



Management Update summary Minutes

OREGON

February 6, 2024. 9:30 AM

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Board Room

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Colm Willis, and Danielle Bethell. Staff: Jan Fritz, Alvin Klausen, Shawnnell Fuentes, Jon Heynen, Trevor Lane, Matt Lawyer, Carol Heard, Christina Bertschi, Sheila Roberts, Ryan Matthews, Chris Einmo, Chris Eppley, Andrew Johnson, Brian May, Nick Hunter, Brian Nicholas, Greg Walsh, Mike Hartford, Jay Bergmann, Steve Dickey, Dennis Mansfield, Jane Vetto, and Chad Ball.

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

INFORMATIONAL:

CDBG Funds for Safe Sleep Salem Shelter Program

-Steve Dickey

Summary of presentation:

- This is an agreement with United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley;
- United Way operates the Safe Sleep Shelter, and they would like to expand:
 - The funding of \$200,000 will double their capacity.
- The funding will pay for additional staff and operational supplies;
- This is a public service project and will be the first of public service projects out of the 2021 annual action plan;
- There is one more project to fund from the annual action plan:
 - The Boys and Girls Club project.

Board Direction:

- Commissioner Willis confirmed scope of work;
- Commissioner Bethell inquired as to additional projects

IGA with the State of Oregon for Measure 57, Grant Distribution for Addiction Treatment

-Commander Mike Hartford

Summary of presentation:

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Board Direction:

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Contract for Services with CNA Corporation for the Sheriff's Office Public Safety Assessment

-Undersheriff Jay Bergmann

Summary of presentation:

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Board Direction:

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North Santiam Canyon Sewer Project with Keller Associates, Amendment 6

-Chris Einmo

Summary of presentation:

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Board Direction:

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Purchase of CAT 3024 Material Handler

-Andrew Johnson

Summary of presentation:

- The purchase will be a carryover to next fiscal year.

Board Direction:

- N/A

Emergency

Brown's Island Flood Damage

-Brian May

Summary of presentation:

- A high-water event impacted the access road;
- The first impact eroded part of the entry way;
- Once the water level gets to 23 feet the water comes over the access road:
 - This usually does not impact the entrance.
- A single lane access was created:
 - The goal was to have the road operational by January 29, 2024.
- The river flooded again on January 28, 2024:
 - This further eroded the area and caused additional damage.
- The saturated soil and the erosion cause concern of large trucks and volumes using the single lane:
 - Uncertain what further damage there will be; and
 - Unable to see what is going on further inside.
- The erosion is happening around the culvert:
 - The total impact of further erosion is unknown.
- The culvert goes underneath the road;
- The culvert is 140 feet in length and 40 to 60 inches in diameter;
- This is a fish inhabited stream:
 - This requires other permitting processes.
- There was a segmented metal pipe:
 - One segment collapsed and water pressure shoved it out the end.
- The repair is plan is:
 - Placing a **jump bridge 27:10?** :
 - This does not require permitting as it does not touch the water;
 - The cost for design and construction is \$550,000; and
 - It will be placed in about 12 weeks.
- The 12-week timeframe is moving as fast as possible to do:
 - Getting a contract out;
 - Getting bids; and

- Getting materials.
- Another option is closing permanently as there is a three-year lifespan left:
 - The landfill has less than three years' worth of life left; and
 - The cost may exceed any revenues gained over the three years.
- There are about 40 customers a day that use the site the alternate options are:
 - Using the transfer stations:
 - Salem Keizer Recycling & Transfer Station (SKRTS); and
 - North Marion Transfer Station.
 - No one has been sent to Brown's Island intentionally.
 - Marion Resource Recovery Facility (MRRF); and
 - Yard customers can use any yards in the Salem area.
- The impact on these customers will be going from \$20 a yard to \$90.45 a ton;
- Brown Island processed yard debris from the transfer stations:
 - Processing costs were not accounted for as it was done internally; and
 - This will cost about \$200,000 to \$250,000 annually:
 - This is moving material to a different location.
- The SKRTS contract allows material to be shipped to PRC;
- North Marion Transfer Station material may be taken to Aumsville;
- Total combined there is about 4,000 tons annually:
 - This time of year, this is about 200 tons.
- Asbestos is another material taken out at Brown's Island:
 - There is a \$75 fee; and
 - Coffin Butte charges more than \$500.
- Working with MRRF to see if the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) can temporarily approve collecting asbestos:
 - Allowing it to accumulate and then hauled out.
- The water source is a creek connecting to the Willamette River:
 - The asbestos is properly packaged and does not get in the water.
- Asbestos is only accepted at Brown's Island.

Board Direction:

- The Board of Commissioners (BOC) is good to proceed with a work session on February 26, 2024.

Solid Waste – Marion Resource Recovery Facility Update

-Brian May

Summary of presentation:

- This will be further discussed as a February 15, 2024, work session;
- A financial summary will be provided for 2023;
- It will detail the positives and negatives happening;
- A projection of 2024 will be presented; and
- Discussed purchasing the site and they would rather do a partnership.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed with the work session.

