reminds everyone to take a step back, remember their empathy and self-worth, and to have a conversation;
  - Children share the pledge with their parents, and parents share the pledge with their co-workers and friends;
  - The pledge has value at any age, and it is important to repeat it from kindergarten through 12th grade and beyond;
  - Elementary school students can learn to respect their neighbors and themselves by using the tool of kind conversation, instead of hurtful words and hands;
  - High school students can remind themselves that patience and empathy are essential skills to ensure everyone is treated well;
  - Opening the door for conversation allows a safe space for individuals, especially youth, to express their feelings and any potential problems they are facing including:
    - Abuse;
    - Bullying;
    - Suicidal ideation; and
    - Self-harm.
  - The pledge can save lives; and
  - By repeating the pledge, a culture of empathy and restraint is ingrained into all students, parents, and community members.
- The Purple Hands Pledge was recited.

***Board discussion:***

- Commissioner Bethell expressed her appreciation to the students:
  - There is still work to be done across all communities;
  - The students exert a calmness and are great leaders amongst their peers.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a proclamation declaring October 16-22, 2022, as National Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting® Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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## **PRESENTATION**

2. Flu shot presentation. –Paul Keltner and Nicholas Adair

### ***Summary of presentation:***

- The flu is still a yearly occurrence;
- The flu shot has been available for over 50 years;
- Every year in the United States the flu is responsible for the following:
  - Millions of illnesses;
  - Hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations; and
  - Thousands of deaths:
    - This includes children.
- Getting the flu shot every year can lower an individual's chance of severe illness by 50 percent;
- Most vaccinations, including the flu shot, take 14 days to reach their full protective capability;
- Flu shot vaccines are determined by analyzing virus strains in other countries during their peak flu season;
- The injection is usually given into the shoulder on adults, and into the thigh on young children;
- Anyone six months or older is eligible to receive a flu shot;
- The flu shot is highly recommended for anyone with chronic medical issues;
- An individual cannot get the flu from a flu shot; and
- In Marion County flu shots are available at the following locations:
  - The Marion County Public Health clinic;
  - Doctors' offices; and
  - Most pharmacies.

### ***Board discussion:***

- Commissioner Cameron expressed he receives a flu shot during board session to encourage others to get vaccinated.

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## CONSENT

### ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

3. Approve Amendment #1 to the Contract for Services with Retail Lockbox, Inc. to add \$65,000 for a new not to exceed contract amount of \$190,000 for lockbox services that support the tax collector and the Treasurer's Office.

### HUMAN RESOURCES

4. Approve a recommendation to adopt and establish the classification and the pay range for Mental Health Specialist, Licensed, under class code #513.

### PUBLIC WORKS

5. Schedule final consideration to adopt an order for October 19, 2022, approving Conditional Use (CU) permit Case #21-062/Allied Rock, LLC.

### TAX OFFICE

6. Approve an order advancing tax levies to certain small taxing districts pursuant to ORS 311.392 for the year 2022-23.

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

Commissioner Cameron was not present for the reading of the consent agenda, or the vote.

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## ACTION

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

7. Consider approval of Amendment #2 to the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Business Development Department to add \$320,645 for a new agreement total of \$721,445 for the Santiam Canyon Wildfire Recovery Program through June 30, 2023. –Chris Eppley

#### ***Summary of presentation:***

- The grant funding has been used to fund a large portion of the county's wildfire recovery program; and
- The additional funding will be used for the following:
  - Utilizing the Council of Governments as contract planners for the cities of Detroit and Gates;
  - Providing financial services with an accounting firm for the cities of Detroit and Gates;
  - Enhanced sheriff's deputy patrols in the Santiam Canyon:

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- The enhanced patrols account for most of the amendment dollars.
- Continuing to provide staffing costs for the wildfire recovery management program; and
- Aiding the Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG).

