

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, September 16, 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 00:00:44)*

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

- Ms. Zastoupil reported the following updates for the COVID-19 pandemic as of 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2020:
  - There are currently an estimated 4,291 cases within the county:
    - The estimate includes both confirmed and presumptive cases; and
    - The case counts continue to trend down.
  - An estimated 4,096 individuals have tested positive; and
  - An estimated 44,019 individuals have tested negative.
- The percent positivity rate for the prior week through September 6, 2020, was estimated at 11.1 percent:
  - The percent positivity rate was an increase from the preceding week.
- Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) is continuing their efforts with the following:
  - Contact tracing; and
  - Case investigations.
- Testing resources and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) continue to be provided where they are needed which may include the following:
  - Outbreak areas;
  - Vulnerable locations; and
  - Fire personnel.

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- Poor air quality due to the forest fires has hindered testing events:
  - Testing events will resume once air quality improves.
- MCHHS is working on plans to start administering vaccines once they become available;
- The department is working with a liaison to ensure a smooth process related to the following for firefighting personnel from other jurisdictions that are assisting with the forest fires:
  - COVID-19 testing;
  - Isolation; and
  - Quarantine:
    - Yamhill County has been assisting with cases that are presumptive or positive.
- MCHHS is monitoring the following:
  - Hospital status;
  - Long term care facilities;
  - Foster homes;
  - Group homes; and
  - PPE distribution to vulnerable populations.
- Health inspectors from MCHHS are providing environmental health inspections of the following for the congregate shelter located at the Oregon State Fairgrounds:
  - Living quarters;
  - Food distribution areas; and
  - On-site restaurants.
- Ms. Rothenberger acknowledged staff that have been displaced by the forest fires and expressed her appreciation for their continued work efforts and contributions.

***Board discussion:***

- Hazardous air quality has made outdoor COVID-19 testing events a challenge:
  - Indoor spaces with good air quality may provide alternative locations for administering tests.
- COVID-19 symptoms and wildfire smoke inhalation symptoms are similar and may include some of the following:
  - Cough;
  - Difficulty breathing;
  - Runny nose;
  - Headache; and
  - Fatigue.
- Symptoms not related to wildfire smoke may include the following:
  - Fever;
  - Chills;
  - Muscle aches;
  - Body aches;
  - Vomiting;
  - Diarrhea;

- Loss of taste; and
- Loss of smell.
- Communities impacted by both wildfire smoke and COVID-19 symptoms may be prioritized;
- MCHHS has had discussions with contractors and has amended contracts to provide COVID-19 vaccines along with flu vaccines once they become available; and
- Commissioner Brentano thanked MCHHS and Ms. Rothenberger for adjusting to and handling issues as they arise.

## CONSENT

*(Video Time 00:08:12)*

### FINANCE

Approve an order delegating authority to the Marion County Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for Beachie Creek emergency related contracts and amendments through the expiration of the State of Emergency declared on September 8, 2020.

### PUBLIC WORKS

Receive notice of the hearings officer's decision approving Administrative Review (AR) Case #20-019/Harrison W. Elgin III.

Approve an order appointing Kyle Elwood to the position of citizen-at-large and Ryan Zink to the position of community organization for the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council (SWMAC) with terms ending September 15, 2024.

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

- Commissioner Cameron stated that the Marion County CAO and the CFO have been delegated the same level of authority for the wildfire emergency that they received for the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

## ACTION

(Video Time 00:09:48)

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the week of September 17-23, 2020, as Constitution Week in Marion County. –Day Westine, Vice Regent, Chemeketa Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution

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

- Ms. Day expressed her appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for recognizing this important event in American history.

#### **Board discussion:**

- Commissioner Willis expressed his appreciation to Ms. Day for educating the community about the importance of the Constitution of the United States of America:
  - He recognized how the country's principles and passions are represented in the Constitution.
- Commissioner Willis expressed his gratitude to the community for their unity through the wildfires:
  - He conveyed his appreciation to Marion County Sheriff's Deputies for their work during the wildfires and for upholding the constitution.
- Commissioner Brentano stated he respects and will defend the Constitution and what it stands for; and
- Commissioner Cameron stated the proclamation reinforces who American's are:
  - It gives people hope that they can live with liberty and justice.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a proclamation designating the week of September 17-23, 2020, as Constitution Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

(Video Time 00:16:22)