Emergency Management Performance Grant Funding Agreement

-Greg Walsh

Summary of presentation:

- This grant is with the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM);
- It provides a portion of annual funding to the program with a 50 percent match;
- The funding amount is for \$113,083;

- The funding covers staff:
 - Requires training and planning for continued program improvements;
 - The requirement is 20 hours a year;
 - Trainings can come from the following:
 - National Emergency Management Training division;
 - OEM’s training team and division;
 - Master exercise practitioner program; and
 - Other external agencies.
 - The strategy for training is to continue to build:
 - Continually assessing what has been done and what is needed.
- Marion County Emergency Management provides quarterly reports to OEM;
- This grant was developed to support continued emergency management efforts across the state;
- The grant funding from OEM has been received for the last 15 years.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed.

IGA with OHA for Intoxicated Driver Program Fund (IDPF) Alcohol and Drug 65 Services

-Carol Heard

Summary of presentation:

- The incoming fund amount is \$140,116.27;
- The funding is to be used by June 30, 2025;
- These funds are for specifically for IDPF:
 - Funding is provided for treatment services to those convicted of DUI or going through DUI diversion.
- Previously funds were in the larger mental health IGA with OHA:
 - A portion was subcontracted to other substance use treatment providers.
- Now funding is separate as the state wants to contract with treatment providers directly.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed.

1115 Medicaid Waiver Health Related Social Needs Housing Grant Discussion

-Christina Bertschi, Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- Oregon updated their 1115 Medicaid waiver a year ago new benefits such as housing supports were included;
- Attended a meeting with OHA and timelines were shared;
- This is for social services:
 - Housing supports such as first month’s rent, monthly rent, utility payments, etc.;
 - Housing navigation services;
 - Case management;
 - Nutrition services such as meal planning, and healthy meal education; and
 - Medically needed climate devices such as air conditioners.
- The state is reaching out to providers of this social work offering capacity grants;
- \$119 million to be distributed through the Coordinated Care Organization (CCO):
 - They will then work with partners.
- About 10 percent will come to PacificSource, based on the population:

- There will be approximately \$10 to \$11 million dollars in mini grants.
- PacificSource called Marion County because of the housing and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) work being done;
- The grant can be used to hire staff to work with partners to assess community needs;
- The payment process still needs to be figured out;
- Need to assess if any technology upgrades are needed;
- Capacity grants will be opening in March;
- Will assess how grants can enhance already provided services:
 - Refer community partners doing work Marion County does not provide.
- Figuring out how to inform the community of what is available;
- The goal is to increase access to and maximize the benefits to those being served;
- Marion County will inform PacificSource what it will be doing;
- There may be other county resources that can participate;
- The county has good infrastructure with many programs and partners;
 - The grant will support this work.
- The county has a good base, so the same individuals do not need to be served again in six months; and
- This grant will be awarded in July.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed;
- Commissioner Bethell would like to participate in the development of this;
- Marion County Housing Authority should be included as prevention is key; and
- See what partners will seek from the grant so there is no duplicate work.

Legislative Update:

-Alvin Klausen

Summary of presentation:

- Legislative session began February 5, 2024;
- Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) meetings;
- Letter writing for the following:
 - Community Corrections gap funding - \$60 million statewide request:
 - Marion County will get about 9 percent; and
 - This is an AOC ask.
 - Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) letter:
 - Commissioner Cameron working with Vanessa Nordyke;
 - Funding to go into the state bucket and will be used for Woodburn expansion.
 - HB 4111 – Removes the requirement that farm machinery and equipment be tangible personal property for the purposes of exemption from ad valorem property taxation:
 - BOC asked for letter;
 - Removes the distinction between real and tangible property; and
 - Worked with Tom Rohlifing on letter.
- Washington D.C. trip details and meetings are being set:
 - US Forest Service meeting set and;
 - Representative Andrea Salinas;
 - Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer; and
 - United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Important upcoming meetings:

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed;
- Place important meetings on Commissioner Bethell's calendar;
- Provide information on the bill introduced by Senator Tim Knopp.

Board Session Agenda Review

-Kevin Cameron

- Overview of the agenda.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE**Commissioner Danielle Bethell**

