

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, April 26, 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 9:00 a.m.

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Today is Administrative Professionals Day. The commissioners thanked all the county's administrative professionals for the work that they perform on behalf of Marion County.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

(Video Time 00:02:41)

PROCLAMATION

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - Action

1. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the month of May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Marion County. –Phillip Blea, Laura Sprouse, and Kelly Martin

Summary of presentation:

- For over a decade the community resources have been overwhelming and positive;
- In September 2022, the county recognized Suicide Prevention Awareness Month:
 - The theme for the event was “Life is Better with You Here”;
 - The theme has been continued for Mental Health Awareness Month; and
 - The theme for this year’s Mental Health Awareness Month is “Life is Better with You Here and Thriving”.
- Every person brings meaning and value to our lives;

- Sixty-five percent of Americans are concerned with the stigma associated with mental illness, and this often delays an individual from seeking necessary treatment;
- All people no matter their mental health journey deserve the following:
 - Support;
 - Resources;
 - Fulfillment; and
 - Meaningful connections.
- During Mental Health Awareness Month, Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) staff will work to raise awareness and decrease the stigma associated with mental health;
- MCHHS is partnering with local schools and organizations to host pop-up events where information on resiliency building will be distributed, and individuals will also be able to learn what local resources are available;
- The Mid-Valley Suicide Prevention Coalition will be giving signs of hope to community partners throughout Marion and Polk counties:
 - The signs of hope carry positive messages, and they are available in English, Spanish, and Russian.
- There will be a large presence on the county’s social media, including on Mental Health Mondays where different community partners will be highlighted; and
- At the end of the month there will be a screening of the documentary “Screenagers the Next Chapter”:
 - The documentary explores youth mental health and provides tips for parents and youth on how to deal with stress and anxiety.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners thanked MCHHS staff for all the work that they do every day;
- Getting help does make a difference, and it is okay to seek help;
- The county has had difficulties staffing behavioral health:
 - The county has offered scholarships to employees who would like to receive the required training:
 - Three employees are taking advantage of this.
 - The county also recruits from out-of-state.
- Everyone has challenges and struggles in their lives, and we need to be there for each other;
- Today’s youth have additional struggles that may be impacted by social media; and
- It is important for individuals to know that there is hope, and that there are opportunities available that can make a difference in their lives.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a proclamation designating the month of May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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CONSENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Committee Appointments – Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee

2. Approve orders reappointing Brenda Sanchez as an At-Large Member and Rick Massey as a Land Development Representative to the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee (MWQAC) with terms ending December 31, 2026.

Board Appointments – Marion County Retirement Plans Committee

3. Approve orders appointing Salvador Llerenas and Ryan Matthews to the Marion County Retirement Plans Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS

4. Receive the hearings officer's decision denying Condition Use (CU) Case #22-041/Silver Creek Solar, LLC.

TAX OFFICE

5. Approve an order for a property tax refund in the amount of \$28,162.71 for Home Depot USA, Inc., tax account number 339674.

6. Approve an order for a property tax refund in the amount of \$88,623.24 for Amazon.com Services Inc., tax account number 346785.

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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ACTION

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

7. Consider a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023-24 County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant. – Rachael Estill

Summary of presentation:

- The County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant was created by the legislature in 1989 to stabilize funding for property tax assessment and taxation;
- The grant includes costs incurred by the following Marion County departments:
 - The Assessor's Office;
 - The Tax Office;
 - The Clerk's Office;
 - Information Technology; and
 - The Treasurer's Office.
- The available grant funds are derived from the following:
 - A percentage of the interest collected on delinquent property tax accounts; and
 - From the fees collected on many of the documents recorded in the Marion County Clerk's Office.
- The total CAFFA funds to be distributed statewide is projected to be \$16.3 million for fiscal year 2023-2024:
 - This is a decrease from last year due to the decrease in recordings and delinquent interest income;
 - It is expected that the actual distribution for fiscal year 2023-2024 will be approximately \$14.6 million; and
 - Increased interest rates and markets leveling off have impacted the fund.
- The certified grant expenditures for fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$8,998,323:
 - The total includes all the aforementioned county departments.
- The actual grant revenue that Marion County will receive is estimated to be \$975,190:
 - This is 10.8 percent of the certified grant expenditures; or
 - Eleven percent of the Assessor's Office's budget.
- When the CAFFA grant started in 1989 it funded approximately 35 percent of the county's assessment and taxation costs:
 - The current funding has been reduced to 10.8 percent.

