

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Commissioner Sam Brentano, and Commissioner Colm Willis (arrived at 9:17 a.m.). Also present were Jane Vetto as county counsel, John Lattimer as chief administrative officer, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Video Time 00:00:57)

Gene Pfeifer:

- Mr. Pfeifer wishes to comment on social issues and constitutional rights after reading an article in the newspaper related to the transgender community;
- Mr. Pfeifer emphasizes every individual's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness:
 - He states that a physical change to a child before they have reached adulthood can damage these individual rights.
- He feels it is important to protect the youth; and
- Help them to make good choices until they reach the age of maturity or become adults and can make their own decisions.

- Mr. Pfeifer would also like to comment on forest fires;
- He discussed the forest fire in Oregon's Columbia River Gorge that occurred in the year 2017, and stated:
 - The location of the fire was known fifteen minutes after it had started;
 - The description of the terrain had also been established;
 - Accessibility to the fire was determined in the early stages of the fire;
 - The cause of the fire was quickly established;
 - The fire was started on a Saturday;
 - The organization needed to fight the fire was not completed until the following Monday;
 - A large section of scenic property in the Columbia River Gorge was destroyed; and
 - Large sums of money were expended to fight the fire in the Columbia River Gorge.

- Mr. Pfeifer states approximately \$450 million was spent in the year 2017 to fight forest fires;
- Approximately \$550 million was spent in the year 2018;
- Mr. Pfeifer feels that helicopters that are sent out to confirm fires should already be equipped with equipment that can extinguish the fire in the early stages before it can grow into a large forest fire:
 - There is a company in Medford, Oregon that has helicopters already equipped with water cannons and a large volume of water.
- He would like to suggest something similar for the helicopters that are being sent to confirm reports of a forest fire that has started.

Board discussion:

- The United States Forest Service (USFS) has jurisdiction over the Columbia River Gorge and other forests:
 - The county has no control over the decisions and policies that are made by the USFS.
- A commissioner is representing the county at the Association of Oregon and California Counties in regards to forestry issues; and
- The commissioners commend the Oregon Department of Forestry in regards to the work they perform for forest fires.

CONSENT

(Video Time 00:10:51)

BUSINESS SERVICES

Approve the Purchase Order with Oregon Corrections Enterprise in the amount of \$189,065 for the Marion County Juvenile Services Building furniture.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Approve an order appointing Phillip Blea to the Marion County Children and Families Commission with a term ending January 31, 2022.

Approve an order removing Carla Munn, Gayle Caldarazzo-Doty, and Chuck Lee as voting members and appointing them as honorary members of the Marion County Children and Families Commission with terms ending June 30, 2023.

FINANCE

Approve a quitclaim deed for the sale of Property Tax ID #R59638 back to the previous owner in the amount of \$22,875.57.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Salem Police Department in the amount of \$304,300 to provide mobile crisis services for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

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Approve Amendment #1 to the Contract for Services with Public Partnerships, LLC to add \$300,000 for a total of \$900,000 to provide fiscal intermediary services to several rental subsidy programs through June 30, 2020.

Approve Amendment #18 to the 2017-19 Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$14,000 in Reproductive Health Community Participation and Assurance of Access funds for the financing of public health services.

PUBLIC WORKS

Receive notice of hearings officer's recommendation for Zone Change/Comprehensive Plan/Property Line Adjustment (ZC/CP/PLA) Case #18-007/Tofte Family, LLC and schedule a public hearing for July 17, 2019.

Receive notice of hearings officer's recommendation for Zone Change/Comprehensive Plan/Conditional Use (ZC/CP/CU) Case #18-008/Apostolic Christian Faith of Silverton and schedule a public hearing for July 24, 2019.

Approve the Grant Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation in the amount of \$6,400,032.65 for the Silverton Road Little Pudding River Bridge replacement.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners stated that in the future they would like more documentation before making a decision on an amendment.

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

ACTION

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

1. Consider approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Justice for an estimated amount of \$5,300,000 for the Child Support Services Program through June 30, 2023. –Concetta Schwesinger and Pami Guerra

Summary of presentation:

- The Marion County District Attorney Association Child Support Program is part of the state of Oregon program; and
- The agreement has a standard four year term.