- Met with Representative Tom Andersen:
 - Civil commitment bill scheduled for an informational hearing;
 - Asked for BOC to testify and provide letter of support;
 - Mr. Klausen to add this to BOC's calendar:
 - Salem Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PiLT) bill:
 - Believes Salem taxes PiLT bill will be successful;
 - Originally a state-wide bill now a five-year polite just for Salem;
 - If successful Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) will expand; and
 - The cost of police and emergency services is stated.
- Spoke with Representative Nancy Nathanson:
 - Attended AOC Open House;
 - Chair of the audits and revenue committees;
 - PiLT bill is in her committee;
 - Mr. Klausen to inform her the BOC is supportive of the Salem PiLT:
 - Send her office, the committee, and Representative Andersen.
 - Mr. Klausen to send opposition information on timber PiLT to her.
- Met with the Wildfire counties of Lane, Lincoln, and Marion:
 - Commissioners and supporting staff;
 - Talked of CDBG-DR plan challenges;
 - Amendments asked for by the counties have not been pursued;
 - Rental housing funding;
 - Funding of up to 120% AMI not just the 80%;
 - Lincoln county needs funding for housing rehab for survivors.
 - Increase in price per square foot, currently capped at \$150/sq. ft.
 - Dollars for land purchase needed
 - Meeting with OHCS and Representative Pam Marsh to push back;
 - Have discussed with OHCS repeatedly over the last two years;
 - Spoke with the resiliency office who is meeting with the Governor;
 - A report is being done to give to the Governor;
 - Strategies were looked into regarding the funding and what can be done;
 - There will be challenges with Rep. Marsh who agrees with the plan;
 - Some counties do not have data on their survivors;
 - The deadline for spending the funding is June 2026:
 - There is about \$421 million dollars in funds; and
 - There have been several delays and challenges.

- OHCS is not considering several items that they have been asked to;
- Models of success have been provided to OHCS which they dismissed;
- Marion County does want the funding;
- This increases housing the governor desires by 150 units in the Canyon; and
- Lane County representative would like to speak to Brian Nicholas.

Commissioner Kevin Cameron

- N/A

Commissioner Colm Willis

- Met with Oregon Farm Bureau regarding chicken farms:
 - Only one individual came, and some questions were unanswered;
 - Previously the BOC gave Marion County Public Works direction to reach out;
 - Linn County commissioners placed mile setbacks from the property line:
 - This leaves about four compliant properties.
 - Oregon Farm Bureau recommends 100 feet from the property line; and
 - Will discuss further with Public Works.

OTHER

Commissioner Danielle Bethell – Senator Tim Knopp’s bill:

- All children advocacy centers to be federally certified:
 - There are 24 in the state and 12 are not certified; and
 - Money will be lost without certification.
- There may be a component on why certification can’t be done:
 - It may bring more challenges and not meet needs; and
 - Commissioner Bethell would like to know this information.
- District Attorney Paige Clarckson is helping get this information;
- Senator Knopp asked commissioner Bethell to testify in support:
 - Stated she was unable to at this time.
- There is a concern of Liberty House not receiving an annual amount of \$1 million;
- Liberty House not wanting to certify maybe be because during the forensic interview a law enforcement presence is needed:
 - This may be difficult as there is a law enforcement shortage; and
 - Senator Knopp does not believe this is a justifiable excuse.
- National certification is not needed as they are under the Oregon Department of Justice and partner with the district attorney.

Matt Lawyer – Wildfire Letter:

- There have been 16 applications submitted to the wildfire grant;
- A little over \$623,000 has been awarded;
- There is \$783,000 in pending grants:
 - If approved the total of funded awards will be \$1.3 million.
- There has been about \$82,000 actually spent;
- There is \$120,000 in pending invoices:
 - Once cleared there will be \$200,000 paid out.
- Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) has helped process things:
 - Package purchases for projects in the Canyon.
- CAM and Marion County Public Works worked to help the family that spent the night in the creek during the fires get their home construction started;
- In March it will be the one-year anniversary of receiving the funding from the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS):
 - Would like to do a recap presentation at this time to the BOC.

- The letter is needed as there are three to four eligible households for a CAM home:
 - Their target is six to eight households.
- There are 33 households, who are landowners, that have done nothing:
 - These households do not want to engage.
- Would like to reach out via letter to see if their mindset has changed;
- Will assess if a full season of work will be done or a half season:
 - The work will begin in the fall of 2024.
- A large portion of the homes have been built;
- Assumptions have been made based on owner's addresses in the Santiam Canyon;
- There are many primary home sites that have been sold:
 - Less than 40.
- There are about 170 secondary home sites with nothing done;
- All together there is 740 home sites;
- 80 percent of homes have septic permits;
- The remaining 20 percent includes:
 - Secondary homes that have not been rebuilt;
 - Sold homes that have not been rebuilt; and
 - 33 primary households have not responded.
- The letters may be electronically signed if needed.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good to proceed with the presentation;
- Some edits needed to the letter; and
- The letters will be physically signed.

Jon Heynen – State of the County:

- Have the county on April 3, 2024;
- Willamette Ballroom at the Salem Convention Center; and
- Gary White will work on the contract which will then be brought to the BOC.

Board Direction:

- Jan Fritz and Mr. White to discuss menu options.

Jon Heynen – CGI Digital Update:

- There is a concern how CGI Digital is reaching out to businesses;
- The first step of reaching out is an e-mail;
- The contract states that 30-day notice is to be given to cancel the contract; and
- Some businesses are interested in pursuing the project

Board Direction:

- Businesses are being asked for \$6,000 to participate in the project; and
- The BOC would like to cancel the contract.

Adjourned – time: 11:12 am

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Gary L. White