



Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Danielle Bethell, Colm Willis, Jan Fritz, Erinn Miller, Tanisha Bush, Jon Heynen, Hitesh Parekh, Scott Norris, Ann-Marie Bandfield, Ryan Mathews, Colleen Coons-Chaffins, Terry Stoner, Matt Lawyer, and Robert Manier as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

988 System

-Ann-Marie Bandfield

Summary of presentation:

- The country is moving to a 988 system for behavioral health crises;
- The system starts on July 1, 2022;
- Northwest Human Services will run the hotline program in Marion County;
- The state is waiting one year to run a media campaign to give communities time with the new system;
- Salem Fire runs the county's 911 system; and
- The county will partner with Northwest Human Services and Salem Fire to determine the following:
 - How will calls go between the agencies; and
 - How will teams be dispatched?

Board discussion:

- 911 calls in the county are handled by the Willamette Valley Communications Center;
- The county needs to work on the process, including who will be dispatched:
 - There will be individuals, or teams, stationed at the Psychiatric Crisis Center 24/7.
- The Commissioners would like to be included in the process discussion:
 - The process needs to be clearly outlined and defined.
- METCOM will be a partner in the county's 988 system;
- Staff will consult with legal as they develop the process;
- There is a lot of risk in this type of system;
- The state is selecting the vendors;
- 911 operators are trained in law enforcement and medical needs, but they are not trained in behavioral health needs:

- They often struggle to identify behavioral health issues.
- The goal of the 988 system is to have individuals with behavioral health backgrounds speak with individuals having behavioral health crises.

Wellness Van

-Ann-Marie Bandfield

Summary of presentation:

- A van was purchased with CARES funding during the pandemic so that individuals needing services did not have to come to congregate settings and risk exposure to COVID-19;
- The van is mainly used for getting outpatient services to rural communities:
 - The van is equipped to provide telehealth services.
- Services provided include adult behavioral health, child behavioral health, and addiction treatment services; and
- Staff works with patients to make sure they are able to attend future telehealth appointments.

Board discussion:

- The van team needs to be able to engage with different cultures in a productive manner.

Mobile Crisis Additional Funding/Program Expansion

-Ann-Marie Bandfield

Summary of presentation:

- The amount of mobile crisis funding is unknown;
- The Silverton police have expressed an interest in having a mobile crisis team in Silverton;
- Mobile crisis teams agree to respond throughout the county;
- Looking at adding an additional outreach team that can do follow-up visits; and
- Looking at expanding youth and family crisis services.

Board discussion:

- The county needs to partner with local school districts for youth and family crisis services.

Review Properties for Sale or Lease for Health and Human Services Department

-Colleen Coons-Chaffin, Terry Stoner, Ryan Matthews, Ann-Marie Bandfield

Summary of presentation:

- The Psychiatric Crisis Center (PCC) has run out of space:
 - The current space is 4,300 ASF.
- An 11,000 ASF space is available on Commercial Street:
 - A physician group is currently in the space;
 - There is a large parking lot behind the building;
 - There is a separate entrance for law enforcement;
 - The zoning is being changed from Commercial Retail to Mixed Use;
 - Rent would be approximately \$23,490 per month; and

- The facility has a basement.

Board discussion:

- The building is large enough to house the entire crisis program;
- There is space for a break room, a conference room, and a large lobby;
- Residential neighbors may have concerns with these types of services being offered in their neighborhood:
 - There will be a law enforcement presence; and
 - The facility could have security guards 24/7.
- Staff has not yet spoken with Salem Health:
 - The facility is close enough to Salem Health that it should not cause a problem.
- There is additional funding coming into the crisis program that could potentially be used to cover the rent;
- The building is for sale or lease; and
- His Place update:
 - Due diligence is done;
 - An easement has to be accepted by six different entities;
 - There are a few improvements that have to be done;
 - Required to close by March 31, 2022, or the county loses the building;
 - The road requiring the easement is on the northern boundary of the six properties:
 - The road is owned by the six properties.
 - The Commissioners would like staff to involve Brian Nicholas regarding the easements.

Construction of a new Health and Human Services Building

-Colleen Coons-Chaffin, Terry Stoner

Summary of presentation:

- An invitation to bid was sent out:
 - There were three bidders, with the contract being awarded to Triplett Wellman.
- When the project started over one year ago the price was \$325 per square foot:
 - The cost is now \$447 per square foot; and
 - The total cost is \$17.2 million:
 - \$483,000 has been spent on design;
 - \$554,000 for permits;
 - Approximately \$1.5 million in construction costs this year;
 - Approximately \$13 million in construction costs next year;
 - Additional design fees;
 - Approximately \$500,000 for furniture;
 - Approximately \$300,000 for equipment; and
 - \$700,000 in contingency.