Board discussion:

- The state wide program is a part of the larger federal program;
- A child support program at the federal level is considered one of the most highly effective federal grant programs available;

- The program offers the following services when needed:
 - Establishes child support orders for families;
 - Enforces a support order;
 - Establishes paternity; and
 - Assists with medical support.
- Currently the county's child support program has 5,100 open cases;
- At the county level cases are established by the person receiving the support;
- Court cases are heard once a week for families who need assistance in receiving their child support;
- There are approximately 17 employees on the trial team that provide services to families in the county;
- The new state wide computer system helps to ensure that families receive a quicker response time for services;
- The estimated amount for the contract is reimbursement based:
 - The reimbursement is based on the fluctuating budget; and
 - The estimate was based off of the demands for the past four years.
- The estimated amount may increase, or it may decrease:
 - Changes in staffing can impact the estimated amount:
 - Staffing levels are not based on caseloads.
- The contract is flexible and allows for resubmission of the documents for a quarterly reimbursement;
- Employees are available for the following:
 - Discussion with individuals in regards to their situation; and
 - Working with individuals so that they understand the following:
 - The need for support; and
 - The terms of their financial circumstances.
- Mr. Lattimer states this is truly a children's program:
 - It ensures that families have enough money for food and shelter.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Justice for an estimated amount of \$5,300,000 for the Child Support Services Program through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

FINANCE

2. Consider approval of a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2018-19 third supplemental budget. **(TO BE ACTED ON FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING)** –Debbie Gregg

3. Consider approval of a resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget, make related appropriations, and impose and categorize property taxes. **(TO BE ACTED ON FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING)** – John Lattimer

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4. Consider approval of the Tax Foreclosed and Surplus Real Properties sold at public auction held on June 10, 2019. –Jeff White and Camber Schlag

Summary of presentation:

- On June 10, 2019 the county held an auction for the sale of tax foreclosed and surplus real properties;
- Six out of the seven properties up for auction were sold:
 - The total sale price for the six properties was \$1,005,875.
- The properties sold include the following locations:
 - 750 North Pershing Street in Mount Angel, Oregon:
 - The real market value on this property was \$175, 850;
 - The minimum starting bid was \$131,890;
 - The property sold for \$131,990; and
 - The sale is on a contract for ten years with the county.
 - 280 Pine Street NE in Salem, Oregon:
 - The real market value on this property was \$368,220;
 - The minimum starting bid was \$276,165;
 - The property sold for \$405,000; and
 - The sale is on a contract for ten years with the county.
 - 2255 Commercial Street NE in Salem, Oregon:
 - The real market value on this property was \$246,060;
 - The minimum starting bid was \$184,545;
 - The property sold for \$360,000; and
 - The sale is on a contract for ten years with the county.
 - 1288 East Lincoln Street in Woodburn, Oregon:
 - The real market value on this property was \$96,000;
 - The minimum starting bid was \$72,000;
 - The property sold for \$75,000; and
 - The property was a cash sale and has been paid in full.
 - Lot #3 in Block #1 of the Wildwood Subdivision in Lyons, Oregon:
 - Property is located off of North Fork Road;
 - The real market value on this property was \$14,280;
 - The minimum starting bid was \$10,710;
 - The property sold for \$10,810; and
 - The property was a cash sale and has been paid in full.
 - Lot #3 in Block #2 of the Wildwood Subdivision in Lyons, Oregon:
 - Property is located off of North Fork Road;
 - The real market value on this property was \$30,620;
 - The minimum starting bid was \$22,965;
 - The property sold for \$23,065; and
 - The property was a cash sale and has been paid in full.
- The six properties will be put back onto the tax rolls:
 - They will generate additional revenue for the county and the taxing districts; and
 - The county will be relieved of any further liabilities regarding the properties in the future.

Board discussion:

- The sale price for the six properties were all higher than the minimum starting bid;
- The property on Pershing Street in Mt. Angel is not the property that the City of Mt. Angel was hoping to acquire;
 - The City Manager for the City of Mt. Angel was informed that the property they are interested in will be going to public auction at a later date.
- The properties located on Pine Street and Commercial Street in Salem had a combined total that was over \$700,000:
 - The county is currently charging eight percent, which is the market rate plus three percent for the properties sold on contract;
 - Individuals that are not satisfied with the interest rate are not obligated to finance the purchase through the county; and
 - There is no prepayment penalty.
- There are counties in Oregon that do not offer land sale contracts and will only accept a full payment at the time of the sale:
 - It is a policy of Marion County to provide both options for individuals that may not be able to afford the full payment; and
 - It can be a long and expensive process to get the property back and resell the property when an individual does not make their scheduled payments.
- Individuals involved in a land sale contract with the county have the following requirements:
 - They must provide a down payment of 25 percent within 24-hours of the purchase;
 - They have 30 days to finalize the agreement with the county;
 - Their property taxes must be current;
 - The loan payments must be current; and
 - Insurance for the property must be maintained.
- The contract allows the county to re-foreclose a property for individuals not complying with these rules; and
- A refund is not provided to the property purchasers.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved to approve the Tax Foreclosed and Surplus Real Properties sold at a public auction held on June 10, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9:30 A.M.

