

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Danielle Bethell and Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer

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

(Video Time 00:06:04)

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Beem:

- Mr. Beem expressed the following:
 - He would like to see more funding made available for the homeless population with disabilities;
 - He would like more services provided for the special needs' population after 5:00 p.m.;
 - Mr. Beem stated he would like to remain on a committee for mental health; and
 - He wants to work with state of Oregon representatives to pass a bill.

(Video Time 00:07:20)

CONSENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Approve an order establishing the committee and commission appointments for Marion County elected officials for 2024.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

2. Approve the Contract for Services with Tihana Sladic, PMHNP-BC, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$400,000 to provide Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) services to individuals receiving mental health services at Marion County Health and Human Services through December 31, 2025.

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3. Approve the Contract for Services with John Michael Sholar, PMHNP, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$599,040 to provide Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) services to individuals receiving mental health services at Marion County Health and Human Services through December 31, 2025.

4. Approve the Contract for Services with Kay L. Dieter, MD, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$750,000 to provide medical assessment and supervision for adult mental health clients in accordance with the individuals personal care plan through May 31, 2026.

5. Approve the Contract for Services with Jeffrey A. Luty, MD, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$780,000 to provide medical director services and skilled medical supervision for Marion County's Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

6. Approve Amendment #1 to the Contract for Services with Carroll's Group Care Home, Inc. to add \$101,000 for a new contract total of \$200,000 to continue to provide residential services to individuals who are not Medicaid eligible or receiving Social Security Income (SSI) benefits retroactive to July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

7. Approve the Purchase Order with CVE Technologies Group, Inc. in the amount of \$153,973 to provide hardware and software maintenance support for fiscal year 2023/2024.

PUBLIC WORKS

8. Approve a quitclaim deed to convey to grantee East Park, LLC two existing pipeline easements located within the East Park Estates Planned Unit Development (P.U.D.) Number 2 and Number 3 subdivisions that are no longer needed due to the annexation of the properties into the City of Salem.

9. Approve Amendment #2 to the Contract for Services with Republic Services, Inc. to add \$125,000 for a new contract total of \$200,000 and extend the term date to June 30, 2024, for the hauling and disposal of used tires from the Salem-Keizer Recycling and Transfer Station (SKRTS).

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

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Commissioner Willis moved Item #10 to last on the Board Session Agenda to allow more time for Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC) appointees to arrive.

(Video Time 00:32:07)

ACTION

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Committee Appointment – Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC)

10. Consider approval of orders appointing Jackie Follis and Chad Cox to the Marion County Mental Health Advisory Committee with terms ending December 31, 2027. –Phil Blea

Summary of presentation:

- The request for board consideration is the appointment of Jackie Follis and Chad Cox to the Marion County Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC);
- The appointments are for four-year terms ending December 31, 2027;
- Members of MHAC support the development and operations of the county's mental health efforts as well as providing data informed recommendations;
- Mr. Cox has over 30 years of experience advocating and providing behavioral health services to older adults and individuals with serious mental illness:
 - He is the current Program Coordinator for Northwest Seniors and Disabilities Services.
- Ms. Follis has professional and personal experience working with severe mental illness and co-occurring substance abuse disorders; and
- Staff recommended approval of the appointments of Mr. Cox and Ms. Follis to the Marion County Mental Health Advisory Committee.

Board discussion:

- The applicants are qualified and will be a good addition to the MHAC.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve orders appointing Jackie Follis and Chad Cox to the Marion County Mental Health Advisory Committee with terms ending December 31, 2027. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:12:25)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

11. Consider approval of Amendment #2 to the Contract for Services with Ingalls and Associates, Inc. to add \$229,882 for a new contract total of \$1,025,154 to provide Marion County Fair event coordination services through September 30, 2024. –Kelli Weese

Summary of presentation:

- The request for consideration is to extend the event coordinator position for the Marion County Fair for one additional year;
- Amendment #2 to the contract with Ingalls and Associates, Inc. will provide support for the 2024 Marion County fair;
- Amendment #2 increases funding in the amount of \$229,882 for the following:
 - An estimated \$49,150 will be payment for services:
 - This is a proposed increase of \$1,850 from the prior year.
 - The remaining \$180,732 will be utilized for reimbursements:
 - The event coordinator is tasked with expending funds for fair logistics including contracting for the following:
 - A stage;
 - Tents;
 - Lights; and
 - Sound:
 - The event coordinator is reimbursed for these expenses.
- The contract total for seven years is \$1,025,154;
- The contract's ending term date is September 30, 2024; and
- Under the current agreement this is the last allowable extension.

Board discussion:

- A Request For Proposal (RFP) for a new contract will be submitted in early 2024;
- Commissioner Willis expressed the following:
 - The total contract is over \$1 million;
 - Ingalls and Associates, Inc. did not receive the \$1 million;
 - The bulk of the funding paid for:
 - Vendors;
 - Talent; and
 - Other things associated with the county fair.
 - The Marion County Fair has been successful the past several years:
 - Attendance has increased;
 - The event has been paying for itself; and
 - The county has not had to contribute extra funding to support the event.

Motion: Commissioner Cameron move to approve Amendment #2 to the Contract for Services with Ingalls and Associates, Inc. to add \$229,882 for a new contract total of \$1,025,154 to provide Marion County Fair event coordination services through September 30, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:16:02)

12. Consider approval of the Subrecipient Agreement with Soaring Heights Recovery Homes in the amount of \$350,000 to provide funding assistance for the purchase of a home located in Keizer, Oregon, for individuals recovering from substance abuse addiction through June 30, 2026. –Steve Dickey

Summary of presentation:

- The item for consideration is a Subrecipient Agreement with Soaring Heights Recovery Homes in the amount of \$350,000;
- The funding will assist with the purchase of an additional home that will provide recovery services for individuals struggling with substance abuse addiction;
- The services were approved earlier in the year as part of the county's Annual Action Plan:
 - The plan is required by the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.
- The project will continue to serve Marion County communities for many years to come.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners expressed their appreciation to staff for their work; and
- Soaring Heights has been a great community partner:
 - More housing is needed for individuals in recovery; and
 - Individuals need safe housing.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the Subrecipient Agreement with Soaring Heights Recovery Homes in the amount of \$350,000 to provide funding assistance for the purchase of a home located in Keizer, Oregon, for individuals recovering from substance abuse addiction through June 30, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

13. Consider approval of the Contract for Services with Salem Health in the amount of \$475,000 to provide inpatient psychiatric services to individuals with no ability to pay for services retroactive to July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. –Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- The contract with Salem Health ensures access to inpatient psychiatric hospital beds for county residents that are indigent or lack resources;
- The contract is a renewal of a long-standing agreement that the county has had with Salem Health;
- The contract has a not-to-exceed amount of \$475,000:
 - The \$475,000 is not one fixed payment;
 - The contract is billed at a rate \$1,200 per day; and
 - The funding is for qualified individuals who have been referred to Salem Health for psychiatric services.
- Funding is provided by the county's financial assistance award with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA);
- The funding assists individuals who are:
 - Uninsured;
 - Underinsured;
 - Not Medicaid eligible; or
 - Have exhausted all benefits or resources.
- Salem Health will be expected to seek insurance or other funding options to take over on-going billing for a long term:
 - The county will assist for a short period of time.
- Oregon State Hospital policies may negatively impact individuals that require a hospital level setting as well as the community if an individual does not have proper placement; and
- The contract will help to ensure that individuals with no resources are receiving the level of care that they need.

Board discussion:

- The Salem Health facility is often full;
- Salem Health is an asset to the community;
- More assistance from the state would be beneficial;
- The contract is important, but it does not expand capacity; and
- There is a shortage of beds at Salem health and often individuals with the ability to pay for the available beds are assisted:
 - This contract helps to ensure individuals with no resources can still get placement and access to care.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the Contract for Services with Salem Health in the amount of \$475,000 to provide inpatient psychiatric services to individuals with no ability to pay for services retroactive to July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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PUBLIC WORKS

14. Consider an appeal of the hearings officer's decision approving Floodplain/ Greenway (FP/GW) Case #23-010/Friends of Historic Butteville (FOHB). –Brandon Reich

Summary of presentation:

