

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, September 6, 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 Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer, Scott Norris as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

ABSENT: Commissioner Danielle Bethell

Commissioner Willis called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

(Video Time 00:00:40)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

(Video Time 00:00:43)

PROCLAMATION

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – Action

1. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the month of September 2023 as National Recovery Month in Marion County. –Carol Heard, Jeff Corron, Alexandria Macuilis, and Freddy Rosales

Summary of presentation:

Carol Heard:

- Recovery month is nationally observed every September:
 - Its purpose is to educate Americans that individuals with substance use, and mental health disorders can live rewarding lives with treatment and mental health services.
- The stigma of substance use, and mental health disorders discourages individuals from getting help;
- Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) along with community partners promote environments that acknowledge the relationship between substance use and mental health disorders recovery;
- Many lives have changed because of recovery, and this often goes unnoticed; and

- Observing recovery month reinforces the following:
 - Behavioral health is important;
 - Prevention works;
 - Treatment is effective; and
 - People recover.

Jeff Corron:

- Mr. Corron shared his addiction journey:
 - An accident led to an opioid prescription and eventually drug abuse;
 - Mr. Corron was enrolled in Marion County Addiction Services:
 - They were there to help in his recovery; and
 - They provided education on his recovery.
 - His family and church have been a good support team;
 - He gives back to the community by mentoring and sharing his story;
 - A support system and team are beneficial in the recovery process; and
 - Recovery month is for the entire family and society, not just an individual.

Alexandria Macuilis:

- Ms. Macuilis shared her addiction journey:
 - A family death negatively impacted her life;
 - Her relationship with Mr. Rosales was her support;
 - Oregon Department of Human Services, Child Protective Services (CPS) took possession of her newborn child due to her addiction;
 - Being incarcerated for 40 days gave her time to rethink her life;
 - In 2023 she made the decision to fight her addiction and receive help:
 - This was done at “Her Place” which provides treatment and structured housing.
 - She has been clean and sober for seven months;
 - She completed all required courses to regain custody of her child; and
 - She is continuing to put the rest of her life back together again.

Freddy Rosales:

- Mr. Rosales shared his addiction journey:
 - Mr. Rosales addiction started when he was a high school student;
 - He was expelled from school;
 - He owed and spent money on his addiction;
 - He was incarcerated in jail;
 - Marion County’s “His Place”, which provides treatment and structured housing, was an important part of his recovery; and
 - He was able to reunite with his family.

Board discussion:

- PacificSource, MCHHS, and Marion County Business Services worked together to get “His Place” started:
 - “Her Place” has been in existence for a longer period of time.
- Every person has challenges in their life;
- Sharing challenges and journeys helps inspire others to overcome addiction;
- Many are involved in helping others recover and find help:
 - Those who were helped then go and help others.
- Taking away the needed tools that helps others is not helpful:
 - This is something that Oregon Measure 110 has done.

Motion: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a proclamation designating the month of September 2023 as National Recovery Month in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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2. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the month of September 2023 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Marion County. –Phillip Blea, Laura Sprouse, Tami Cirerol, and Kelly Martin

Summary of presentation:

- The campaign “Life is Better with You Here” started in September 2022:
 - Everyone needs to experience a place of belonging and everyone brings value.
- The focus is community outreach on mental health promotion and suicide prevention;
- Data and information from community partners is being utilized to connect with areas that are considered to be high-risk;
- The Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) team has been working with various partners in the community including:
 - Hospitals;
 - Service Integration Teams (SITs);
 - Colleges; and
 - High schools.
- Staff has been sharing tips on anxiety and depression as well as promoting training on suicide prevention;
- The message is spread in high-risk zip codes at the following:
 - Schools;
 - Coffee shops;
 - Community events; and
 - Pop-up events:

