

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, December 30, 2020  
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room  
555 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Sam Brentano, 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 Brentano called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **PRESENTATION**

*(Video Time 00:01:12)*

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) update. –Katrina Rothenberger

- Ms. Rothenberger reported the following updates for the COVID-19 pandemic as of 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 30, 2020:
  - There have been an estimated 13,741 cumulative cases within the county from the start of the pandemic;
  - The current positivity rate is estimated to be 9.2 percent;
  - An estimated 208 individuals have died from symptoms related to COVID-19; and
  - An estimated 64 county residents are currently being hospitalized for symptoms related to COVID-19.
- An estimated 359 cases were reported for the dates of December 26<sup>th</sup> and December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020;
- A testing event is scheduled for December 30, 2020:
  - The event will be held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds;
  - The event starts at 3:00 p.m.;
  - Individuals who may have been exposed are encouraged to attend; and
  - Information related to the event can be found on the Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) website.
- Marion County along with the following counties are considered part of Region 2 for Oregon's emergency response:

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- Benton;
- Lincoln;
- Linn;
- Polk; and
- Yamhill.
- Hospitalization information within Region 2 includes the following:
  - The region has an estimated 787 cumulative non Intensive Care Unit (ICU) hospital beds:
    - An estimated 154 adult non ICU hospital beds are available.
  - The region has an estimated 127 cumulative ICU hospital beds:
    - An estimated 43 adult ICU hospital beds are available.
- COVID-19 vaccines have started to arrive in Oregon:
  - The county has received an estimated 800 doses of the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine; and
  - MCHHS anticipates distributing the vaccine within the next 24 hour time period.
- County firefighters and other first responder personnel will be the first to be immunized with the vaccine;
- MCHHS has requested pharmacy partnership information from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA):
  - The information will assist with tracking immunization data for some of the following:
    - Skilled nursing care;
    - Memory care; and
    - Long term care facilities.
  - Individuals that are in the care of these organizations continue to be the most vulnerable to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
  - It is important to expeditiously immunize individuals associated with the care organizations.
- The State of Oregon Data Dashboard reported some of the following:
  - An estimated 26,000 Oregonians have been immunized with the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine:
    - It is estimated that 2,000 Marion County residents out of the 26,000 Oregonians were part of the first round of immunizations.
- MCHHS along with hospital partners have been convening for weekly phone calls to discuss the following:
  - Immunization plans; and
  - Population counts for immunization.
- More vaccine information related to the following can be located on the MCHHS website:
  - Posted videos;
  - Answers to frequently asked questions; and
  - Citizens are encouraged to email concerns to MCHHS.

**Board discussion:**

- Commissioner Brentano expressed his appreciation to Ms. Rothenberger for her continued hard work during the pandemic;
- Individual results from the COVID-19 testing is not instantaneous; and
- Out of state laboratories is one option that may be used to determine testing results.

*(Video Time 00:08:37)*

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to add an item to the Consent Agenda under Board of Commissioners: Approve an order rescinding board order #20-090 that ratifies delegation of authority to the state of Oregon Fire Marshal related to the Oregon wildfires effective December 30, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

**CONSENT**

*(Video Time 00:09:18)*

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OLCC Applications – Recommended Approval

Idyll Acres, LLC, dba IDOL Cider – Stayton, Oregon

Brooks Food Market, Inc., dba Brooks Food Market – Brooks, Oregon

Approve an order establishing the committee and commission appointments for Marion County elected officials for 2021.

Approve a resolution appointing Jan Fritz as the county’s representative to the Courthouse Square Condominium Association, and a memorandum of action electing Jan Fritz and Allan Pollock as directors effective January 1, 2021.

Approve an order rescinding board order #20-090 that ratifies delegation of authority to the state of Oregon Fire Marshal related to the Oregon wildfires effective December 30, 2020.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Approve a recommendation to reactivate, update the classification, and establish a pay grade for classification #064, Human Resources Manager; establish and adopt the classification and pay grade for #362, Long-Term Recovery Manager; update the classification and adjust upward the pay grade for #195, Corrections Nurse RN; and adjust upward the pay grade for #161, Community Services Program Coordinator.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Approve a resolution extending the suspension of the Marion County Sheriff's Office Jail Capacity Management Plan through March 31, 2021, due to the COVID-19 emergency and authorizing the Marion County Sheriff to restrict lodging of arrestees and to allow release of inmates as appropriate to maintain health and safety.

### TAX OFFICE

Approve an order for a property tax refund in the amount of \$119,357.57 to Boone Ridge Senior Living.

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

### **ACTION**

*(Video Time 00:11:28)*

### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. Consider approval of a Contract for Services with John Michael Sholar in the amount of \$599,040 to provide psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner services to individuals receiving alcohol and drug treatment services or mental health services at Marion County Health and Human Services through December 31, 2023. –Ryan Matthews

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

- The contract has a three year term period;
- Mr. Sholar is a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner that has worked at the Psychiatric Crisis Center (PCC) since January of 2009;
- Mr. Sholar's primary role entails some of the following:
  - Provide psychiatric mental health assessments;
  - Prescribe medication;
  - Review treatment plans; and
  - Provide recommendations for the following:
    - Intervention; and
    - Treatment.
- Mr. Sholar has shown a high level of dedication for the following:
  - The PCC; and
  - The crisis programs.
- The PCC intervenes with individuals that may have mental health issues and are seeking to utilize services from the Salem Health Emergency Department.

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

- It can be challenging to find a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner that is willing to commit to an extended time period for services; and
- Mr. Sholar is a full time employee at the PCC.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved to approve a Contract for Services with John Michael Sholar in the amount of \$599,040 to provide psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner services to individuals receiving alcohol and drug treatment services or mental health services at Marion County Health and Human Services through December 31, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

*(Video Time 00:14:33)*

2. Consider approval of a Contract for Services with Dr. Jeffrey Luty in the amount of \$638,400 to provide medical director services and medical supervision for Marion County Health and Human Services Medication Assisted Treatment program through December 31, 2023.

–Ryan Matthews

***Summary of presentation:***

- The contract has a three year term period;
- Dr. Luty has been providing medical services to the county’s Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program since February, 2015:
  - He is currently the Medical Director for the MAT program.
- One function of the MAT program is to dispense the following to individuals with opioid addiction:
  - Methadone:
    - The drug is generally prescribed to individuals with long term addiction issues.
  - Suboxone:
    - The drug is generally prescribed to individuals with short term addiction issues.
- Dr. Luty’s job duties entail some of the following:
  - Monitoring drug dosing levels;
  - Monitoring the impacts to individuals transitioning off of methadone to Suboxone;
  - Monitoring the impacts to individuals transitioning off of Suboxone to methadone;
  - Providing medical supervision to individuals withdrawing from opioid addiction; and
  - Recommending treatment programs based off of the following:
    - An individual’s level of addiction; and
    - Specifics within the individual.

***Board discussion:***

- Individuals can be adversely affected if MAT programs are not handled correctly;
- Competent medical staff is needed to oversee medical programs; and
- Commissioner Brentano expressed his appreciation to Mr. Matthews for his hard work.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a Contract for Services with Dr. Jeffrey Luty in the amount of \$638,400 to provide medical director services and medical supervision for Marion County Health and Human Services Medication Assisted Treatment program through December 31, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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Commissioner Willis read the calendar.

*(Video Time 00:22:39)*

***Board discussion:***

- Commissioner Brentano announced the following:
  - An open house will be held today, December 30, 2020, directly following board session:
    - The event is open to the public; and
    - Safety precautions have been implemented to allow for COVID-19 social distancing practices.
- Commissioner Brentano acknowledged commissioner elect Danielle Bethell as being in attendance at today's board session:
  - He stated the open house will provide a good opportunity to meet Ms. Bethell.
- Commissioner Cameron stated the following:
  - Award letters for grant approvals are anticipated to be submitted to the grant applicants by the end of the week;
  - He acknowledged Ms. Kelley and Ms. Young from the Board of Commissioner's Office for all their hard work and efforts related to the grant awards;
  - He recited a letter of appreciation that was received from a community business; and
  - A federal COVID-19 relief bill recently passed by the United States Congress may provide the county with additional funding for pandemic relief efforts.

