



# Management Update Minutes

OREGON

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 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, Jan Fritz, Chad Ball, Jessica Stanton, Shawnnell Fuentes, Tanisha Bush, Matt Lawyer, Teri Morgan, Katrina Rothenberger, Caroline Castillo, Susan McLauchlin, Ryan Matthews, Melissa Gable, Tamra Goettsch, Lindsey King, Chris Eppley, Tim Glisson, Terri Darvell, Erinn Miller, Cody Walterman, Jane Vetto, Wendy Zieker, and Brian Nicholas.

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

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **Oregon Humane Society's Request for a Memorandum of Understanding with Marion County Regarding Stray Cats**

-Tamra Goettsch, Melissa Gable, Cody Walterman

#### ***Summary of presentation:***

- The Willamette Humane Society is now part of the Oregon Humane Society;
- The Oregon Humane Society has requested that the county sign a memorandum of understanding that would allow them to reduce the stray hold for cats;
- The county does not provide services to cats, and county code only pertains to dogs;
- The Oregon Humane Society is stating that if the county enters into the agreement, they will be able to continue serving cats; and
- Ms. Goettsch thinks that the agreement compromises the county's responsibility to only serve dogs:
  - The Oregon Humane Society is asking the county to do things that they do not have the authority to do; and
  - Mr. Walterman agrees with Ms. Goettsch.

#### ***Board discussion:***

- Dog shelter policies are dictated by state statute, and there are no references to cats in state statute or county ordinances;
- The county does not have authority over cats, county code only references dogs; and
- Ms. Vetto commented that there is no reason for the county to sign the agreement:
  - The Commissioners agree with Ms. Vetto.

## **HOME-ARP Allocation**

-Tim Glisson, Chris Eppley, Terri Darvell, Erinn Miller

### **Summary of presentation:**

- The Commissioners were provided with definitions of the qualifying populations for each of the four categories;
- The Union Gospel Mission (UGM) is eligible to receive funds; and
- \$1,913,496.20 in funds needs to be allocated into eligible activities by the end of next week.

### **Board discussion:**

- Staff will speak with UGM to determine what category their potential projects would be under, and how much money they would like to request:
  - Staff will return to Management Update next Tuesday with this information.

## **Legislative Update**

-Tanisha Bush

### **Summary of presentation:**

- Ms. Bush would like direction from the Board on the self-service gas legislation, and how they would like the areas defined that will be allowed to offer self-service gas; and
- During next week's policy meeting Ms. Bush is going to ask the Commissioners what their priorities are for the next session.

## **Communications Update**

-Jon Heynen

### **Summary of presentation:**

- Mr. Heynen presented the latest version of *Marion County Today* that includes the edits the Commissioners gave him last week;
- The Commissioners are going to be at the Juvenile Department this week so he would like to do a video highlighting the Fresh Start Market and thanking Juvenile staff for their work;
- Mr. Heynen proposed doing a longer, 3-5 minute, video highlighting the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program; and
- *The Oregonian* reached out for information on the grant program approved by Senate Bill 762, related to fire hardening building materials.

### **Board discussion:**

- The Commissioners do not want the county to comment on the fire hardening grant program because it has not worked well and has angered homeowners;
- The Commissioners would like Mr. Heynen to join them on the METCOM tour today; and
- Ms. Vetto mentioned that there was a public records request from a media outlet regarding the Commissioners' emails regarding *Roe v. Wade*:
  - Mr. Waltermann will be working with the Board's office to respond to the request.

## OTHER:

Katrina Rothenberger, Caroline Castillo:

- As of yesterday, there have been no cases of monkeypox identified in Marion County:
  - As of yesterday, there are 7 cases in Linn County, 12 in Multnomah County, 5 in Washington County, and 1 in Clackamas County:
    - 25 cases have been in men, there have been no cases in women or pediatrics, and there have been no hospitalizations; and
    - 4 cases have been confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and 21 are presumptive cases.
- There has been a push to get commercial laboratories to increase testing for orthopoxvirus, and then the CDC performs the more specific monkeypox testing:
  - Marion County is developing a relationship with Labcorp.
- Health and Human Services will be training clinical staff on specimen collection and testing, and vaccination;
- There are two monkeypox vaccines:
  - The county expects to receive monkeypox vaccines this week; and
  - The vaccination strategy will be to vaccinate health care and laboratory workers who come into regular contact with the virus, and to vaccinate individuals who have had a known exposure:
    - Individuals need to be vaccinated within 4 days of exposure to prevent illness and disease; and
    - If given within 14 days, it can decrease the severity of the illness.
- Salem Hospital announced that they are diverting ambulances to other hospitals:
  - They will continue to take certain patients;
  - Ambulance service providers are worried that their wait times will dramatically increase:
    - Within Marion County's ambulance service areas there may be providers who are out of compliance.
  - Salem Hospital is having issues with staffing and capacity.

