



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Danielle Bethell, and Colm Willis, Jolene Kelley, Lynetta Kirsch, Mike Engberg, Rex Weisner, Ryan Matthews, John Carlson, Max Hepburn, Brian Nicholas, Jane Vetto, Matt Lawyer, Jessica Stanton, Adam Crateau, Hitesh Parekh, Scott McClure, Chad Ball, Jeff White, Scott Norris, Carl Cramer, Gary Christofferson, Camber Schlag, Lani Radtke, Joe Fennimore, Kent Inman, Nate Combs, Tom Rohlfing, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

GUESTS:

Kirby Garrett, CFM Advocates
Michael Skipper, CFM Advocates
Fritz Graham, Senator Wyden's Office

Kevin Cameron called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Discuss the Proposed River Democracy Act (Senate Bill 192) by Senator Wyden and Merkley

- Kirby Garrett – CFM Advocates, and Hitesh Parekh

Summary of presentation:

- This bill adds 5,000 miles of rivers and streams in Oregon to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System:
 - Some are located within Marion County.
- Designated rivers are classified as wild, scenic, or recreational;
- Reviewed a map of the proposed rivers located within Marion County; and
- Commissioners would like to know if the bill is passed, how the management of these rivers would change;
- Most uses are still allowed, but depends on type of activities; and
- Forest Service or BLM will work with local stakeholders through a public process to develop a management plan for the rivers.

Northwest Human Services Crisis Hotline Update

- Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- Historically Marion County has contracted directly with Northwest Human Services for support of the hotline;

- Health and Human Services (HHS) reallocated the revenues towards additional staffing at the HHS Psychiatric Crisis Center:
 - The contract with Northwest Human Services was not renewed; and
 - Added a certified recovery mentor position to the budget.
- PacificSource is willing to fund the hotline:
 - They do not have a way to fund Northwest Human Services directly; and
 - PacificSource would like to add a line item for the hotline to the contract they have with Marion County:
 - Marion County would then pass through the funds to Northwest Human Services.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners feel that PacificSource should be able to fund Northwest Human Services without the county's involvement; and
- It would add an administrative burden on the county.

Discuss Marion County's Procedures Regarding Uncollectable Property Taxes

- Tom Rohlfig, Rex Weisner, Mike Engberg, and Lynetta Kirsch

Summary of presentation:

- Other counties write off personal property taxes; and
- Some counties have a designated staff member who works on collecting delinquent personal property taxes.

Board discussion:

- Business personal property taxes and taxes on manufactured structures are not collected when the value is under \$19,000;
- Garnishment is a very labor intensive process:
 - Garnishments can be against:
 - Bank accounts;
 - Tax returns; and
 - Wages.
 - The county has not pursued garnishment in the past.
- The commissioners would like to know if the county can use a collection agency to collect the delinquent taxes;
- The county does due diligence to try and find closed businesses who owe delinquent taxes; and
- The commissioners would like a presentation that details the entire process.

Discuss Tax Foreclosed Property ID #R31740 Located off of Viewcrest Road S., Salem

- John Carlson, Camber Schlag, Jeff White, Scott Norris, Kent Inman, and Joe Fennimore

Summary of presentation:

- Finance would like direction from the board on what to do with the property;
- The surrounding neighbors do not agree on what should happen with the property;

- As long as the county remains the owner there are liability issues; and
- There would be survey costs associated with a lot line adjustment:
 - The county may be able to help with a portion of these costs.

Review the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) I-5 Widening Project between Kuebler Blvd. and Delaney Road

- Brian Nicholas

Summary of presentation:

- ODOT has a project in development to widen I-5, south of Salem:
 - Additional lanes are being added north bound and south bound from Kuebler Boulevard to Delaney Road; and
 - Battlecreek Bridge will be replaced:
 - Current standards dictate that the new bridge will be longer and more robust than the existing bridge.
- Phase 1, the south bound lane and the bridge replacement, has been funded;
- Phase 2 is the north bound lane;
- The bridge replacement will impact county roads:
 - ODOT has presented design alternatives:
 - Close Battlecreek Road for one year and replace bridge with current alignment;
 - Build the new bridge beside the existing bridge to shorten the timeframe that Battlecreek Road would have to be closed; and
 - Build the new bridge perpendicular to I-5:
 - Saves money;
 - The bridge is a lot smaller;
 - Would require realignment of roads;
 - Least impactful option;
 - Design alternative that Public Works recommends; and
 - Three properties are affected.
- ODOT has presented the county with a draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA):
 - They cannot modify Marion County roads without the county's approval;
 - Public Works feels there are refinements that could be made to the recommended design to minimize impacts to affected properties; and
 - There is no cost to the county.
- Public Works is looking for direction from the board.

Board discussion:

- Public Works recommends waiting for commitments from ODOT before signing the IGA:
 - Commitments to minimize impacts to affected properties.

Review the Oregon Port of Willamette, Lebrun Road Development Agreement

- Lani Radtke, Max Hepburn

Summary of presentation:

- Includes realignment of Lebrun Road; and

- Have developed a right of way agreement with legal that details what the developer will have to do when constructing the new road to meet county standards:
 - There is no financial obligation to the county so the board does not have to sign the agreement.

Ice Storm/Wildfires/COVID-19 Update

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Summary of presentation:

Brian Nicholas:

- In transition from ECC Constructors to K & E Excavating for fire related cleanup:
 - K & E has three crews working, a fourth will start Monday;
 - Will have a total of eight crews;
 - Cleaning up ash, trash, and trees;
 - Cleaning up properties started by ECC, no new properties are involved;
 - Approximately 70 percent of properties have started cleanup;
 - More than 100 properties have not been touched; and
 - ECC was doing incomplete work on properties.

Jolene Kelley:

- Follow-up on an email from yesterday:
 - ODOT will be sending out a schedule of the days the contractor will be working and the property priorities.

Tamra Goettsch:

- If the county is flexible with the date for the volunteer wildfire event it will help with booking entertainment; and
- Working on getting a meeting between the Service Integration Team (SIT) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):
 - SIT is having a problem with getting readable documents to FEMA; and
 - 25 cases are not being resolved due to FEMA receiving blurry documents.

COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATES:

Kevin Cameron:

- 76 percent of Oregon's caneberry crops were lost due to heat ; and
- Attending a Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council meeting today.

Danielle Bethell:

- Status of non-profits who are helping with the rebuilding process for homes destroyed in the wildfires:
 - One home will be started in August, one in September, and one in October;
 - Families that want to participate need to be identified; and
 - A church in Keizer will be participating along with other groups.

- Collecting data and working on a housing needs map so families are put into permanent housing that works best for them.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Young**
Reviewed by: Melissa Rounds