- The item before the board is to consider accepting an appeal of the hearings officer's decision approving an application by the Friends of Historic Butteville (FOHB) for a Floodplain/Greenway permit;
- The application is to install a gangway and dock at the Butteville Landing:
 - The location is on Butte Street N.E.;
 - The property is zoned Acreage Residential (AR); and
 - It would be situated in a public right-of-way.
- Staff's recommendation has changed since the documents were originally submitted to the board;
- Marion County Legal Counsel staff identified three items listed below, that if the county's decision were to be appealed to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA), then LUBA could uphold the appeal and remand the matter back to the county:
 - Ensuring that the staff report is available to the appellants at least seven days prior to the hearing;
 - Amending the notice of the hearing to refer to the 10700 block of Butte Street N.E.; and
 - Ensuring the applicant has the opportunity to submit into the record attachments that are related to the letter about the floodplain standards:
 - The solution to the three items listed is for the county to hold a second public hearing.
- Aside from the three items listed, there does not appear to be any new evidence or arguments that the hearings officer did not already consider;
- The applicant has granted an extension of the timeline to allow for a decision regarding the matter; and
- Staff recommends the following:
 - That the board accept the appeal;
 - Direct staff to work with the applicant, the appellant, and board staff to identify a date for a second hearing; and
 - Noticing the second hearing date for January or February in 2024.

Board discussion:

- Accepting the appeal of the hearings officer's decision allows for the following:
 - A second public hearing to be held;
 - Provides the opportunity for the applicant to do things they were unable to do previously;
 - Identifies that there may have been a mistake in the process; and
 - Allows the process to take place a second time to ensure that everything has been done correctly.
- Performing the process, a second time ensures that the three items have been resolved if there is an appeal to LUBA;
- This allows LUBA to consider the appeal on its merits;
- Initially the applicant did not agree on a date for a second public hearing; and
- Staff have been provided with an extension that allows for the second public hearing to be held in late January or February of 2024.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to accept an appeal of the hearings officer's decision approving Floodplain/ Greenway (FP/GW) Case #23-010/Friends of Historic Butteville (FOHB). Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

15. Consider approval of the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Corrections in the amount of \$552,911 to provide funding for expenses related to the Family Sentencing Alternative Pilot (FSAP) Program retroactive to July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. –Commander Mike Hartford

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Willis expressed the following:
 - He saw a survey that was done of clients on parole and probation in Marion County;
 - The survey showed 90 to 95 percent of the clients believe the following regarding their parole officer:
 - The officer wants them to succeed;
 - The officer listens to them; and
 - The parole officer cares about their clients.
 - Clients that are being held accountable feel supported by their parole officers.
- The county performs an annual survey that evaluates the relationship between the client and the officer; and
- The survey score is consistently high.

Summary of presentation:

- The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is with the Oregon Department of Corrections;
- The IGA is for the Family Sentencing Alternative Pilot (FSAP) Program;
- The pilot program started in 2016;
- The FSAP Program was launched to divert non-violent offenders from prison to community supervision;
- The program focuses on parents who are the primary caregivers of children;
- The program is a collaborative effort with the following:
 - The Marion County District Attorney's Office;
 - Courts;
 - Treatment programs; and
 - Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), Office of Child Welfare.
- The primary goal of the program entails:
 - Keeping families together;
 - Reducing foster care utilization;
 - Teaching clients' skills to effectively parent; and
 - Maintaining stable homes.
- Data and outcome measures continue to come in and be published with reports of the following:
 - Youth participants have significant shorter foster care stays;
 - Recipients were 17.2 percent less likely to recidivate; and
 - An estimated 12.7 percent were less likely to be revoked.
- Marion County is one of five counties in Oregon participating in the FSAP Program; and
- Funding will pay for the following for the 2023-2025 biennium:
 - One community corrections deputy for supervision;
 - A recovery mentor; and
 - Substance use treatment.

Board discussion:

- It is important to improve individuals lives and keep the public safe; and
- The program that has made a difference in individuals' lives:
 - It holds clients accountable; and
 - It helps the children who were not involved in the crimes that were committed.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Corrections in the amount of \$552,911 to provide funding for expenses related to the Family Sentencing Alternative Pilot (FSAP) Program retroactive to July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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Commissioner Willis returned to item #10 on the agenda.

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

None.

The commissioners wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.



CHAIR



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Not Present At Meeting

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