

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Video Time 00:20:18)

- Commissioner Cameron clarified for the record that no one had signed up for public comment.

PRESENTATION

(Video Time 00:00:44)

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, April 7, 2021:
 - There have been an estimated 19,577 cumulative cases within the county from the start of the pandemic;
 - An estimated 298 individuals have died from symptoms related to COVID-19; and
 - An estimated 22 county residents are currently being hospitalized for symptoms related to COVID-19.
- The following was reported for the two-week period of March 21st through April 3, 2021:
 - The percent positivity rate is estimated to be 3.8 percent; and
 - The county's case rate is estimated at 114 per 100,000:
 - The county continues to be classified in the high risk category:
 - Cutoff for the moderate category is 100 per 100,000.

- The percent positivity rate has decreased throughout the duration of the pandemic to the current rate of 8.5 percent:
 - The statewide cumulative percent positivity rate is currently estimated to be 5.7 percent.
- A large majority of positive cases have been reported for zip codes in the following locations:
 - The City of Salem in the following areas:
 - Central;
 - South; and
 - Northeast.
 - The City of Keizer; and
 - The City of Brooks.
- An estimated two million Oregonians have received either their first dose or their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine:
 - An estimated 127,000 of those vaccine doses were administered in Marion County.
- Marion County has received approval to start administering vaccine doses to individuals in Phase 1B, Group 6, of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) vaccination plan which includes some of the following:
 - Frontline workers which consist of some of the following:
 - Grocery store employees; and
 - Government employees.
 - Individuals residing in multigenerational homes; and
 - Individuals that are age 16 to 44 that have underlying health conditions.
- Beginning April 19, 2021, all Oregonians will be eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine:
 - Limited appointments are available;
 - COVID-19 vaccination appointments fill up quickly;
 - Upcoming vaccine clinics can be found on the county's COVID-19 webpage; and
 - Individuals that do not have internet access are encouraged to call 2-1-1 or (503)576-2828 for assistance with scheduling a vaccine appointment.
- Ms. Rothenberger expressed her appreciation to the MCHHS team for National Public Health Week and acknowledged all their hard work and efforts.

Board discussion:

- Beginning April 19, 2021, all individuals 16 years of age and older will be eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

(Video Time 00:07:08)

COVID-19 vaccine presentation. –Katrina Rothenberger, Christy Marx, and Reyna Lopez, Pinos Y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN)

Summary of presentation:

Katrina Rothenberger:

- Three COVID-19 vaccines have been approved for distribution in the United States:
 - Pfizer-BioNTech;
 - Moderna; and
 - Johnson and Johnson.
- All three vaccines have undergone a rigorous clinical trial and are considered safe to use:
 - An estimated 30,000 to 60,000 individuals volunteered to participate in the clinical trial.
- Individuals that are considering receiving a COVID-19 vaccine are encouraged to perform the following:
 - Consult with a healthcare provider first;
 - Research the brand of the COVID-19 vaccine that will be administered; and
 - Make an informed decision to determine if vaccinating is a good choice.
- Possible side-effects related to a COVID-19 vaccine include some of the following:
 - A sore arm;
 - Body aches;
 - A mild fever;
 - Fatigue; and
 - An allergic reaction.
- Individuals are not considered fully vaccinated until two weeks after the last vaccination dose was received:
 - Individuals that are fully vaccinated are encouraged to continue wearing face coverings in public settings; and
 - A fully vaccinated individual is not required to quarantine if they have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus unless they develop symptoms.
- Community members are encouraged to continue practicing some of the following social distancing standards while in public settings:
 - Wear protective face coverings;
 - Physically distance at least six feet apart; and
 - Avoid large gatherings.

Reyna Lopez, Pinos Y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN):

- Ms. Lopez is the executive director of PCUN, a farmworker union located within Oregon;
- All ethnic communities have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Families of farmworkers had an increase in deaths related to COVID-19:
 - Entire families were contracting the virus.
- PCUN received multiple requests for financial assistance due to the impacts of COVID-19;
- Ms. Lopez urged communities to work together;

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- Ms. Lopez expressed the need for community members to get vaccinated; and
- Ms. Lopez addressed members of the Latinx Community in Spanish after she received the COVID-19 vaccine.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Cameron thanked Ms. Lopez for attending board session and receiving a COVID-19 vaccine;
- County departments and community organizations have been collaborating on health care concerns and other issues; and
- The commissioners expressed the importance of child abuse awareness:
 - Community members are encouraged to report child abuse; and
 - Individuals can visit the websites of the following to learn about child abuse and fundraising efforts:
 - Family Building Blocks;
 - Liberty House; and
 - Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Marion County.

(Video Time 00:23:20)

CONSENT

FINANCE

Approve a revised quitclaim deed correcting the spelling of the grantee’s name for the sale of Property Tax ID #R13549 from Marion County to the grantee.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Approve Amendment #1 to the Purchase Order Contract with the State of Oregon, Department of Administrative Services to add \$45,000 for a new contract total of \$120,915.24 for the monthly leasing fee for motor vehicles, shop services, and fuel through June 30, 2021.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Accept the 2021 Compensation Board Recommendations for Elected Officials and forward recommendations to the Budget Committee.

TAX OFFICE

Approve an order for a property tax refund in the amount of \$28,746.68 to Insight Investments, LLC, account #330592.

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


ACTION


None.


PUBLIC HEARINGS
9:30 A.M.

None.

Commissioner Willis read the calendar;
Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.



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