

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, October 4, 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 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 9:05 a.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Johnson:

- Mr. Johnson is a representative for the following:
 - The East Salem Suburban Neighborhood Association; and
 - The Oregon State University Master Gardeners.
- Mr. Johnson expressed the following:
 - He has concerns with cars exceeding the speed limit in the neighborhood;
 - Some residents may be buying and selling cars in the neighborhood:
 - Multiple cars are being parked on the street; and
 - The parked cars are causing street congestion.
 - There is concern of year-round or constant garage sales:
 - Sale items can be found in yards.
 - He expressed concerns with a body of water located on the south parking lot of the new Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) building;
 - Mr. Johnson invited the commissioners to attend an upcoming neighborhood association meeting on November 2, 2023:
 - Marion County Public Works staff will be attending; and
 - The primary focus of the meeting entails:
 - Future transportation activities for the following:
 - Alma Avenue;

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- State Street;
- Center Street; and
- Connecticut Avenue.
- Speeding traffic on the following:
 - Shenandoah Drive;
 - Shawnee Drive; and
 - Pennsylvania Avenue.

Board discussion:

- Marion County Business Services has been working to address the body of water located at the new MCHHS building:
 - The standing water is due to the recent remodel and new construction.
- The Marion County Sheriff has been invited to the upcoming neighborhood association meeting;
- A neighborhood association meeting invitation may be extended to Oregon Representative Ed Diehl;
- A Transportation Work Session meeting was recently held:
 - A future transportation plan that encompasses a portion of Cordon Road and areas of east Salem was discussed;
 - Area concerns in the dense communities include:
 - Congestion;
 - Lack of safety; and
 - Crime.
 - The area has a heavy population rate:
 - The severe cost of housing and inflation has led to multiple families residing in one home.

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CONSENT

None.

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ACTION

BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Consider approval of an order to adopt both revised Marion County Administrative Policy #508 and the addition of Procedure #508-A, Employee Exposure Control to Bloodborne Pathogens. –Justine Flora and William White

Summary of presentation:

- Bloodborne Pathogens Administrative Policy #508 was originally adopted in 1992;
- The policy was last reviewed in 1996;
- The current policy is lengthy and includes:
 - Detailed policy language; and
 - Detailed procedure language.
- Staff recommended a redesign of the policy:
 - Language will decrease; and
 - A new procedure document will be added:
 - Provides framework for individual departments;
 - Different departments require different programs that relate to specific jobs; and
 - It is difficult to have one policy that covers all the county departments.
- Different positions throughout the county need to be assessed;
- Procedures will be created for specific jobs that deal with specific exposures; and
- Training is provided to help keep departments up to date.

Board discussion:

- Policy #508 was discussed in detail at a prior meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve an order to adopt both revised Marion County Administrative Policy #508 and the addition of Procedure #508-A, Employee Exposure Control to Bloodborne Pathogens. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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FINANCE

2. Consider approval of an order to readopt for 2023, Marion County Administrative Policy #496, Investment of Public Funds. –Sherry Downs

Summary of presentation:

- Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 294.135(a) requires local governments investing in securities with maturities longer than 18 months to annually adopt their investment policy;
- The county does invest in securities with maturities longer than 18 months;

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- Staff is requesting that Administrative Policy #496, Investment of Public Funds, be readopted for 2023; and
- There are no changes to the prior policy.

Board discussion:

- The Marion County Finance Department and the Marion County Treasurer’s Office collaborate on the investment of public funds.

Motion: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the readoption for 2023, Marion County Administrative Policy #496, Investment of Public Funds. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

3. Consider approval of Amendment #1 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$131,249.57 for Program Element (PE) 13, Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP), for a new contract total of \$4,988,730.08 through June 30, 2025. –Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- This is an amendment to the 2023-2025 biennium Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for public health services;
- Amendment #1 adds funding in the amount of \$131,249.57;
- Funding will be utilized for Program Element (PE) 13, Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP);
- The initial OHA contract for public health services provided bridge funding for the first quarter:
 - This allowed funding and services to continue while the budget authority was being determined; and
 - Additional funding provides for programs through June 30, 2025.
- Amendment #1 provides funding specifically for PE13, Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP);
- It is anticipated that more amendments will be coming in future months for other PE’s;
- These specific funds will be utilized for smoking prevention and awareness services and resources including:
 - A tobacco quit hotline;
 - Performing surveys;
 - Collecting data focused on youth tobacco usage;
 - Collaborating with schools to educate youth and parents;
 - Providing resources to teachers for youth referrals;
 - Educating the community on the health risk of tobacco; and

- Building awareness of the available resources for smoking prevention.

Board discussion:

- Staff does not provide any regulatory oversight or enforcement;
- Staff is available to advise businesses on proper techniques including:
 - Checking identifications; and
 - Not selling to minors.
- The program currently provides the community with education for the following:
 - Laws and regulations;
 - The impacts of tobacco usage; and
 - Available resources to quit tobacco use.
- The county opted out of a licensing fee for tobacco distribution.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve Amendment #1 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$131,249.57 for Program Element (PE) 13, Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP), for a new contract total of \$4,988,730.08 through June 30, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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4. Consider approval of Amendment #4 to the incoming funds Contract for Services with Salem Health to add \$100,000 for a new contract total of \$300,000 and extend the term date through August 31, 2024, to provide mental health screening services at the hospital's emergency department. –Debbie Wells

Summary of presentation:

- Amendment #4 provides for the following:
 - Reinstates the current contract;
 - Increases the contract funding by \$100,000; and
 - Extends the contract term date to August 31, 2024.
- Marion County has a longstanding relationship with Salem Health Hospitals and Clinics;
- Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) provides mental health assessments at Salem Health's emergency department as needed;
- The additional funding is an added source of income for MCHHS's program at the Psychiatric Crisis Center (PCC);

Board discussion:

- None.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve Amendment #4 to the incoming funds Contract for Services with Salem Health to add \$100,000 for a new contract total of \$300,000 and extend the term date through August 31, 2024, to provide mental health screening services at the hospital's emergency department. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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

None.

Board discussion:

Commissioner Bethell expressed the following regarding Oregon Measure 110:

- Oregon Senator Kate Lieber is leading a conversation and a committee to bring potential changes to Measure 110 in the short session;
- Measure 110 has created a system of care that is failing;
- The public needs to be aware and encourage their elected officials to be proactive in repealing or reforming the measure;
- There have been overdoses resulting in the death of adults and youth;
- Oregon Legislature is meeting in November:
 - Citizens are encouraged to appear and show support for the repeal of Oregon Measure 110.
- Citizens are encouraged to contact Oregon Senators to express their concerns and advise their representatives of what they would like to see occur with Oregon Measure 110; and
- Senators were elected to work for and support the citizens.

Commissioner Cameron expressed the following:

- Oregon Representative Kevin Mannix has been appointed to the committee;
- The public needs to speak on how Measure 110 has negatively impacted their neighborhoods and cities;
- The ballot measure was misleading to the voters; and
- There needs to be accountability in the system.

Commissioner Willis expressed the following:

- People do not want to put individuals in prison just because they have an addiction issue;
- The creators of Oregon Measure 110 have an anti-law enforcement philosophy:
 - They do not see the police as part of the solution.
- Individuals are dying on our streets;
- This is an opportunity to fix the problem;
- Polls show the public sees the damage and they would like the following:
 - For people to be taken care of; and
 - There needs to be accountability.

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m.



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