



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Minutes

Monday March 23, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5231, Commissioners Boardroom

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Colm Willis, Sam Brentano, and Kevin Cameron, Jan Fritz, Tamra Goettsch, Danielle Gonzalez, Jason Schneider, Alisa Zastoupil, Joe Miller, Ann Potter, Chad Ball, Jolene Kelley, and Lisa Trauernicht as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Potential Well Health Hazard Update

- Joe Miller, Alisa Zastoupil

Summary of presentation:

- Well on property in Turner reports arsenic levels above safety limits, as well as elevated sodium and iron;
- New well was drilled to assist with low volume, however it has not helped;
- The City of Turner has a water main located near the property and the property owner would need permission from the City of Turner to connect to that water main; and
- If the City of Turner was willing to connect this property to their water services, the county would need to do an administrative review to authorize the City of Turner's extension of services outside of their city limits.

Board discussion:

- A new well should have better flows;
- A land use application has not been submitted;
- Commissioner Cameron asked for a second opinion on the well to see if the flows can be improved; and
- Planning will follow up on process to get more information.

Emergency Support Function 18 Economic Development Update

- Tamra Goettsch, Jason Schneider, Danielle Gonzalez

Summary of presentation:

- Community Services has received more than 30 inquiries about the Small Business Loan (SBA) application process;
- Mr. Schneider and Ms. Gonzalez are the point of contacts for SBA questions;
- SEDCOR has an email set up to answer SBA questions; and
- The governor's office has allocated \$5 million to support small businesses.

Board discussion:

- Discussion regarding how the county can help businesses impacted by the COVID-19 shut down:
 - Potential to use lottery dollars as a temporary measure to fill the gap until federal funds are available;
 - The commissioners asked if the county could qualify for no/low interest loans; and
 - The commissioners asked if COG help manage a loan program.
- The economic development team will research further and follow up with the board on the possibility of using lottery funds for a loan/grant program.

COVID-19 Update

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Summary of presentation:

- There are 32 COVID-19 cases in Marion County;
- The intention with closing county offices to the public is to limit exposure, not cancel services; and
- Ann Potter and Tamra Goettsch reported that Dog Services is part of the board's closure declaration, but they need to remain open so people can get their dogs.

Board discussion:

- Discussion regarding using the shelter area differently to allow for people to come in and not be around other people;
- Questions about what to do about people who cannot pay fees for getting their dog:
 - The commissioners will allow fee waivers during COVID emergency declaration.
- Working on getting dogs out of the shelter and into foster homes;
- The governor has asked clinics and veterinary services to discontinue elective work;
- Dogs cannot be licensed without the rabies vaccine and spay/neuter, so it is unclear if the shelter can offer waivers at this time; and
- Ms. Goettsch and Ms. Potter can make decisions about dog shelter operations, but they'll check in with the board periodically regarding shelter services.

COMPLETED BY: ***Lisa Trauernicht***

Reviewed by: ***Kristy Witherell***