

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room  
555 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

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

Commissioner Willis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**PRESENTATION**

*(Video Time 00:00:38)*

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

- Ms. Rothenberger reported the following updates for the COVID-19 pandemic as of 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2020:
  - An estimated 1,405 tests were performed for COVID-19:
    - An estimated 137 individuals tested positive; and
    - An estimated 1,268 individuals tested negative.
  - An estimated 37 individuals were hospitalized;
  - Three individuals died from symptoms related to COVID-19;
  - Regular reports are being performed daily, starting at 12:00 p.m.:
    - The information gained from the reports is shared with the public.
  - The date for receiving federal assistance is tentative:
    - The county anticipates a quick turn-a-round for distribution to the public once the assistance is received.
  - Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) is receiving a large volume of phone calls every day:
    - MCHHS anticipates entering into an agreement with Business Connections to help support the phone call volume.
  - An estimated 60 individuals are coding to the MCHHS Project Code for the COVID-19 pandemic; and
  - MCHHS encouraged individuals to continue social distancing practices.

**Board discussion:**

- The commissioners expressed their appreciation to MCHHS for all of their hard work and support; and
- An estimated 60 individuals are working at the MCHHS Emergency Operations Center to provide information related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

*(Video Time 00:03:32)*

**Motion:** Commissioner Cameron moved to remove the first item on the Action agenda to consider approval of an order adding Addendum #1 and Addendum #2 to Administrative Policy #305, Protected Leave, to include temporary emergency rules related to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), and add an item to the Action agenda to consider approval of a contract with Willamette Workforce Partnership for the purpose of distributing resources to targeted small businesses in Marion County that are negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

**CONSENT**

*(Video Time 00:04:22)*

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Approve an order appointing Jolene Kelley as the Marion County Emblem Supervisor.

Approve an order appointing various staff members in the Board of Commissioner's Office as Clerk of the Board.

CLERK'S OFFICE

Approve Amendment #2 to the Contract for Services with Lynx Group, Inc. to add \$30,000 for a total of \$510,000 for ballot printing services through December 31, 2020.

FINANCE

Approve a quitclaim deed for the sale of Tax Foreclosed property ID #R54928 back to the prior owner on record.

Approve a quitclaim deed for the sale of Tax Foreclosed property ID #R85061 back to the prior owner on record.

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

## ACTION

(Video Time 00:05:41)

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Marion County. – Tamra Goettsch

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

- There were over 12,000 confirmed victims of abuse in Oregon in 2018:
  - Over 1,300 of those victims were Marion County citizens.
- Children under the age of six are the most vulnerable victims of abuse:
  - They have a difficult time telling their story; and
  - It is difficult for them to identify the abuse.
- The Marion County Community Services (MCCS) Department has been focusing on the need for response and providing prevention efforts, which includes some of the following:
  - Meeting with parents in person or by telephone;
  - Assisting victims in:
    - Different organizations;
    - Classrooms; and
    - Daily life.
  - Video education;
  - Chat room platforms; and
  - Community support.
- Additional resources for victims of abuse can be found on the MCCS website;
- Victims of abuse can be found amongst the following:
  - Families;
  - Friends;
  - Co-workers; and
  - Strangers.
- Individuals are urged to think about ways to prevent child abuse; and
- Discussion with children about the following is encouraged:
  - Determining what abuse looks like; and
  - Providing support.

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

- The commissioners expressed their appreciation to Ms. Goettsch, Sheriff Kast, and county staff for the work they perform to prevent child abuse and assist the victims;
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ribbons will not be hung in 2020 on the trees surrounding the state capital;
- Abuse victims in isolation due to the pandemic are more vulnerable:
  - Individuals in the community can assist them by focusing on the following:
    - Awareness;
    - Vigilance;
    - Staying connected; and

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- Remaining supportive.
- Prevention efforts are more refined:
  - Individuals are more committed to supporting families in ways that make a difference.
- Child abuse can be found in all levels of society:
  - Social;
  - Economic;
  - Neighborhoods;
  - The wealthy; and
  - The impoverished.
- Individuals are more committed to making a difference in other peoples' lives through:
  - Support;
  - Guidance;
  - Showing love;
  - Offering care; and
  - Providing direction.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a proclamation designating the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

*(Video Time 00:20:07)*

### Community Services

2. Consider approval of a Contract for Services with Willamette Workforce Partnership (WWP) in the amount of \$200,000 for the purpose of distributing resources to targeted small business in Marion County that are negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic–Jason Schneider

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

- The county has partnered with WWP to implement a program that provides funding for small businesses needing relief from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic:
  - Businesses are facing extreme hardship;
  - The contract will distribute \$200,000 of economic lottery funds to small businesses within Marion County with the following restrictions:
    - The businesses must employ no more than five individuals; and
    - Have no immediate access to funding.
  - Up to \$5,000 will be distributed to each business.

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

- The application process includes the following steps:
  - Advertising the program to the public within five days of approval of the contract;
  - A public notice advising of the available funds will be publicized:

- The notice will be advertised for at least three days;
  - No applications will be accepted until after the public notice is completed; and
  - Information regarding the application will be provided by the following:
    - The Marion County Economic Development Program;
    - WWP;
    - The Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR);
    - Regional Solutions area chambers; and
    - Other stakeholders.
- There will be a window of time for accepting applications; and
- Applications will be accepted on a first-come basis.
- The county feels fortunate to have economic development funds available to support small businesses;
- Funding for the program is short term;
- It is easier for businesses that already have a relationship with a bank to get liquidity;
- The federal government has extended the Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program:
  - It is a forgivable loan program;
  - It is available through SBA lenders;
  - SBA lending organizations include the following:
    - Banks;
    - The Small Business Development Center; and
    - The Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG).
- The Payroll Protection Program is offered through the SBA:
  - It provides up to \$10,000 in assistance;
  - Small businesses working with the SBA have the opportunity to access the funding;
  - The program will be available on April 3, 2020; and
  - Funding approval may be available on the same day as application submission.
- Information pertaining to the programs are available through the following resources:
  - The county's economic development program website; and
  - The county's web page for the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The county has daily conversations with the following businesses pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic:
  - Chambers of Commerce for cities located within the county;
  - SEDCOR;
  - Regional Solutions;
  - The MWVCOG; and
  - WWP.
- A minimum of 40 businesses will be able to participate in the program.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a contract with Willamette Workforce partnership for the purpose of distributing resources to targeted small business in Marion County that are negatively impacted by COVID-19 pandemic. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9:30 A.M.

None.

Commissioner Cameron read the calendar.

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.



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