

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, October 13, 2021  
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 9:00 a.m.

**PROCLAMATION**

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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – Action**

1. Consider approval of a proclamation declaring October 17-23, 2021, as National Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting® Week in Marion County. –Ann Kelly, Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project; Sue Bloom and Jodi Loper, Boys and Girls Club of Salem, Marion and Polk County; and Daytona Lewis, Purple Hands Ambassador.

***Summary of presentation:***

- The Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project was founded in 1997;
- The purpose of an annual proclamation is to bring community awareness to the project and to provide opportunities to come together in unity;
- The project has a presence in all 50 states and in 25 foreign countries;
- The project has had a partnership with the local Boys & Girls Club since 2002;
- The project is an effective tool for abuse, violence, and suicide prevention education;
- Neil Johnson, a past Boys & Girls Club Program Director, stated his support of the project via a recorded video clip;
- Olga Volnycheva, a Portland teacher, stated her support of the project via a recorded video clip; and
- Daytona Lewis, the Purple Hands Pledge Ambassador, was presented with a certificate of appreciation for her volunteer work.

***Board discussion:***

- The commissioners thanked Ann Kelly for her years of service to the community.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a proclamation declaring October 17-23, 2021, 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.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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## **PRESENTATION**

2. Wildfire recovery update. –Scott McClure

***Summary of presentation:***

- It has been 13 months since the fires;
- 40 percent of homes needing repair or replacement have applied for building permits;
- 53 percent of homes needing repair or replacement have applied for septic permits;
- Following is the status of county led recovery projects:
  - Financial needs analysis:
    - Working on ledgers and charts of accounts for the Gates software conversion.
  - Communications and outreach:
    - Continuing work on the [santiamrecovery.org](http://santiamrecovery.org) website;
    - Advised the Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) on its communications plan; and
    - The first fire recovery newsletter is close to completion.
  - Economic impact and opportunities analysis:
    - The pre-fire economic baseline is complete; and
    - Community visioning open houses were held in the cities of Detroit and Gates.
  - Housing:
    - Received state grants for the North Santiam State Park and City of Gates temporary housing sites; and
    - Marion County and wildfire disaster case managers are working with the tenants of the temporary RV park in Mill city that is scheduled to be closed.
  - Health impact assessment:
    - The Oregon State University team has developed a survey to assess the health impacts of the wildfires.

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) staff is working on an overall narrative for the recovery efforts, and on a grant to develop a long-term recovery plan;
- The LTRG is working on the following:
  - Getting a shared community well replaced;
  - Working on the plan to place renters into the temporary housing sites;
  - Finishing a communications and outreach plan; and
  - Case managers are starting to close cases.
- The City of Detroit received FEMA approval for all components of their water system rebuild;
- Gates has applied for funding to protect their water treatment plant from potential landslides and to acquire a backup generator; and
- Mr. McClure introduced Kevin Dial, the new Recovery Manager for the LTRG:
  - Mr. Dial provided a brief summary of his background;
  - Mr. Dial's focus will be on building coalitions and building relationships;
  - Mr. Dial can be contacted at kdial@santiamrecovery.org; and
  - The LTRG is taking applications for volunteers.

***Board discussion:***

- The commissioners welcomed Mr. Dial to the recovery team.

**CONSENT**

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**PUBLIC WORKS**

3. Approve an order appointing Wayne Rawlins as chair and Kaitlyn Waid as vice-chair to the Marion County Parks Commission with terms ending October 13, 2023.

**TAX OFFICE**

4. Approve an order advancing tax levies to certain small taxing districts pursuant to ORS 311.392 for the year 2021-22.

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

## ACTION

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### CLERKS OFFICE

5. Consider approval of Amendment #2 to the Contract for Services with Fluence Automation, LLC to add \$500,000 for a new contract total of \$950,000 and extend the term date to September 29, 2026, for a high-speed ballot envelope sorter and scanning system. –Bill Burgess

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

- The county has used the ballot envelope sorter for over five years; and
- The current contract is expired.

