



Management Update Summary Minutes

Monday, May 15, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Silverton Conference Room

ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Sam Brentano, Commissioner Janet Carlson, Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Jan Fritz, Gloria Roy, John Huston, Jose Linares, Lisa Trauernicht, Brandon Reich, Joe Fennimore, Barb Young, Jolene Kelley, and Kenna West as recorder.

John Lattimer called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL

Update from the Bureau of Land Management - Jose Linares, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management

Summary of Presentation:

- Mr. Linares present to introduce himself and provide updates;
- Two timber sales in Marion County;
- Commends new signs county put in North Fork parks; and
- Several recruitments.

Board Discussion:

- Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) funding public safety contracts, but they may change soon;
- Currently have five rangers on staff who can help with upcoming eclipse event; and
- Relationship with Forest Service and Public Works going well.

Discuss potential amendment to allow permitting of urban accessory dwelling units (ADU) -

Brandon Reich, Joe Fennimore

Summary of Presentation:

- Has been working with Planning Commission to orient them to ADUs;
- Most requests will come from the East Salem area;
- Would like to align with City of Salem;
- Does not want to include manufactured homes; and
- Seeking direction from the board on next steps.

Board Discussion:

- Work with Planning Commission to development recommendation and details before it goes to board;
- Would like a work session that includes members of the Planning Commission;
- Board wants to consider manufactures homes because there are many variables to the definition; and
- Work with Ms. Kelley to share information with public.

Discussion regarding creation of a local Continuum of Care for Marion and Polk Counties

- Commissioner Carlson

Summary of Presentation:

- Housing and Urban Development (HUD) contributes dollars to run Continuum of Care programs:
 - HUD provides a database for required reporting.
- Community Action ceased running the program about five years ago;
- 28 counties in the state part of Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC) including Marion;
- Applied for and did not get grant money for a shelter for runaway and homeless youth:
 - Eight counties were involved in the grant;
 - A Homeless Initiative subcommittee advocating for pulling Marion County out of 29 county group; and
 - Removing Marion County money will affect the other 28 counties.

Board Discussion:

- Possibly create a Council of Government (COG) position to help facilitate new Continuum of Care program;
- Potentially a letter to City of Salem to request alignment with composition of Housing Authority and potential COG position;
- Continuum of Care assists homeless folks with mental health and housing issues;
- Dollars went to various non-profits around the community;
- County not using as much money as possible;
- Shangri-La not supportive of Marion County pulling out;
- Marion County has no obligation; and
- Local housing authorities potentially merging into a regional authority.

Housing Authority Update - Lisa Trauernicht

Summary of Presentation:

- Provided updates on lease-ups and improvements to process;
- Accountability and urgency an issue with housing personnel;
- Cannot make sustained improvements without outside local expertise;
- Housing voucher audits reveal inconsistencies and inaccuracies:
 - Repeat audit findings from Oregon and Housing Community Services (OHCS) does not approve of fifteen project based vouchers and asks county to do something else with them.
- Only 20 percent of monthly vouchers offered are being leased-up:
 - Lack of housing available in the area.
- Next Housing Authority Board Meeting is May 30, 2017:
 - Will go over audit findings and reports; and
 - Update on meeting with West Valley Housing and Salem Housing.
- Every single of area of housing department needs help.

Board Discussion:

- Need to see if Salem Housing can help in the interim before new regional authority is implemented;
- Need to know exactly who has the authority for how vouchers are used and the chronology of how housing got to the state they're at;
- Need to call previous director Shelly Wilkins-Ehenger to get the full background;
- Project based vouchers are allowed and it doesn't make sense why OHCS would not approve; and

- Ms. Trauernicht to contact Liz Field about help with being an interim director.

COMMUNICATION UPDATE

- Jolene Kelley, Public Information Coordinator, provided current updates:
 - Commissioners will send Ms. Kelley topics for radio program;
 - 2018 will be Marion County's 175 year celebration; and
 - Volcano's employee outing.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE

Commissioner Brentano:

- Third Bridge meeting with Keizer Mayor, Salem Mayor and Polk County commissioner; and
- Offer made to a new COG director.

Commissioner Cameron:

- Attended North Willamette Research and Extension Center:
 - Asking for money out of Oregon State University Extension District to help with repairs.
- Attended Stepping Up conference;
- Meeting with home builders about septic permit issue in the county;
- Grant requester presented at Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB);
- Had dinner with staff at the jail;
- Ride along with parole and probation sex offender unit; and
- Two people accepted new Economic Development Coordinator position.

Adjourned at 10:36 am

COMPLETED BY: **Sarra Sparks**

Reviewed by: