

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, March 21, 2018
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97305

PRESENT: Commissioner Janet Carlson, Commissioner Sam Brentano, and Commissioner Kevin Cameron. Also present were Jane Vetto as county counsel, John Lattimer as chief administrative officer, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT

(Video Time 00:00:44)

PUBLIC WORKS

Approve an order appointing Julie Jackson to the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council with a term ending February 26, 2022.

Receive notice of hearings officer's recommendation and schedule a public hearing for May 2, 2018 to consider Zone Change/Comprehensive Plan (ZC/CP) Case #17-004/Helms, Clerk's file #5741.

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

ACTION

(Video Time 00:01:27)

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1. Consider approval of an order appointing Cari Sessums to the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council with a term ending July 31, 2021. – Commissioner Carlson, Lisa Miller

Summary of presentation:

- Serving on the Local Drug and Alcohol Planning Commission for six years;
- There has been a collective change in direction surrounding substance abuse and mental health issues;
- Would be important to have a liaison between the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council and the Local Drug and Alcohol Planning Commission; and

- Has a passion for helping people in the community who are struggling with addiction.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners believe Ms. Sessums will be a great addition to the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council;
- Ms. Sessums is very involved in the community; and
- The Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council unanimously endorsed Ms. Sessums' membership.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved for approval of an order appointing Cari Sessums to the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council with a term ending July 31, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:06:14)

2. Consider approval of an order recommending denial of six Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) liquor license renewals. – Commissioner Carlson

- Elkhorn Golf Course - Lyons, OR
- Los Dos Amigos – Salem, OR
- MacLeay Country, Inc. – Salem, OR
- My Goods Market #5465 and #5558 – Salem, OR
- Salem 76 – Salem, OR
- The Firehouse Cabaret – Salem, OR

Summary of presentation:

- The six businesses are significantly behind in their property taxes;
- The board discussed the issue at Management Update and determined that they did have recourse to recommend denial; and
- The board will be providing OLCC with a letter, along with a copy of the delinquent property tax amounts for each business.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved for approval of an order recommending denial of six Oregon Liquor Control Commission liquor license renewals. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:07:56)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

3. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Marion County. – Tamra Goettsch, Patrice Altenhofen, Alison Kelley, Shaney Starr, Julie Hilty, Sue Bloom, Pete Teller, and Leslie Middle School Students

Summary of presentation:

- This year's campaign is focusing on prevention;
- The blue ribbon tree will be outside of the State Capitol building;
- The ribbons represent the number of children impacted by abuse in Oregon;

- Ms. Grim has done great stuff behind the scenes with planning events along with Julie Hilty;
- Everyone has a role to play to prevent child abuse:
 - Neighbors providing a safe environment for children;
 - Being a stay at home parent; and
 - Participating on a board within the community for services that make a difference for kids and families.
- Encourages everyone to make a difference;
- Family Building Blocks' mission is prevention:
 - Keeping children safe and families together; and
 - Served over 750 families and 1,300 children last year.
- 12,000 confirmed child abuse and neglect victims in Oregon in 2016:
 - 1,300 victims in Marion County:
 - The total number increased by 6.5 percent from 2015-2016; and
 - Neglect and the threat of harm continue to be the greatest types of child abuse in the county.
- Half of all victims are under the age of six;
- Out of all of the children abused, 93 percent have been perpetrated by a family member, or someone living in the household;
- Every parent wants what's best for their child;
- It's important to report any suspicion of abuse;
- The child abuse reporting hotline number is 503-378-6704:
 - www.Safeoregon.gov, coordinated through the Oregon State Police, is another anonymous tip line; and
 - Calls to the hotline have jumped in the last year.
- Two years ago, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) served only 10 percent of kids in care:
 - Today, they serve 50 percent of kids.
- Volunteers are very important with helping kids and families in need;
- Liberty House is the community assessment center serving Marion and Polk counties;
- The Boys and Girls Club's role is to serve children throughout the community ages 6-18;
- Friday, April 6th is the kick-off at 8:30 a.m. at the State Capitol; and
- Salem Electric is donating hours to place the blue ribbons on the tree.