Board discussion:

- Ms. Vetto clarified that the resolution is to approve the grant application that will be submitted to the state.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023-24 County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant application. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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BUSINESS SERVICES

8. Consider approval of the Public Improvement Agreement with Lindstrom Construction, LLC in the amount of \$408,626.80 for the Marion County Transition Center Shower Restoration Project through October 31, 2023. –Terry Stoner and Geoff Bonney

Summary of presentation:

- This request is in coordination with an approved Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for the refurbishment of the Marion County Transition Center’s restrooms and showers;
- The project scope consists of the following:
 - Replacing exhaust fans;
 - Replacing flooring;
 - Painting walls;
 - Replacing damaged doors; and
 - Other items.
- Approval of the agreement will allow the project to move forward into the construction phase.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners have reviewed the project in detail at a prior meeting; and
- During restroom repairs it was determined that additional work to address dry rot was needed.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the Public Improvement Agreement with Lindstrom Construction, LLC in the amount of \$408,626.80 for the Marion County Transition Center Shower Restoration Project through October 31, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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9. Consider approval of Amendment #1 to the Standard Professional Services Agreement with Mackenzie Engineering, Inc. to add \$525,955 for a new contract total of \$606,455 to provide Architecture and Engineering (A&E) services for Phases 2 through 7, for the Marion County Evidence Building project through September 1, 2023. –Terry Stoner and Geoff Bonney

Summary of presentation:

- The project is moving into the second phase for the design and services contract;
- The project is a high priority for both Marion County Business Services and the Marion County Sheriff’s Office;
- The team will be concentrating on moving the project along as quickly as possible;
- Pending approval, a kickoff meeting is scheduled for the following week; and
- The design firm is ready to proceed with the project if the amended contract is approved.

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Board discussion:

None.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve Amendment #1 to the Standard Professional Services Agreement with Mackenzie Engineering, Inc. to add \$525,955 for a new contract total of \$606,455 to provide Architecture and Engineering (A&E) services for Phases 2 through 7, for the Marion County Evidence Building project through September 1, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

10. Consider approval of Amendment #10 to the incoming funds Participating Provider Service Agreement with PacificSource Community Solutions to add \$24,000,000 for a new contract total of \$62,172,591 to implement and administer covered services under the Oregon Health Plan through December 31, 2023. –Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- PacificSource Community Solutions is the coordinated care organization for the Marion and Polk County regions:
 - The company administers and manages the benefits for the county’s Medicaid population.
- The contract covers a full array of services, including funding for some of the following:
 - It supports the county’s role as the local public health authority;
 - Mental health services for the following:
 - Childrens and adult outpatient services for the county’s crisis system; and
 - Substance use treatment for the county’s addiction treatment program.
 - Funding for the “His Place” housing program.
- PacificSource has been providing services for the county since January 2020;
- The amended contract amount of \$24 million is an estimate;
- The contract is broken down into two components:
 - A fee for service:
 - The fee is based on how many billable services the county provides to PacificSource members; and
 - This accounts for approximately \$4 million of the \$24 million.
 - A per member, per month allocation:
 - The county receives \$9.73 for every enrolled PacificSource member;
 - This in an increase from the prior year contract;
 - The county’s allocation can fluctuate from month to month depending on enrollment; and
 - This accounts for approximately \$20 million of the \$24 million.

- The county received approximately \$20 million during the prior calendar year under this contract; and
- The contract is retroactive to January 1, 2023.

Board discussion:

- Negotiated language from the prior agreement is included in this amended agreement:
 - The addendum related to the following were the only changes:
 - Wraparound; and
 - Schedule A-2, that outlines the new funding model and rate changes.
 - The rest of the provider agreement that was negotiated in 2020 listing the full scope of services and responsibilities has not changed.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve Amendment #10 to the incoming funds Participating Provider Service Agreement with PacificSource Community Solutions to add \$24,000,000 for a new contract total of \$62,172,591 to implement and administer covered services under the Oregon Health Plan through December 31, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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11. Consider approval of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subrecipient Agreement with Catholic Community Services Foundation in the amount of \$500,000 for the Pacific Station – Highland Cottages Redevelopment Project that will include six housing units for Marion County’s “Our Place” through June 30, 2024. –Carol Heard

Summary of presentation:

- These are start-up funds to secure Marion County the right to lease 6 of the 12 units in a multi-family complex that the Catholic Community Services Foundation is developing; and
- The county will utilize the units to develop an “Our Place” program that will be modeled after the county’s “Her Place” and “His Place” programs:
 - The “Our Place” program will provide day treatment services with supported housing for families with dependent children.