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

- The request is for reinstatement of a contract that has expired, and for the addition of services to the contract;
- If the board approves the reinstatement of the contract a new request for proposal is not required because there were optional extensions written into the original contract:
  - The board would also have to approve an extension of the contract.
- The Clerk's Office would like to continue using the existing machine over bringing in new equipment because it would be less disruptive to staff;
- The following five Oregon counties use the same vendor:
  - Jackson, Deschutes, Washington, Multnomah, and Lane:
    - Monthly meetings are held to discuss system updates.
- The county would have to work through a very involved process with the state to be able to choose a new vendor;
- The Clerk's Office has asked for a five-year extension;
- The board would like to do a two-year extension, with the dollars added prorated to \$200,000; and
- The board would like to start the process to analyze other vendors.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bethell moved to approve Amendment #2, as amended, to the Contract for Services with Fluence Automation, LLC to add \$200,000 for a new contract total of \$650,000 and extend the term date to September 29, 2023, for a high-speed ballot envelope sorter and scanning system. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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Commissioner Cameron stated that Action Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10 will all be summarized in one presentation followed by five separate motions.

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## HUMAN RESOURCES

6. Consider approval of the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$291,104 to provide support for services in the Marion County Mental Health Court program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

–Ryan Matthews

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

- Mr. Matthews’s presentation covered Action Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10;
- Health and Human Services is seeking approval of five Criminal Justice Commission grants;
- The grants support the five specialty courts:
  - Mental Health Court;
  - Veterans Court;
  - Adult Drug Court;
  - Fostering Attachment Treatment Court; and
  - Juvenile Drug Court.
- The grants are associated with provider agreements that were previously approved:
  - The provider agreements are related to the addiction treatment and mental health services that are provided to individuals enrolled in these programs.
- The grants were approved last summer by the Public Safety Coordinating Council.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved to approve the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$291,104 to provide support for services in the Marion County Mental Health Court program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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7. Consider approval of the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$213,510 to provide support for services in the Marion County Veterans Court program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. –Ryan Matthews

**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved to approve the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$213,510 to provide support for services in the Marion County Veterans Court program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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8. Consider approval of the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$397,958 to provide support for services in the Marion County Adult Drug Court program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. –Ryan Matthews

**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved to approve the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$397,958 to provide support for services in the Marion County Adult Drug Court program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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9. Consider approval of the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$206,326.89 to provide support for services in the Marion County Fostering Attachment Treatment Court (FATC) program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. –Ryan Matthews

**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved to approve the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$206,326.89 to provide support for services in the Marion County Fostering Attachment Treatment Court (FATC) program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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10. Consider approval of the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$211,222 to provide support for services in the Marion County Juvenile Drug Court program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. –Ryan Matthews

**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved to approve the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$211,222 to provide support for services in the Marion County Juvenile Drug Court program, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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## SHERIFF'S OFFICE

11. Consider approval of the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon, Department of Corrections in the amount of \$1,138,017 to provide funding for addiction treatment for offenders that are at risk for re-offending, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. –Commander Kevin Karvandi

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

- These funds are the primary funding source for the Student Opportunity for Achieving Results (SOAR) Program;
- The SOAR Program has been in place for 12 years;
- SOAR is an intensive 12-week treatment and reentry program with the following goals:
  - Reducing future criminal behavior by providing enhanced supervision;
  - Alcohol and drug mentoring;
  - Employment services; and
  - Substance abuse treatment.
- The funds support the following:
  - Two parole and probation deputies;
  - One community corrections educator;
  - Part of a program coordinator;
  - One certified alcohol and drug counselor; and
  - One certified mentor.
- The SOAR Program continues to show reductions in recidivism in all metrics tracked.

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

- The Sheriff's Office Community Corrections Division is 100 percent funded by the state, and the funding is based on a legislatively approved budget; and
- The agreement is retroactive due to the following reasons:
  - The legislative session ended on June 30, 2021;
  - After the budget is approved by the legislature the State Department of Corrections must determine the county allocations; and
  - The county did not receive the agreement until September 17, 2021.


**MOTION:** Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon, Department of Corrections in the amount of \$1,138,017 to provide funding for addiction treatment for offenders that are at risk for re-offending, retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

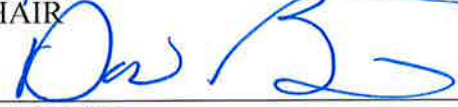
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**PUBLIC HEARINGS  
9:30 A.M.**

None.

Commissioner Cameron read the calendar;  
Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

  
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