- The event provides resource information including awareness for the “988” suicide and crisis lifeline;
 - The event helps to decrease the stigma around talking about struggles and suicide; and
 - It spreads the message of hope.
- The coffee sleeve campaign is continuing this year:
 - Sleeves are available at many cafes in both Marion and Polk counties.
- Over 22,000 coffee sleeves were distributed in 2022 which caused increased visits to the website;
- This year 30,000 sleeves were ordered and will be distributed;
- The Mid-Valley Suicide Prevention Coalition assists with the following:
 - Coordinating activities; and
 - Collaborating with community partners for resources and events.
- Coalition partners include some of the following:
 - Schools;
 - Insurance companies;
 - Hospitals; and
 - Community Based Organizations (CBOs);
- The coalition received a \$20,000 grant from Oregon Alliance for suicide prevention:
 - The grant funding provided for some of the following:
 - Educational materials in multiple languages;
 - Suicide prevention training;
 - Building infrastructure for the coalition including:
 - Website improvements; and
 - Branding.
- Over the next five months the county will launch L.I.N.K.S. to Life which stands for the following:
 - “L” for “Learn” launches in September:
 - Learn the signs of suicide;
 - Learn where to get help; and
 - Learn how to decrease stigma.
 - “I” for “Involve” yourself, launches in October and encourages individuals to attend the following:
 - An “Out of Darkness” walk;
 - Classes; and
 - A coalition meeting.
 - “N” for “Nurture” yourself and others launches in November and focuses on the following:
 - Ways to take care of yourself;
 - Connection cards; and
 - Gratitude events.
 - “K” for “Know” your resources launches in December and highlights:

- Local resources;
 - The “988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline”; and
 - The mobile crisis teams.
- “S” for “Sustain” your wellness launches in January and provides:
 - Tools to continue activities in 2024;
 - Planning and applications; and
 - Options for creating connections.
- Recovery prevention is suicide prevention.

Board discussion:

- There are different levels of awareness and help needed for all individuals;
- MCHHS has a mindset of serving:
 - This is evident in the work that is being done.
- Many individuals working in the health field have lived experience.

Motion: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a proclamation designating the month of September 2023 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

(Video Time 00:57:07)

CONSENT

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OLCC Application – Recommended Approval

3. heaVin, Inc., dab, heaVin Estate – Aumsville, Oregon

Board Committee Appointment – Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee

4. Approve an order appointing Mike Berger to the Marion County Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Advisory Committee with a term ending January 31, 2024.

HUMAN RESOURCES

5. Approve the recommendation to update the classification and adjust the pay grades upward for class code #004, Tax Clerk; #074, Assessment Clerk; #075, Assessment Clerk Senior; #113, Deed Clerk; #322, Cartographer/GIS Tech; #323, Cartographer/GIS Tech Senior; #328, Personal Property Appraisal Tech; and #335, Chief Deputy Assessor; and update the classification and uphold the pay grades for class code #041, Tax Clerk Senior; and #044, Tax Office Supervisor/Tax Collector

PUBLIC WORKS

6. Schedule the adoption of an administrative ordinance for September 13, 2023, amending the Marion County Code to permit an event business as a home occupation in the Exclusive Farm Use, Special Agriculture, and Farm/Timber zones.

7. Approve Amendment #2 to the Private Development Agreement For Public Road Improvements with East Park, LLC to install temporary traffic signals at Cordon Road and Auburn Road, submit a construction bond, and record the Phase 4 plat.

8. Approve an order to remove public access restrictions on North Fork Road SE, Gates Hill Road SE, and Pioneer Road SE that were imposed for public safety purposes following the 2020 Beachie Creek and Lionshead wildfires.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE

9. Approve Amendment #8 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to add \$25,250 for a new contract total of \$248,900.68 to continue to provide patrol services on BLM land through December 31, 2023.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

10. Consider approval of a resolution approving Alternative 2 as the preferred alternative for the Detroit Marinas Excavation and Resiliency Project. –Lari Rupp and Josh Elliot, Maul Foster and Alongi, Inc.