***Board discussion:***

None.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to approve Amendment #2 to the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Business Development Department to add \$320,645 for a new agreement total of \$721,445 for the Santiam Canyon Wildfire Recovery Program through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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Commissioner Cameron requested and received unanimous consent to vote on the consent agenda. Commissioner Cameron voted “aye” on the consent agenda.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

8. Consider approval of the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority in the amount of \$6,318,421.64 for behavioral health housing through June 30, 2023. –Ryan Matthews

**(Motion made and approved to remove item from the Board Session Agenda.)**

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PUBLIC WORKS

9. Consider adopting an administrative ordinance approving Comprehensive Plan/Zone Change/Partition/Adjustment (CP/ZC/P/ADJ) Case #21-009/Roberts and Stickler. –Austin Barnes

***Summary of presentation:***

- The hearings officer held a noticed public hearing on November 4, 2021, and recommended approval of the application;
- The board held a noticed public hearing for the application on August 24, 2022:
  - All the evidence in the record was considered; and
  - The request was approved.
- The board has the following options:
  - Adopt the ordinance as written;
  - Direct staff to prepare a modified ordinance; or
  - Choose not to adopt the ordinance.

- Staff recommends that the Board adopt the ordinance as written.

**Board discussion:**

None.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved to adopt an administrative ordinance approving Comprehensive Plan/Zone Change/Partition/ Adjustment (CP/ZC/P/ADJ) Case #21-009/Roberts and Stickler. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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10. Consider adopting an order approving Administrative Review (AR) Case #21-038/Joshua Fogarty. –Austin Barnes

**Summary of presentation:**

- The application is for an Administrative Review (AR) regarding home site authorization through Measure 37;
- The hearings officer held a noticed public hearing on May 13, 2022, and issued a decision of denial;
- The hearings officer's decision was appealed;
- The board held a noticed public hearing for the application on June 29, 2022:
  - All the evidence in the record was considered; and
  - The request was approved.
- The board has the following options:
  - Adopt the order as written;
  - Direct staff to prepare a modified order; or
  - Choose not to adopt the order.
- Staff recommends that the Board adopt the order as written.

**Board discussion:**

None.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to adopt an order approving Administrative Review (AR) Case #21-038/Joshua Fogarty. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.



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### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

11. Consider approval of Amendment #2 to the Purchase Order with Correct RX Pharmacy Services, Inc. to add \$220,000 for a new contract total of \$638,996.83 for Marion County Jail pharmaceutical services through October 31, 2022.

–Commander Tad Larson and Lieutenant Jacob Ramsey

#### **Summary of presentation:**

- Procedurally the funds need to be added to complete fiscal year;
- There is a contract renewal with the same cooperative effective November 1, 2022; and
- Amendment #2 is for budget cleanup.

#### **Board discussion:**

- The contract could go through the Request For Proposal (RFP) process once the current contract expires:
  - The current contract expires on October 31, 2022; and
  - The contract renewal starts on November 1, 2022.
- The cooperative is the equivalent of a state price agreement;
- The cooperative is specifically for prisons and jails for pharmaceutical services:
  - The county pays for generic prescriptions whenever possible.
- The medical unit at the jail is very busy;
- The jail has a current population of 415 beds, with an additional 55 beds being added next year;
- The contracted medical clinic staff includes the following:
  - A doctor;
  - A psychiatric nurse practitioner;
  - A dentist; and
  - Imaging and laboratory services.
- Running the jail during the pandemic was difficult:
  - The adults in custody who remained after the pandemic were some of the sickest populations:
    - This led to increased costs for medical services and pharmaceuticals.
- There are ten nursing positions at the jail:
  - Eight of the positions have been filled; and
  - There are two job offers for the remaining two vacancies.
- A new recruitment will post for an additional nurse that will be hired once the additional beds are added next year;
- General fund dollars are utilized to pay for healthcare for incarcerated individuals:
  - Individuals lose their medical insurance when they go to jail; and
  - There may be federal legislation in the future that will assist with the funding.


**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved to approve Amendment #2 to the Purchase Order with Correct RX Pharmacy Services, Inc. to add \$220,000 for a new contract total of \$638,996.83 for Marion County Jail pharmaceutical services through October 31, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.


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

None.

Commissioner Bethell adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

  
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