Board discussion:

- A great team representing various nonprofits;
- The team is getting better at addressing the gravity of the problem that our communities face across the nation;
- Teaming up to respond to a child in need and getting them on the path to healing much sooner than before;
- Child abuse is under disclosed:
 - Complex; and
 - Impacts different geographies of the community.
- The commissioners appreciate the hard work of the team;
- Abuse is unfathomable;
- Alcohol and drug abuse is part of the problem:

- Mental health issues;
- Poverty; and
- Increase of homelessness.
- Reporting is important;
- Would like to see more prevention;
- Hands and Words are not for Hurting pledge is so important:
 - The commissioners would like the pledge displayed at the new Marion County buildings.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved for approval of a proclamation designating the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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PUBLIC WORKS

4. Consider adoption of an ordinance ratifying the creation of the Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES) and declaring an emergency. – Alan Haley

Summary of presentation:

- OACES is a statewide organization of engineers and surveyors;
- There are financial accounting that OACES had no standing;
- They are now helped by the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC);
- AOC manages the group's assets;
- Through a banking issue, it was discovered that AOC needed more standing in order to assist the OACES group;
- In 2016, an intergovernmental agreement was approved that OACES was under AOC;
- At that time, the group failed to bring forth an ordinance that would officially create the group; and
- The ordinance formalizes the actions taken in 2016.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved that the chair read the ordinance by title only twice. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The chair read the ordinance by title only twice.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved for adoption of an ordinance ratifying the creation of the Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES). Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:47:26)

5. Consider adoption of an administrative ordinance for Legislative Amendment (LA) 17-002, regarding amendments to the Marion County Code, Title 17 (Rural Zone Code) and declaring an emergency. – Joe Fennimore

Summary of presentation:

- Under state law and administrative rules, the county has the options whether or not to allow commercial solar farms to be placed in farm zones;
- If a county chooses to allow solar farms, state statute requires them to apply for a conditional use:
 - Administrative rules contain minimum standards that must be met.
- In 2011, Marion County Zone Code was updated to allow solar farms as a conditional use as state standards were adopted into the zone code;
- In 2015, the county began receiving conditional use applications;
- Individuals contacted the county with concerns regarding allowing solar farms in high value soil;
- Based on those concerns, the board adopted a resolution to consider amending the zone code and adopt additional standards and criteria applied on high value farmland soils;
- A public hearing was scheduled for March 14, 2018:
 - The board heard testimony on the proposed amendments; and
 - After considering the testimony and the planning divisions file, the board decided to repeal the provisions in the code allowing solar farms at this time; and
 - The board directed staff to work with the planning commission to gather stakeholders from both sides to come up with proposals that would allow solar farms, but protect high value farmland soils.
- This only applies to high commercial farms, not residential solar panels;
- The ordinance repealing any provisions in Exclusive Farm Use and Special Agriculture Zones have been prepared and is set for adoption by emergency procedure; and
- Staff recommends adoption of the ordinance by emergency procedure.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Brentano is all for solar arrays, but wants to protect the valuable farmland soils;
- A lot of people who are passionate about the issues showed up at the public hearing last week;
- It is important for the board to keep a perspective on the issue;
- There are other ways that energy is created that are not as politically acceptable these days, but have a higher potential of energy creation:
 - Hydro; and
 - Coal.
- Believes in conserving energy; and
- The time out will give the opportunity to create a set of standards for solar farms in Marion County.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved that the chair read the ordinance by title only twice. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The chair read the ordinance by title only twice.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved for adoption of an administrative ordinance for Legislative Amendment (LA) 17-002, regarding amendments to the Marion County Code, Title 17 (Rural Zone Code) and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.


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

None.

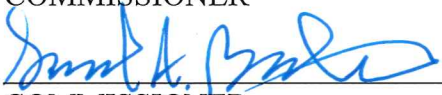
Commissioner Carlson read the calendar.
Commissioner Carlson adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.



CHAIR



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