### BUSINESS SERVICES

2. Consider approval of the Public Improvement Agreement with K&E Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$352,611 for completion of the Marion County Jail parking lot improvements through June 30, 2021. –Larry Tilford

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

- The contract is for the third phase of the asphalt repairs being performed at the Aumsville Campus of the Marion County Jail:
  - The repair process started in 2014 with the reconstruction of the bus parking area;

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- Additional paving repairs of an estimated 28,000 square foot section in front of the Marion County Jail were performed in 2017; and
- The third phase will involve an estimated 71,000 square foot section in the area of the Marion County Transition Center and behind the bus hub:
  - A car wash station will be added that is more code compliant.
- The county received bids from multiple businesses:
  - K&E Excavating, Inc. submitted the lowest bid; and
  - K&E Excavating, Inc. was awarded the prior contract for the second phase of the pavement project:
    - Marion County Business Services was satisfied with the level of service performed by the contractor in the second phase.
- Mr. Tilford is requesting approval to move forward with the last phase of the paving process.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Brentano moved to approve the Public Improvement Agreement with K&E Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$352,611 for completion of the Marion County Jail parking lot improvements through June 30, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

*(Video Time 00:19:02)*

### PUBLIC WORKS

3. Consider approval of the incoming funds Master Challenge Cost Share Agreement that formalizes cooperative actions with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, Willamette National Forest in relation to the Little North Fork recreation corridor through December 31, 2024. –Russ Dilley, Thomas Kissinger and Josh Weathers, United States Forest Service (USFS)

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

- County staff have been partnering with the United States Forest Service (USFS) to formalize the cooperative management of the Little North Fork (LNF) recreation corridor for an estimated five years:
  - In 2015, representatives from the following agencies met at the LNF recreation corridor for a tour and began discussions related to issues that were being encountered:
    - Marion County Parks;
    - Marion County Public Works;
    - The Marion County Board of Commissioners;
    - The Marion County Sheriff's Office;
    - The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM); and
    - The USFS.
  - A second parks tour was held in 2016; and

- The first formal meeting was held for the LNF Recreation Area Group at Marion County Public Works in November of 2016:
  - It was determined that more collaborative management and strategic planning was required due to an increase in usage over the period of several years.
- A portion of the groups collaborative focus has entailed the following:
  - Communications; and
  - Safety.
- Partnered events between the entities include some of the following:
  - Town hall meetings;
  - A season kick-off with all the agencies meeting;
  - Fee collections;
  - Corridor garbage collections; and
  - Submission of a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant application for a LNF entrance booth.
- Entity contributions include the following:
  - The USFS has provided traffic counters for visitor impact numbers;
  - The county has provided radios to the USFS and the BLM for improved communication; and
  - A kiosk corridor map has been completed that displays different jurisdictions and exhibits area safety issues.
- In 2018, the group began exploring the correct mechanism to formalize an agreement:
  - After discussions between the county, the USFS, and the BLM, it was determined that separate agreements with each agency versus an agreement that encompassed all three entities would be the best approach.
- The Challenge Cost Share Agreement is the master agreement that defines the following:
  - Entity roles;
  - Entity purposes; and
  - Strategic goals for cooperative management of the LNF recreational corridor.
- Supplemental project agreements will be added as amendments whenever specific projects are developed:
  - The amendments will be brought before the board for approval.
- Future projects include some of the following:
  - Operations and Maintenance Plans;
  - Joint Communications Plans;
  - The development of interagency passes that can be used at multiple parks within the corridor; and
  - Visitor information booths.
- The agreement allows agencies to perform the following:
  - Pool resources;
  - Exchange funds; and
  - Create efficiency in the management of LNF recreation corridor.

**Board discussion:**

- The commissioners are hopeful that the agreement will assist with the recovery and restoration efforts following the Beachie Creek wildfires;
- The agreement was developed prior to the Beachie Creek wildfires:
  - It is unclear if the agreement will be of assistance with the wildfires.
- The partnership was started with the intent of protecting the following from human over usage:
  - The LNF recreation corridor;
  - The Opal Creek Wilderness;
  - Public properties; and
  - Private properties.
- Commissioner Cameron expressed his appreciation to everyone who worked to bring this agreement to fruition.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the incoming funds Master Challenge Cost Share Agreement that formalizes cooperative actions with the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Willamette National Forest in relation to the Little North Fork Recreation Center through December 31, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous Names not listed in motion

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9:30 A.M.

None.

Commissioner Kevin read the calendar.

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.



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