

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, September 23, 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 00:00:40)

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, September 23, 2020:
 - There are currently an estimated 4,521 cases within the county;
 - An estimated 50,000 individuals have been tested; and
 - An estimated 92 individuals have died from symptoms related to COVID-19.
- Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) reported a decrease in COVID-19 cases:
 - Testing rates were reduced by an estimated 37 percent between the dates of September 8, 2020, and September 21, 2020; and
 - A high test positivity rate was reported for the same time period.
- The percent positivity rate for the prior week was reported at 10.8 percent;
- Individuals who are symptomatic are able to receive testing through the county’s health care system:
 - Wildfires within the county have prevented community clinics from testing for COVID-19; and
 - MCHHS anticipates collaborating with the Oregon Health Authority and community partners in the near future to provide clinical testing again.
- A high number of positive cases have been traced back to small social gatherings;

- MCHHS continues to encourage community members to practice the following when in public settings or at social gatherings in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19:
 - Wearing face coverings in outdoor or public settings;
 - Washing hands for 20 seconds with soap and water;
 - Using hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available; and
 - Practicing six foot social distancing in public areas.
- The state launched the COVID-19 Temporary Paid Leave Program during the week of September 13, 2020:
 - The program is available for individuals who need to quarantine or isolate due to COVID-19 symptoms or exposure;
 - Individuals requesting the furlough are not qualified for COVID-19 related paid sick leave; and
 - Eligible individuals can receive an estimated \$120 per day for up to a period of 10 days.
- MCHHS is working with community partners to start administering flu vaccines to the most vulnerable citizens; and
- MCHHS is encouraging all county citizens to be vaccinated with a flu shot.

Board discussion:

- A possible increase in positive COVID-19 cases from the Labor Day holiday may occur over the period of the next week; and
- Poor air quality due to the forest fires has hindered testing events.

(Video Time 00:05:06)

Commissioner Cameron moved to remove Action Item #2 from the agenda, under Community Services, consider approval of a Contract for Services with Pacific River, LLC in the amount of \$306,000 for armed security services at the Beachie Creak Wildfires Emergency Evacuation Site located at the Oregon State Fairgrounds retroactive to September 18, 2020, through October 31, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

CONSENT

(Video Time 00:05:42)

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OLCC Application – Recommended Approval

Third Block Wines, LLC – dba, Third Block Wines

HUMAN RESOURCES

Approve the recommendation to adjust upward the pay grade for classification #063, Mail Courier; #124, Dog Control Officer; #484, Maintenance Control Clerk; and #524, Public Health Physician.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Receive hearings officer's decision approving Floodplain/Greenway (FP/GW) Case #20-003/Marion County/Friends of Historic Butteville.

Schedule final consideration to adopt an administrative ordinance for September 30, 2020, granting Zone Change/Comprehensive Plan (ZC/CP) Case #20-002/Allied Rock, LLC and the Estate of Lois M. Stuart.

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

ACTION

(Video Time 00:07:09)

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1. Consider approval of the Contract for Services with Cascade Sound and Stage Lighting, Inc. in the amount of \$328,647 to provide and install audio visual upgrades and video conferencing to various conference rooms within Courthouse Square through December 30, 2020. –Kevin Burton

Summary of presentation:

- The impacts of COVID-19 have led to a change in the way the county conducts business:
 - Meetings are attended remotely using some of the following methods versus in person attendance:
 - Video chatting; and
 - Tele-meetings.
- The upgrade of all large conference rooms within Courthouse Square is essential to better facilitate the meeting process;
- Upgrades will be performed for some of the following:
 - Monitors;
 - Cameras;
 - Projection Screens; and
 - Media outlets.
- Conference rooms receiving upgrades will include some of the following:
 - The Senator Hearing Room;
 - The Commissioner's Board Room;
 - Two conference rooms located on the fourth floor; and
 - The North Santiam Conference Room located on the second floor.
- The upgrade of multiple conference rooms will provide more opportunities to hold video and teleconferencing meetings throughout the building.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Brentano had the following comments:

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- The current system has not performed as intended;
- It is being challenged with new methods of communication;
- More individuals are attending meetings remotely;
- Sound quality for remote meetings is poor; and
- An updated system will improve the sound quality for individuals attending meetings.
- Mr. Burton stated the upgrade package is expensive, and will hopefully eliminate the video meeting issues;
- Commissioner Cameron stated that evolved technology has allowed businesses and governments to be more efficient during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Commissioner Willis stated the investment will increase productivity;
- The Business Services Department has requested that the project be completed by the end of November, 2020;
- The contract total is based off of the estimate provided by Cascade Sound and Stage Lighting, Inc.; and
- The county's working experience with Cascade Sound and Stage Lighting, Inc. on preceding contracts has been positive.


MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved to approve the Contract for Services with Cascade Sound and Stage Lighting, Inc. in the amount of \$328,647 to provide and install audio visual upgrades and video conferencing to various conference rooms within Courthouse Square through December 30, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.


PUBLIC HEARINGS
9:30 A.M.


None.

Commissioner Willis read the calendar.

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m.



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