*(Video Time 00:29:43)*

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

A. Public hearing to consider Marion County's application for Community Development Block Grant funds from Business Oregon. –Lisa Trauernicht

***Summary of presentation:***

- Ms. Trauernicht read out loud the public hearing notice that was posted in the Woodburn Independent newspaper on December 16, 2020:

- Details in the public hearing notice must be noted during the public hearing and are part of the application process as required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and
- The notice was published in the following languages:
  - English; and
  - Spanish
- The Board of Commissioner's Office is developing the Santiam Canyon Fire Recovery program:
  - The program will assist with coordinating recovery efforts for cities that have been adversely affected by the Lionshead and the Beachie Creek wildfires; and
  - The City of Detroit and the City of Gates have requested assistance with recovery efforts for some of the following:
    - Land use;
    - Permitting;
    - Vision; and
    - Planning.
- The funding will assist cities and support planning efforts:
  - A county employee will assist with coordinating efforts as well as working with some of the following:
    - Local government;
    - State government:
      - Entails all levels of disaster recovery.
    - Federal government:
      - Entails all levels of disaster recovery.
    - The United States Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and
    - Other recovery organizations.
- It is estimated that long term recovery may take 5 to 15 years to complete:
  - Recovery efforts can be a slow process.
- The county can apply for up to \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds:
  - It is estimated that the county will apply for \$360,000; but
  - The exact grant funding request has yet to be determined.
- Other agencies exploring funding options on behalf of the county include:
  - The state of Oregon; and
  - FEMA.
- If approved the funds will be utilized for some of the following:
  - Starting the recovery program;
  - A Long Term Recovery Manager;
  - Support staff; and
  - Consultants to assist with planning.
- The funds must be expended by November, 2021.

**Board discussion:**

- The funding is considered an emergency grant:
  - The application request can be submitted at any time; and
  - There is no deadline date for application submission.
- Utilizing the funding for the sewer system project in the canyon may not be a good option:
  - The county has discussed the project with the following agencies:
    - The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Regional Solutions team;
    - Marion County Economic Development; and
    - Land use partners at the state level.
  - The funds must be expended by November, 2021; and
  - The sewer system project is a long term project and may take several years to complete.
- The grant funds may be utilized for some of the following:
  - Hiring a consultant with city management experience; and
  - An economic impact analysis.
- The cities adversely impacted by the wildfires may experience some of the following:
  - Debt service;
  - Revenue loss; and
  - Infrastructure loss.
- Cities affected by the wildfire have limited staffing and employee time constraints;
- The purpose of the public hearing is to determine if the county will proceed with generating an application with Business Oregon;
- More details for utilizing the grant funding will be determined once the application is processed;
- Commissioner Willis expressed the following:
  - Cities in the canyon have been devastated by the wildfires;
  - The following entities would like to touch base with the cities to determine their needs:
    - FEMA; and
    - The state of Oregon.
  - Cities are being asked to provide the following:
    - Application requests; and
    - Information requests.
  - Both the federal government and the state government want to ensure that funding is not misused;
  - The funding process can be rigorous;
  - Limited staffing makes it difficult for cities to handle all the processes required for the recovery efforts;
  - The county has been assisting the cities impacted by the wildfires with the recovery process;

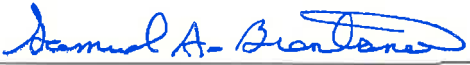



- The county time that has been utilized to assist the cities may start to impact other programs; and
- Resource assistance from other agencies will aid the cities with recovery and rebuilding efforts.
- No one signed up requesting to testify during the public hearing;
- Commissioner Brentano expressed his appreciation to Ms. Trauernicht for all her efforts and hard work with the block grant; and
- A board order is available for the Board of Commissioners to sign if they determine they would like to proceed with the grant application.


**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved to close the public hearing and approve an order directing staff to proceed with the application for Community Development Block Grant funds from Business Oregon for the purpose of wildfire recovery. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners recessed at 9:45 a.m.  
The commissioners reconvened at 9:51 a.m.

Commissioner Brentano adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

  
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