



# Management Update summary Minutes

OREGON

**October 24, 2023. 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, Matt Lawyer, Shawnnell Fuentes, Alvin Klausen, Jennifer Chun, Phillip Blea, Wendy Zieker, Conor Foley, Kelli Weese, Lari Rupp, Ryan Matthews, Natasha McVey, Nate Combs, Jane Vetto, and Brian Nicholas.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **I-5 Aurora-Donald Diverging Diamond Interchange IGA**

-Brian Nicholas

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

- Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) appropriated funds to build the rest of the interchange:
  - Design was completed in the last six months.
- Preparing advertisement for final construction bid:
  - Target is mid to late November.
- IGA between Marion County and ODOT is not quite complete:
  - Verbal agreement that ODOT will maintain the majority;
  - The final version will be ready for board session.
- ODOT internal procedure requires all documents to be ready before bid advertisement; and
- An expediated process may be needed.

#### **Board Direction:**

- Will later discuss expediated process with the board of commissioners (BOC).

### **Review of Plans for Tobacco Prevention and Education Program Ballot Measure 108 Carryover Funds**

-Conor Foley, Wendy Zieker

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

- During 2022 the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) allocated \$900,000 to the program from Measure 108 Funds:
  - About \$275,000 was unspent and will be carried over to the next biennium (2023-2025).
- The work plan is updated to account for additional funding;
- Total funding for the next biennium is \$626,553:
  - Funding tier is increased.
- Plans for the additional funding include the following:
  - Mini grants for developing educational materials;

- Working with Career Technical Education Center (CTEC) for anti-vaping videos;
- Comprehensive assessment of Marion County tobacco retailers through the 2025 Tobacco Area Retail Assessment (TARA);
- Internal and external training on tobacco cessation; and
- Increase internal capacity to provide community partner support.
- TARA is required by OHA:
  - Last conducted in 2018;
  - Minimum number of tobacco retailers need to be assessed:
    - Approximately 25 percent;
    - Marion County completed this; and
    - Other counties assessed 100 percent of their retailers.
  - Assess the following items:
    - Advertisements in the business;
    - Products sold; and
    - Required signs are in place.
- The state conducts selling tobacco to underage individuals;
- Marion County does not conduct regular inspections of retailers;
- Worked with Mano a Mano Family Center:
  - Conducted a community resource assessment; and
  - Implementing this to their strengthening family's program.
- Mini grants are structured through a Request for Applications (RFA):
  - Open to any community partners.

**Board Direction:**

- The BOC is good with the update;
- Would like to see Mano a Mano Family Center's work plan;
- PODER Oregon's Latino Leadership Network:
  - Shows outcomes of funds that were invested.
- Send RFA to Commissioner Bethell.

**Pelton Project, Inc., Home/Community-Based Services**

-Jennifer Chun, Phil Blea

**Summary of presentation:**

- Extend contract for six months to align with the OHA IGA:
  - Currently the IGA is being worked through.
- Extension ends December 31, 2023, and signing will happen January 2024; and
- If needed extension can only happen every six months.

**Board Direction:**

- Contract should be extended if the IGA is not a good deal; and
- The BOC is good with the update.

**Advancing Tax Levies to Small Taxing Districts Pursuant of ORS 311.392**

-Natasha McVey

**Summary of presentation:**

- Every year there is a lump sum payment for small districts:
  - Instead of a small monthly payment.
- There are 137 large districts getting monthly payments from Marion County;
- There are 204 small districts to be paid;
- Board authorization allowing a lump sum payment is ORS 311.392:

- If more economical funds may be advanced and distribution percentages for districts be added to Marion County's; and
- Advanced funds will be received back through the distribution percentage.
- There are 4 districts over \$5,000;
- Will come back to discuss Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) not certifying fees for properties:
  - Fees for ODF are not collected on uncertified properties.

**Board Direction:**

- The BOC is good to proceed; and
- Look into the Santiam Fire District fee and if it needs to be paid.

**Opal Creek Promise Implementation Plan – Board Interviews**

-Lari Rupp, Kelli Weese

**Summary of presentation:**

- Advanced planning to implement \$12 million dollar allocation for the Opal Creek Promise;
- October 3, 2023, came to board session starting a contract with ECONorthwest;
- Schedule one-on-one board interviews:
  - Make a plan that aligns with BOC, Marion County, and the community; and
  - Schedule interviews beginning next week.
- Work session is scheduled for January after initial public outreach; and
- Would like BOC feedback before community feedback.

**Board Direction:**

- An interview with all the BOC would be more beneficial;
- Commissioner Bethell will send in questions she would like addressed; and
- Continue to hear from the community.

**Legislative Update:**

-Alvin Klausen

**Summary of presentation:**

- E-mail from Representative Tracy Cramer to:
  - Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) about a program:
    - Nurse and Family Partnership; and
    - Why Marion County is not participating in it.
  - MCHHS stated other services are provided that are the same as this program, and the program is underfunded.
- Vietnamese Community of Oregon:
  - Proclamation recognizing a flag representing Vietnamese Americans;
  - Spoke to cities that agreed and what they did:
    - Stated they did a proclamation.
  - No counties have done the proclamation.