***Board discussion:***

- There are currently not enough vaccines to do pre-exposure vaccinations;
- The incubation period for monkeypox is one to two weeks, and it can be up to three weeks;
- Individuals with a known exposure are being asked to isolate, monitor for symptoms, and to get vaccinated within four days:
  - Sometimes the first sign of illness is the rash, and the individual would be tested for monkeypox;
  - There is a treatment for monkeypox; and
  - In healthy individuals monkeypox usually resolves on its own within two to four weeks.
- Ms. Rothenberger would like to work with an outside company to develop general educational videos on monkeypox in Spanish and other languages.

Jane Vetto:

- In 2020, the State of Oregon passed Measure 109 allowing psilocybin facilities, operations, and treatment providers:
  - The measure was broadly supported throughout the state; and
  - In Marion County the measure failed.
- The statute says that cities and counties can opt out of allowing psilocybin facilities and providers:
  - To opt out, the county can pass an ordinance that says that these facilities are banned within the county:
    - The ordinance has to be passed by the next general election, November 8, 2022:
      - In order to get the ballot title on the ballot it has to be submitted to the Clerk's Office by August 19, 2022.
- The Board has the following three options:
  - Accept the provisions of Measure 109;
  - Ban psilocybin services within the county; or
  - Do a temporary ban:
    - The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has two years to put regulations in place:
      - The county could ban the services for two years, and then when the rules are in place, the county could adopt their own rules.
- The Board's decision only impacts unincorporated Marion County:
  - Cities within Marion County will make their own decisions.

***Board discussion:***

- The ban has to be passed by voters:
  - The Board would adopt an administrative ordinance at a Board Session to put the item on the ballot:
    - If passed, it could be repelled by voters at a later date.
- If the Board were to adopt a temporary ban, they are committing to allowing the program in two years;
- The majority of people within Marion County voted to not have these facilities, so they should be able to vote on a ban;
- Psilocybin has been shown to be effective in treating depression, anxiety, and severe substance use disorders:
  - It is not safe for everyone.
- The Board would like to move forward with an ordinance to put the item on the ballot.

**Brian Nicholas:**

- Public Works UHF radio contract:
  - The cooperative price agreement that Public Works is planning on using is subject to a price escalation once a year, and the next price escalation goes into effect August 1, 2022; and
  - For the core components that do not need to be custom designed, the current pricing would be approximately \$227,000:
    - If the core components are ordered now, it will save the county approximately \$80,000 in escalation costs; and

- The purchase order for these components is being written:
      - Staff would like it to be on next Wednesday’s Board Session agenda, so that it can be executed before August 1, 2022.
- Earlier this year the county missed the opportunity to purchase fleet vehicles from Chevrolet, due to Chevrolet providing only one day notice of the last day to order fleet vehicles; and
- Staff is worried about the same thing happening with Dodge vehicles:
  - The factory is not giving clear direction on when fleet orders will be accepted;
  - The Sheriff’s Office has 11 vehicles scheduled for replacement:
    - One is a replacement for a vehicle that got totaled in an accident; and
    - One is part of the service agreement with the City of Jefferson to add a deputy.
  - Staff may have to bring a purchase order for the 11 vehicles to next Wednesday’s Board Session.

***Board discussion:***

- The Board is okay with moving forward on ordering the UHF radio components; and
- The Board is fine with a purchase order for the Dodge vehicles being brought to next week’s Board Session.

**COMMISSIONERS’ COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATES:**

Kevin Cameron:

- There was an Oregon timber counties, U.S. Forest Service meeting on Friday:
  - Salvage continues to be a large issue.
- All three Commissioners participated in a conference call with Salem Health;
- Attended a United Way executive committee meeting;
- Met with Brian Clem yesterday to discuss the senior housing project; and
- A presentation on Measure 110 was given to the Public Safety Coordinating Council.

Colm Willis:

- Participated in interviews for a Public Health position; and
- Met with Chief Teague last week to talk about how they navigate sit-lie and the homeless:
  - Keizer does not allow camping; and
  - Ms. Vetto will review the county’s sit-lie ordinance with the Commissioners.

Danielle Bethell:

- Met with Josh Graves regarding the Fostering Hope Initiative Community Health Workers:
  - The State of Oregon requires that in order for community health workers to be billable, they have to be referred, and it has to go through the Medicaid process; and

- She is pursuing a discussion with Representative Raquel Moore-Green who is interested in potentially carrying a bill to modify the way that community health workers can bill.
- Attended the Oregon State Fair Foundation meeting:
  - She will not be attending future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Orr**  
*Reviewed by: Shawnnell Fuentes*