(Video Time 00:32:41)

FINANCE

A. Public hearing to consider a resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2018-19 third supplemental budget. – Jeff White and Debbie Gregg

Summary of presentation:

- The presentation of the third supplemental budget for fiscal year 2018-19 is in accordance with local budget laws and county policies;
- The total county budget is decreasing by \$54,000;
- The public hearing was noticed and posted in the Statesman Journal on June 13, 2019;
- Copies of the budget are available on the Finance Departments website and at the Board of Commissioners office;
- The supplemental budget was reviewed by the commissioners at a Management Update Meeting on June 17, 2019;
- Seventeen funds had modifications:
 - Six funds increased;
 - One fund decreased; and
 - Ten funds had offsetting changes with no net budget change.
- General Fund changes include the following:
 - Vacancy Savings were used and reallocated to Materials and Services for the following departments:
 - The Clerk's Office:
 - No net budget changes.
 - The District Attorney's Office:
 - No net budget changes.
 - The Juvenile Department:
 - No net budget changes.
 - The Sheriff's Office:
 - Increased approximately \$20,000 due to a recent code enforcement case.
 - The Treasurer's Office:
 - No net budget changes.
- Transfers Out increased by \$182,000:
 - The bulk of the increase went to the Capital Improvement Project Fund.
- The Capital Improvement Project fund increased for the following projects:
 - A new piping replacement project at the Jail Court Annex for \$177,000; and
 - Phase II of the Information Technology Pictometry Project for \$167,000, which is being funded through the following:
 - The General Fund;
 - The Public Works Fund; and
 - The Lottery and Economic Development Fund.
- The Health and Human Services Fund had a decrease of \$510,000:
 - There was decreased funding in the Intergovernmental State Revenue:
 - As a result fifteen positions were eliminated.
- Contingency was used to increase Capital Outlay for a Psychiatric Crisis Center renovation;
- There was an increase in Materials and Services for the following:
 - Software upgrades;
 - Janitorial services; and

- Security services.
- There was an increase of \$145,000 to the Non-Departmental Grants Fund:
 - To recognize the Federal Secure Rural Schools Title II pass through funds; and
 - An increase in contracted services to the Mid-Willamette Community Action Agency for increased expenses associated with the Veteran Services Program.

Board discussion:

- Mr. Lattimer expressed his appreciation for all the work the Finance Department has performed in preparing the budget:
 - Finance staff worked with county departments to ensure that departments knew exactly what their future expenses would entail through the end of the fiscal year.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to close the public hearing, and approve a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2018-19 third supplemental budget. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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B. Public hearing to consider a resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget. – John Lattimer, Jeff White, and Debbie Gregg

Summary of presentation:

- Mr. Lattimer presented an overview of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2019-20 at a Budget Committee meeting held earlier in June, 2019;
- Mr. Lattimer discussed the following at the meeting:
 - The rising increase cost of the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS);
 - Health care expense;
 - The 27 approved decision packages;
 - The approval of eleven full time employee positions;
 - Capital Improvement Projects for the fiscal year 2019-20;
 - The total county budget; and
 - The General Fund budget.
- Over fifteen county departments presented their budgets:
 - They discussed significant department changes in their budgets which included the following:
 - Personnel positions;
 - Increases and decreases in program activities; and
 - The approval or denial of decision packages.
- The General Fund proposed budget is over \$103 million for the fiscal year 2019-20;
- The increase in the current property tax revenue is estimated at 4.3 percent for the fiscal year 2019-20:
 - This is the primary driver for the General Fund;
 - The tax revenue accounts for approximately 74 percent of the General Fund resources; and
 - The resources in the General Fund are primarily allocated to public safety.

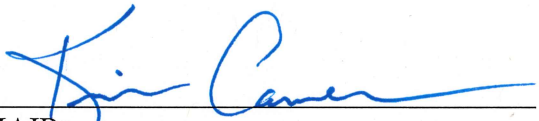
- The total county budget is \$455 million:
 - The appropriation amount is \$385 million.
- If approved, the resolution for this agenda item will also impose taxes for the fiscal year 2019-20; and
- The budget has been approved by fund in accordance with local budget law.

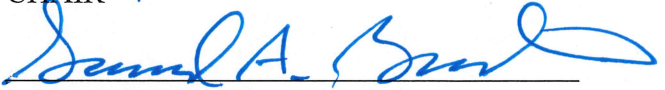
Board discussion:

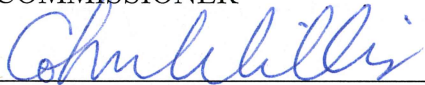
- The commissioners expressed their appreciation to everyone who worked so hard on the budget; and
- The county's budget covers all aspects in every department including some of the following:
 - Service of dogs;
 - The county fair;
 - Fleet management;
 - Parks;
 - Human Resources;
 - Health care;
 - Traffic safety; and
 - Public safety:
 - Salaries for deputy district attorney's; and
 - The prosecution of offenders.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved to close the public hearing, and approve a tax resolution to adopt the budget and impose and categorize property taxes for fiscal year 2019-20. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Willis read the calendar.
 Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.



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<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLSUQ1gg6M78UsBE3q6w4rdf59Z5rXkEi5>

