



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Minutes

O R E G O N

Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron and Colm Willis, Jan Fritz, Chad Ball, Scott McClure, Matt Lawyer, Jessica Stanton, Tamra Goettsch, Jane Vetto, John Carlson, Camber Schlag, Brian May, Tom Kissinger, Joe Clay, Rex Weisner, Austin Barnes, Lindsey King, Brandon Reich, Chris Trussell, Tom Rohlfig, Brian Nicholas, Kathleen Silva, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Review Tax Foreclosed Real Property Public Auction Results

- John Carlson, Camber Schlag

Summary of presentation:

- Seventeen individuals came to bid;
- Eight properties were brought to the auction:
 - Seven sold:
 - Three properties were paid in full; and
 - Four properties will have land sale contracts.
 - A property in Jefferson received no bids:
 - Bare land; and
 - Will be sold through a private sale.
- The total sale from the auction was \$458,200.

Discuss the Affordable Housing Town Hall

- Lindsey King, Austin Barnes

Summary of presentation:

- There is an East Salem Town Hall planned for the second week of October:
 - Zoning and code changes will be discussed.
- The planning department is looking for board direction on what information to provide the public during the town hall.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Willis would like more information on triplexes;
- The commissioners would like visual illustrations for the public:
 - What a neighborhood looks like now, and what it could potentially look like in the future.

- The commissioners would like feedback from the community on the proposed mixed-use development on Lancaster:
 - Provide visual illustrations at the town hall; and
 - Provide information on the zone changes proposed by the City of Salem.
- In past work sessions with East Salem lighting, traffic patterns, and sidewalks have been a large concern:
 - Provide an update on Public Works projects that address these concerns.
- The town hall is part of the public feedback process:
 - Codes have not yet been adopted.
- The commissioners would like the planners available for questions after the presentation.

Review Changes to the Marion County Parks Commission Bylaws

- Tom Kissinger

Summary of presentation:

- Will be brought to Board Session next week;
- Adding commissioners to the Parks Commission:
 - Currently comprised of seven citizens;
 - Being changed to a minimum of seven and a maximum of eleven;
 - The change allows for more public input; and
 - There are citizens who are interested in joining the commission.
- Also making changes to how minutes will be posted publicly.

Board discussion:

- Have had trouble meeting quorum at past meetings:
 - Increasing the number of commissioners will make meeting quorum easier.
- Changing voting from a consensus to a majority vote; and
- The commissioners would like the language clarified to reflect that they have the final approval over new Parks Commission commissioners.

2021 Marion County Community Survey

- Jessica Stanton

Summary of presentation:

- Looking for feedback from the commissioners on language for the community survey;
- The updates have been made that were discussed at last week's meeting with the commissioners:
 - Added an additional question regarding coronavirus.
- The survey goes out August 22, 2021 to August 24, 2021;
- The results should be received August 25, 2021; and
- A presentation of the results will be given at the Department Head Elected Official meeting on September 2, 2021.

Ice Storm/Wildfires/COVID-19 Update

-All

Summary of presentation:

Brian Nicholas:

- The Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) group is active and attending meetings;
- There are a couple of homes that may not be cleaned up in time to meet CAM's timeline;
- Working on three development concepts for interim housing; and
- No update on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement.

Brandon Reich & Chris Trussell:

- Wildfire rebuilding is continuing; and
- All jurisdictions are extremely busy:
 - Third party contracts are being used; and
 - Working to hire two temporary inspectors.

Tamra Goettsch:

- Last weekend was the FEMA re-engagement event:
 - 83 people attended:
 - Homeowners attending were already registered, but were having problems with their claims.
- Wildfire volunteer recognition event:
 - Marketing will be coordinated with United Way and the Oregon State Fair Council team;
 - The Oregon State Fair Council team will be talking statewide about raising resources for housing in the canyon:
 - Funds raised will come through United Way;
 - The county needs to provide United Way with a housing selection criteria:
 - Need to cooperate, not compete, with the established recovery housing team.
 - Donations will be able to be made through the United Way website, and at the event; and
 - The goal is to raise \$500,000.
 - The focus at the event will be on the volunteers.

Housing Update:

Matt Lawyer:

- Engineering work is ongoing for the Gate's property being considered for temporary housing:
 - 8 units would be allowed under the county's permitting authority;
 - 16 units would be allowed under a Department of Environmental Quality permitting authority; and
 - Looking at putting washer and dryers in the units, as opposed to converting the existing shop into a laundry mat.
- Santiam State Park:
 - 200 volunteers are helping with the clean-up; and

- Will initially be 8 units, expanding to 16 units, with a final total of up to 84 units.
- Mill City:
 - Working on the Phase One environmental site assessment;
 - An estimate has been developed for the proposed ingress and egress; and
 - Mill City City Council supports the project.
- Looking at a potential mobile home donation.

COVID-19 Update:

Chad Ball:

- There are 361 cases today:
 - 1 death.
- The daily case average for the past 7 days is 189;
- The vaccination rate for the state for the 18 and older population is 70.4 percent:
 - Marion County is at 66 percent, which equates to 172,817 individuals.
- The lowest vaccination rates within Marion County are in the 97301 and 97305 zip codes;
- In Region 2 there are 92 ICU beds:
 - 87 beds are occupied.
- Salem Health Hospital ICU:
 - 18 COVID patients:
 - 12 are on ventilators.
- Salem Health Hospital has a total of 494 beds:
 - 426 beds are occupied:
 - 75 for COVID related symptoms.
- The commissioners are invited to a Zoom call with Salem Health to hear their current issues and concerns:
 - 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. today.
- The governor recently outlined issues the state is having with hospital capacity and staffing shortages:
 - Some hospitals are postponing elective surgeries; and
 - The National Guard is not helping with the staffing shortage.

OTHER:

Rex Weisner:

- The Assessor's Office is working on the boundary map for the wildfire property tax relief:
 - The map will define the properties that will receive applications to apply for the wildfire property tax relief; and
 - Looking for board direction in regards to including an explanation letter with the applications:
 - The board would like a letter included.
- Looking for board direction in regards to including an explanation letter with the tax refund checks that will be sent to qualified applicants:
 - The board would like a letter included.

Jan Fritz:

- The Health and Human Services housing contract with the Department of Human Services is being withdrawn.

Jeff White:

- Provided the commissioners with a proposed board order that is on the agenda for tomorrow's Board Session:
 - Finance occasionally receives protests on special procurements and sole source procurements:
 - The protests are required to go before the contract review board.
 - Mr. White is the county's contracts officer; and
 - The proposed board order delegates to Mr. White the authority to handle the disposition of protests related to special and sole source procurements:
 - This will facilitate a timely response to the protests.

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