

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, January 27, 2016  
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room  
555 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Sam Brentano and Commissioner Janet Carlson. Also present were Bruce Armstrong as county counsel and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Kevin Cameron and Chief Administrative Officer John Lattimer

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

## PRESENTATION

*(Video Time 00:01:00)*

Economic Development – Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR) second quarter report. – Chad Freeman, Nick Harville and Andy Gardner

### ***Summary of Presentation:***

- Continued gradual improvement in the manufacturing sector, particularly food processing;
- Investment around wood products industry;
- Challenges are inventory for businesses to grow and available buildings;
- Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) program:
  - 80 percent of jobs created are from existing businesses;
  - Retain companies from communities; and
  - Works with companies to give them opportunities to expand.
- North Santiam School District is working with students to prepare them for employment in the real world:
  - Many alumni are involved in local businesses;
  - Constant disconnect between students and skilled workers;
  - Pathway System implemented in the school district;
  - Make sure students are aware early on to find path of employment opportunities;
  - Demand for internships in fabrication;
  - Freres lumber interested in the woodworking side and would like interns working in the mill; and

- NORPAC Foods has been a partner the last three years:
  - Internships available for management and quality control.
- Entered into an agreement with Emery and Sons Construction to build two homes in Stayton.

***Board Discussion:***

- Partnerships are a key to sustaining the program along with the way staff teaches in the classroom;
- The board is thankful for SEDCOR hosting the State of the County; and
- Stayton High School is unique with still having shop classes.

**CONSENT**

*(Video Time 00:20:00)*

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

Approve a recommendation to adopt and establish the new classification, Shelter Operations Lead, class code #160.

Approve a recommendation to adjust upward salary range for Elections Technician, class code #043.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Approve an order to appoint Jose Gonzalez and reappoint Bill Cummins, Bob Hill, Jay Kemble, AJ Nash and Jim Rasmussen to the Economic Development Advisory Board for a term ending June 30, 2019.

**HEALTH**

Approve Amendment #2 to the Contract for Services with ABM Janitorial to add an additional \$20,000 for janitorial services at the Health Department's Beverly location.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Approve an order to reappoint Brent Stevenson to the Marion Water Quality Advisory Committee for a term ending February 28, 2020.

**TAX OFFICE**

Approve an order authorizing the property tax refund to ES-O-En Corp in the amount of \$28,387.47.

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

## ACTION

(Video Time 00:23:02)

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1. Consider approval of an order establishing the regional Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative Task Force Charter. – Commissioner Janet Carlson

#### ***Summary of Presentation:***

- The charter begins with four reasons for putting together the task force:
  - Homelessness is a critical issue in the entire nation:
    - Not a new problem;
    - Seeing in recent months that it is a higher issue;
    - Not adequate housing for individuals with housing vouchers;
    - Rental housing market has filled up; and
    - Low income, affordable housing is hard to find.
  - Homelessness affects the mentally ill:
    - Victims of domestic violence;
    - Veterans; and
    - Families with children.
  - Seek opportunities to expand affordable housing, emergency shelters and other supportive services; and
  - Leaders throughout Marion and Polk Counties are committed to seek new solutions to reduce homelessness.
- Each jurisdiction appoints up to five members;
- Very diverse group of members that bring expertise and perspective to homelessness issue;
- Developing a list of technical advisors that members can call on if expertise in a certain area is needed;
- Staffed by Laura Walker from the City of Salem and Hitesh Parekh, Marion County;
- All meetings will be open to the public; and
- First meeting will be held February 17, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson room at the City of Salem Library.

#### ***Board Discussion:***

- Not looking for a program that encourages a lifestyle;
- Need incentives to encourage a movement out to education or job opportunities; and
- Not in favor of creating homeless camps.
- Critical for the task force to identify various populations and prioritize which populations they want to focus on;
- There is a small group of homeless people who choose to be homeless;
- Very interested in looking at the Housing First Model and what the impacts are;
- Homeless Initiative Task Force is not interested in creating homeless camps;
- Shelters are critical but are not a permanent home or ideal long term;
- In order to change dynamics of homelessness there is a need to look at permanent homes for people who can sustain themselves:
  - Drug free; and

- Have skills to be a good tenant in a rental situation.
- Would like to fold homeless youth into the discussion with the task force.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Carlson moved approval of an order establishing the regional Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative Task Force Charter. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

*(Video Time 00:44:15)*

2. Consider approval of an order appointing Bruce Bailey, Gladys Blum, Janet Carlson, Jason Myers and Jon Reeves to the Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative Task Force with terms ending upon the termination of the task force. – Commissioner Janet Carlson

***Summary of Presentation:***

- Gladys Blum has a breadth of knowledge in the real estate market:
  - Has a heart for the community;
  - Deals a lot with homelessness; and
  - Would like to do what she can to help serve.
- Jon Reeves was unable to attend due to participating in the Homeless Count.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Carlson moved approval of an order appointing Bruce Bailey, Gladys Blum, Janet Carlson, Jason Myers and Jon Reeves to the Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative Task Force with terms ending upon the termination of the task force. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

*(Video Time 00:47:40)*

HEALTH

3. Consider approval of Mental Health Services Provider Agreement with Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network for Marion County Health Department to provide mental health services. - Rod Calkins

***Summary of Presentation:***

- Funding for Medicaid funded health services is being managed by Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs);
- Willamette Valley Community Health contracts with the Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network to provide mental health services to the Marion and Polk region;
- The contract is for mental health services for Medicaid eligible individuals;
- One year agreement, with one year renewal unless terminated by either parties;
- The contract is an agreement by all the parties to work together to make sure that the cost is captured for those difficult to account for services;
- Working on improving access to mental health services and the coordination of behavioral health care with the primary care;
- Bit of a reversal in process:
  - The contract was reviewed and approved Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network's Executive Committee Meeting.

***Board Discussion:***

- The Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network was formed in late 1990's;
- Marion County has had a contract to provide mental health services for clients eligible for the Oregon Health Plan or Medicaid;
- CCO shook things up a bit:
  - Now different environment and expectations.
- Big expansion for members;
- Money for people who don't have Medicaid shrunk; and
- Marion County went eight months without a contract:
  - Since July, have been working on a contract between the Behavioral Care Network and the Coordinated Care Organization.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Carlson moved approval of the Mental Health Services Provider Agreement with Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network for Marion County Health Department to provide mental health services. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

*(Video Time 01:09:43)*

**PUBLIC WORKS**

4. Consider approval of a resolution initiating amendments to the Marion County Urban and Rural Zone Codes. – Brandon Reich

***Summary of Presentation:***

- Marion County keeps rural and urban codes up to date with changes in state law;
- Over the last couple of years there has been changes to statute and rule that should be incorporated in the county code;
- Staff is proposing the county look at changes to a variety of aspects of the code such as:
  - Mobile food vendors;
  - Home offices;
  - Non-conforming uses;
  - Legal lot status;
  - Paving standards; and
  - Amendments to the model code for resource zones.
- Staff intends that these amendments would improve the land use process for citizens and land owners;
- During the process the public, neighborhood groups and interested persons are all invited to provide ideas for amendments for the urban and rural zoned code; and
- If the board agrees to initiate the amendments, staff would like to take the updates first to the planning commission for a hearing.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Carlson moved approval of a resolution initiating amendments to the Marion County Urban and Rural Zone Codes. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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

None.

Commissioner Brentano read the weekly calendar.  
Commissioner Brentano adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Not Present at meeting

CHAIR



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