Board discussion:

- If the scope of the project is reduced, the current plan would have to be redesigned;

- Ryan Matthews thinks that Health and Human Services (HHS) will be able to fund the extra construction costs; and
- The Commissioners would like a work session early next week to discuss this and other HHS buildings.

FY 21-22 Second Supplemental Budget

-Daniel Adatto, Ariel Hammerquist

Summary of presentation:

- The Commissioners were provided with a new version of the supplemental budget;
- The second supplemental budget increases the county's budget by approximately \$1.9 million:
 - Five funds were modified; and
 - There is one new Public Works fund.
- This will be brought to the March 23, 2022, Board Session;
- There were several full-time equivalent (FTE) adjustments that had no budgetary impacts;
- There was a small increase to the General Fund;
- The Public Works Fund added \$750,000 for Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursements for debris removal and monitoring expenses incurred due to the ice storm;
- There is a new Public Works Grants Fund:
 - 2 FTE are being added under this fund.
- \$46.7 million is being added to Materials and Services in the American Rescue Plan Fund; and
- The Tax Title Land Sales Fund changed due to an expected increase of \$289,803 for sales of foreclosed properties that will be auctioned off in April.

Board discussion:

None.

Letter of Support for Center for Hope and Safety Foundational Grant Applications

-Hitesh Parekh

Summary of presentation:

- Jayne Downing, the executive director of the Center for Hope and Safety, is requesting a letter of support from the Commissioners for a grant for the HOPE Plaza housing project.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners will provide a letter of support.

Wildfire Update

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Summary of presentation:

Brian Nicholas:

- K & E Excavating is working on debris cleanup on the roads; and

- There are five hazard trees in Niagara Park that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has refused to remove:
 - The trees are located around the historic stone dam;
 - If the trees fall, they will do a lot of damage; and
 - Mr. Nicholas may need help from the Board on this.

Brandon Reich:

- In February there was an increase in permits coming in;
- Septic permits are at approximately 60 percent;
- Building permits are just under 50 percent;
- The fire hardening grant will be coming before the Board in April:
 - It is approximately \$1.5 million.
- The Department of Energy is doing a grant based on energy efficiency:
 - They are administering the grant.
- Working on septic grants.

Board discussion:

- The fire hardening grant is being administered through the building program; and
- The fire hardening grant is retroactive.

Legislative Update

-Tanisha Bush

Summary of presentation:

- The Commissioners were provided a summary package that includes:
 - The current status of funding:
 - Items have been passed, but not signed by the Governor.
 - A breakdown of funding by Marion County community;
 - Information on Senate Bill 1529 which allows the public health director to enable their workforce to help with emergencies:
 - The public health director cannot declare an emergency.
 - A summary of the following three bills:
 - Senate Bill 1564:
 - Minimal financial impact; and
 - The governing body of a city or county in the state may declare by ordinance or resolution that a state of emergency exists within the city or county:
 - This is regarding cannabis.
 - House Bill 4064:
 - Manufactured housing is now allowed in any single-family residential area throughout the state; and
 - Working on determining the financial impact.
 - House Bill 4095:
 - The Association of Counties thinks that this will have a financial impact on counties; and
 - Provides dental care to qualified veterans.
 - An EXCEL spreadsheet that lists bills sponsored by Marion County's delegation that are awaiting the governor's signature; and

- A list of items that Ms. Bush was tracking that are awaiting the governor's signature.

Board discussion:

- The county needs to understand what is considered an emergency under SB 1564; and
- The Commissioners would like Mr. Nicholas' team to look at HB 4064.

Communications Update

-Jon Heynen

Summary of presentation:

- The *Salem Reporter* is interested in doing an article on His Place:
 - The reporter would like to learn about the program.
- The State of the County is tomorrow:
 - Almost 200 people have registered.
- Meeting with Information Technology on Thursday regarding the news blog.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners would like to delay any article on His Place until the easements are acquired; and
- Commissioner Bethell would like to review the His Place article before it is published.

OTHER:

Jessica Stanton:

- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan work session will probably be long:
 - There are county-wide policies connected to the transition plan;
 - The plan has been in process for over one year;
 - The plan will impact sidewalks and roads:
 - There may be costs associated with this.
 - The transition plan establishes a grievance procedure for ramps.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATES:

Danielle Bethell:

- Met with the Aurora community regarding public safety and other items of importance to the community;
- Received permission from Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to fund standard repairs on existing homes impacted by the wildfires; and
- OHCS is looking to fund another tiny home project in the canyon.

Colm Willis:

- Scheduling a meeting with the Keizer soccer club.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Young**

Reviewed by: *Shawnnell Fuentes*