**Board Direction:**

- E-mail:
  - The BOC is good with the response to be sent; and
  - Any commissioner would be glad to meet and discuss.
- Vietnamese Community of Oregon:
  - Would like to discuss further before agreeing.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

-Jon Heynen

**Summary of presentation:**

- Marion County Survey:
  - Questions have been edited;
  - There are nine applicants:
    - Jon Heynen, Alvin Klausen, and Matt Lawyer are grading.
  - Calls will begin November 9, 2023.
- Email regarding insurance premium increase:
  - Reviewed with Human Resources (HR); and
  - In response to Kaiser Permanente.
- Health Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:
  - November 9, 2023, at 10:30 am; and
  - The speeches will be at 10:45 am.
- Video Projects:
  - Commissioner Bethell's New Employee Orientation (NEO) video;
  - Veteran's day video from all commissioners; and
  - Rent equipment from Capital Media.

**Board Direction:**

- Marion County Survey:
  - Remove sewer question;
  - Measure 110 questions to be consistent, remove descriptors, and add "by voters"; and
  - Surveyors need to present questions consistently.
- Insurance Premium Email:
  - Can come from Jan Fritz mentioning that the work needed was done.
- Ribbon Cutting:
  - BOC, Ryan Matthews (MCHHS Director) and Health Department Administrator to speak:
    - Speak in the following order Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Cameron, Commissioner Bethell and Ryan Matthews.
  - The speeches need to be done outside.
- Videos:
  - The video studio needs to be updated; and
  - Veteran's video will be done.

**OTHER**

- Property taxes and exemptions for Real Value (RV) and Assess Value (AV):
  - AV exemptions will be rewritten.
- Department of Justice wrote an opinion in 2020:
- There will be a committee in November;
- Oregon Department of Revenue (DOR) has not given direction:
  - Needs to be implemented in the current tax year.
- The process will change;
- There is much unknown and this may help or hurt veteran's;
- Ruling refers to ORS and is vague; and
- Scott Norris, Legal, is following the situation.

**Board Direction:**

- There will be public comment and position should be pursued;
- Legal to draft a memo to the DOR stating the system can't be deployed:
  - Legal will figure out the best communication method.

## COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE

### **Commissioner Danielle Bethell**

- Met with Tim Murphy:
  - Combining detox and sobering center.
- Met with Michael Gay and Bryce Petersen of Salem Health:
  - Want to build an additional 16 bed facility near South Lancaster Drive; and
  - Would like to discuss it with the BOC:
    - Matt Lawyer to schedule a meeting for January
- Met with Erik Andersson:
  - Discussed the entrepreneur position to help new starting businesses:
    - Explore Marion County paying for the position; and
    - Potential start-up grant system.
- North Marion Collaborative:
  - North Marion Collaborative has the potential to be viable:
    - Producing outcomes for 11 cities in North and East Marion County.
  - Will reach out to the BOC to create relationships.
- Met with Jessica Howard, President of Chemeketa Community College:
  - Discussed tiny house project and housing for unsecure students:
    - No public conversations regarding the project have taken place.
  - Trying to get housing for unsecure students; and
  - Introduced to three community partners to help.
- Met with Governor Tina Kotek:
  - Positive meeting;
  - Will meet quarterly as the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) position;
  - Monthly will update with impacts and challenges of Marion County;
  - Santiam Meadows and needing \$30 million support;
  - Discussed \$12 million Marion County is not using:
    - Oregon Department of Justice took awhile to get the contract;
    - Grant program developed around contract;
    - The work is being done because there is a need; and
    - The job is to get back to pre-fire recovery and not outside the scope.
- Met with Jeff Gilbert, Northwestern Region Emergency Coordinator for Oregon Department of Human Services:
  - Would like to meet with the BOC and/or Jan Fritz; and
  - Discussed the Governor's unfair perception of the county's recovery efforts.
- Met with Polk County Commissioner Craig Pope.

### **Commissioner Kevin Cameron**

- N/A

### **Commissioner Colm Willis**

- N/A

## **OTHER**

Commissioner Colm Willis – Economic Development Funding;

- Worthy projects are expensive;
- Partnering with cities allowed needs to be clearer:
  - Community Prosperity Initiative (CPI).
- Partnerships with chambers allows the needs to be clearer;
- The funding allows projects to be done well and the way Marion County would like;
- Unexpected projects may arise that will impact many in the community;

- There have been a few plans for the funding;
- New local investments would get funding from state and federal government:
  - Allowing for the economic development fund to grow.

Commissioner Danielle Bethell – Economic Development Funding;

- A plan needs to be in place for major project to be done;
- Not all funding needs to be used for the major project coming up;
- Entrepreneur position and program could have impact if it is stable:
  - There is \$4 million in economic development.
- Local level use of these funds and a strategy need to be discussed and in place;
- North Marion Collaborative has a three-year strategic plan:
  - They will be making presentations to cities involved and the BOC.

Jan Fritz – Updates;

- Fiber and Internet:
  - Marion County and the city of Salem; and
  - Testing will take place ensuring board session will run smoothly.
- Meeting with Judge Audrey Broyles:
  - Judge Broyles asked for the meeting; and
  - Sharing perspective on what the bench will doing.

**Adjourned** – time: 10:56 am

**Minutes by:** Mary Vityukova

**Reviewed by:** Gary L. White