Board discussion:

- The project will utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that the county received; and
- Commissioner Willis noted for the record that he serves on the Catholic Community Services Foundation Board of Directors:
 - It is a volunteer position;
 - He receives no money and no compensation for his position;
 - His position on the foundation’s board of directors is not a conflict of interest; and

- He would like it noted so that it avoids the appearance of a conflict.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subrecipient Agreement with Catholic Community Services Foundation in the amount of \$500,000 for the Pacific Station – Highland Cottages Redevelopment Project that will include six housing units for Marion County’s “Our Place” through June 30, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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12. Consider approval of Amendment #14 to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Oregon Health Authority to decrease funding in the amount of \$1,516,267.44 for a new contract total of \$18,551,888.19 through June 30, 2023, for the following Program Elements:

- PE01-09, Covid-19 Active Monitoring, Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) decreases funding in the amount of \$457,301.22;
- PE01-10, Oregon Immunization Program (OIP) - Cares, decreases funding in the amount of \$1,336,744.22; and
- PE73, HIV Early Intervention and Outreach Services, increases funding in the amount of \$277,778.

–Katrina Griffith

Summary of presentation:

- Amendment #14 to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) decreases funding in the amount of \$1,516,267.44 for a new contract total of \$18,551,888.19;
- The IGA has an ending term date of June 30, 2023;
- Amendment #14 is an adjustment to the IGA:
 - The county will not be losing any funding;
 - This is an adjustment from previous Fiscal Years (FY’s) 2020 and 2021:
 - The county and OHA missed some of the reporting for the two FY’s;
 - Marion County and the country were in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - The funds are COVID-19 dollars that the county did spend; but
 - OHA’s reporting did not reflect that the county had spent the funds:
 - OHA carried the funding over into FY 2023, even though the county had already spent the funds in the prior FY’s.
- Program Elements (PE’s) impacted include the following:
 - PE01-09, the Covid-19 Active Monitoring, Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grant; and
 - PE01-10, Oregon Immunization Program (OIP) – Cares dollars:
 - Both PEs are federally funded.

- Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) staff reviewed records from FY 2020 and 2021 to determine where the discrepancies occurred:
 - MCHHS staff was able to show that the funds had been spent;
 - OHA's process is to send a settlement letter based on the contract language to reallocate the funds;
 - The county must confirm the current allocation funds; and
 - The county must agree that the funds were spent in a prior contract period.
- Approximately \$228,000 in funding for PE01-10 is still available:
 - MCHHS anticipates spending the funds.
- Over \$1 million in funding for PE01-09 is still available:
 - It is possible that the funds will not be spent because funding is restricted to COVID-19 or respiratory issues:
 - If funds are not spent, then they may need to be returned in the future.
- PE73, HIV Early Intervention and Outreach Services funds are utilized for some of the following:
 - HIV prevention;
 - Testing;
 - Treatment services;
 - Case management; and
 - Outreach.
- The increase for PE73 is administrative;
- PE73 is a new program:
 - The services were previously covered in a separate IGA with OHA;
 - The county has been utilizing the funding for some of the following:
 - An outreach van; and
 - Staffing that travels off-site for community testing.
 - The increased funding of \$277,778 is for January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023:
 - This is all the funding that is left for this biennium.
 - The total award amount for January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027, is \$2.5 million;
 - The funding is a federal grant that is coming through the state to local public health authorities;
 - The program is critical to the county's work around preventing and eliminating HIV;
 - The county collaborates with the HIV Alliance to provide services:
 - HIV Alliance is responsible for case management.
 - These are federal funds so they cannot be used for the following:
 - Harm reduction supplies or services; and
 - Purchasing tests or test kits.
 - Funding is utilized for staffing and infrastructure to support the program.

Board discussion:

- PE01-09 funding can be utilized for COVID-19 and respiratory outbreaks and issues, including the following:
 - A portion of the county’s communicable disease program staff; and
 - A portion of the messaging and advertising around the prevention of respiratory illnesses.
- The county may be able to partner with local hospitals who could potentially utilize some of the PE01-09 funding.


MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve Amendment #14 to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Oregon Health Authority to decrease funding in the amount of \$1,516,267.44 for a new contract total of \$18,551,888.19 through June 30, 2023, for PE01-09, decreases funding in the amount of \$457,301.22; PE01-10, decreases funding in the amount of \$1,336,744.22; and PE73, increases funding in the amount of \$277,778. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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

None.

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.



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Not Present At Meeting

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