Summary of presentation:

- The project involves the excavation of approximately 162,000 yards of sediment from underneath two commercial marinas located at Detroit Lake;
- It is anticipated that the excavation will assist with the following:
 - Maintaining the lake during the summer season of May through October; and
 - Supporting the local economy.
- The resiliency project is estimated to create the following:
 - Approximately \$1.2 million annually in both direct and indirect economic activity throughout the North Santiam Canyon; and
 - Approximately \$14.6 million net in economic growth for the region over the next 20 years.
- Multiple factors have impacted the lake’s ability to maintain a full depth during the summer months including:

- Changes in weather patterns;
- Changes in municipal water needs;
- Policies for fish and wildlife mitigation; and
- A five-foot reduction in full depth to reduce seismic hazards at Detroit Dam.
- In response to community comments, the county has started exploring opportunities to reuse the excavated material beneath the two marinas:
 - The excavated material may benefit the following:
 - Parks and trails;
 - Fish and wildlife habitat; and
 - Other recreational opportunities.
- A study was completed in 2011 with the University of Oregon and the United States Forest Service named Detroit Lake Restoration and Enhancement Design Booklet:
 - The study was used to create alternatives for design.
- There was interagency collaboration with multiple agencies to develop sediment reuse options;
- The project is currently at the end of Phase 1 which is a concept planning phase, and the board will decide on a preferred alternative;
- Phase 2 will be engineering and permitting;
- Phase 1 involved the following steps:
 - Existing plan reviews were studied;
 - Regulatory processes and agencies were met with;
 - Stakeholder alignment was established;
 - Public outreach was done;
 - Cost benefit analysis was completed with Maul Foster and Alongi;
 - The results of the analysis were brought before the city of Detroit; and
 - The city recommended a preferred alternative to bring to the board.
- Alternative 2 was chosen as the best preferred alternative by analysis:
 - This is the Osprey Point Peninsula extension from the Detroit Flats Day Use Area.
- Detroit adopted a resolution to formally recommend Alternative 2 to the board;
- Alternative 2 builds off of an existing high point in the reservoir dividing the Santiam basin from the Breitenbush basin:
 - The peninsula will extend and provide shelter for boats;
 - There will be an area for fishing; and
 - An island will be created when the water levels lower.
- The potential benefits are as follows:
 - The operating season will be extended;
 - Materials are reused instead of being dumped;
 - Boaters will have shelters for boats;
 - There will be a day use area for pedestrians;
 - There will be a hiking destination;
 - The access channel will be better defined;
 - Boating hazards will be reduced; and

- Plants will be installed to enhance wildlife habitat.
- The funding for the project was provided by the following:
 - An American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation;
 - A 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending request;
 - Business Oregon’s Brownfields Redevelopment Fund; and
 - Marion County’s Economic Development Program.
- Stakeholders for the project are aligned;
- Community residents are in favor of the plan; and
- Staff recommends the board approve the resolution.

Board discussion:

- Interagency collaboration with some of the following can be challenging:
 - Marina owners;
 - The City of Detroit;
 - The United States Forest Service (USFS);
 - The United States Army Corp of Engineers;
 - The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ);
 - The Oregon Department of State Lands;
 - The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife;
 - The Oregon State Marine Board; and
 - The following Confederated Tribes:
 - Warm Springs;
 - Grand Ronde; and
 - Siletz.
- There will be a permitting process and the plan must be approved before the project can move forward;
- All the agencies will need to be comfortable with the plan;
- The schedule may be a challenge for some agencies;
- The county will be excavating not dredging; and
- Commissioner Cameron declared for the record a potential conflict of interest:
 - He is a resident of the City of Detroit; and
 - He has utilized the boat marina for multiple years.


MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a resolution approving Alternative 2 as the preferred alternative for the Detroit Marinas Excavation and Resiliency Project. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 01:12:45)


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

None.

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.



CHAIR



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Not Present At Meeting

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