



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# Management Update Minutes

**Monday, March 19, 2018, 9:00 a.m.**

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem  
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Silverton Conference Room

## ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Janet Carlson, Kevin Cameron, and Sam Brentano, John Lattimer, Jan Fritz, Tom Rohlfing, Jason Myers, Bill Burgess, Alan Haley, Jane Vetto, Scott Norris, Sarah McKinney, Nate Combs, Brian May, Brian Wallace, Connie Higgins, Austin Dhillon, Rex Weisner, Brandon Reich, Barb Young, Jolene Kelley, and Kristy Witherell as Recorder.

## Guests:

David Sawyer, City of Turner Manager

John Lattimer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **Review the Mill Creek Basin Flood Mitigation Project**

- Brandon Reich and David Sawyer

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

- After the flood in Turner in 2012, the city asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to remap the floodplain;
- Turner considered ways to divert water from getting to the city;
- FEMA will permit structural mitigation projects;
- Ponding project or changing the timing of how the water hits Turner;
- The consultant working on the project has done some work already in Salem, Turner, and parts of Battlecreek;
- Surveyor would like to do additional detailed cross sections:
  - Gets more accurate data; and
  - Plan the detailed topography.
- Marion County wants to send out letters to property owners that may be affected by the mitigation project;
- A whole list of mitigation projects that the cities of Salem, Stayton, Turner, Aumsville, and Marion County can sign onto;
- Aumsville and Stayton are on board for water diversion;
- Would like to form a flood district;
- The North Santiam Watershed Council wants to take on Mill Creek to help divert water;
- This study would provide data to keep moving forward;

- Out of the study will come a host of technical solutions and benefits dealing with flooding;
- Will form a policy committee to mitigate which projects have priority; and
- \$750,000 earmarked from FEMA for project implementation.

### **Solid Waste Systems – Key Partner Role Changes**

- Brian May

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

- Marion Resource Recovery Facility's (MRRF) general manager, David Lear, resigned a week ago Friday;
- The position has been filled by Kevin Hines:
  - Brings 30 years of experience in the corrections industry.
- Scott Henderson will be facilities manager at Covanta;
- Darby Randklev is the interim mid-Atlantic west senior manager at Covanta; and
- When the positions get filled, Mr. May will introduce everyone.

### **Discuss Vertical Housing Development Zone Property Tax Exemption**

- Scott Norris, Barb Young, and Tom Rohlfig

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

- City of Stayton has adopted their downtown transportation and revitalization development plan;
- Included is a vertical housing development zone;
- At the last city council meeting, the council asked their staff to designate where the zone will be;
- ORS requires notification of all taxing districts;
- The exemption is a partial exemption by floor for a mix-use development;
- 20 percent per floor with a max of 80 percent exemption;
- Exemptions are on improvements only;
- If there is low income housing, the land is subject to exemption;
- Disqualifications are up to the discretion of the city;
- Exemption is up to 10 years;
- Purpose is to encourage development of the downtown core;
- It's an opt out exemption;
- Easy administratively if all taxing districts are in or all are out:
  - It gets complicated when a few taxing districts are in and a few are out.
- Would need to designate the zone.

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

- Once it is adopted, it is in place until the city repeals the zone;
- March 30<sup>th</sup> response deadline;
- Marion County will not opt out; and
- Would like to hear from other taxing districts.

## **Discuss Title III Fix in the Omnibus Spending Bill**

- Barb Young, Hitesh Parekh

### **Summary of presentation:**

- Working with federal lobbyists;
- Congress is putting together their Omnibus Budget Act and wants it to be passed by March 23<sup>rd</sup>;
- Senator Merkley has added language for the Secure Rural School to add forest patrols;
- Marion County initiated the Title III Funds in the account;
- Once the spending bill passes, will need to amend the current order for the Title III Funds to add forest patrols;
- Need to obligate the funds by September 30, 2018; and
- If the processes aren't followed, could risk losing the money.

## **Review the Yearly Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) Application Process**

- Commissioner Carlson, Connie Higgins, Jane Vetto, Jolene Kelley, Brian Wallace, Austin Dhillon, and Scott Norris

### **Board discussion:**

- Previous issues:
  - Issue with timing around OLCC renewals;
  - Letter was reaching OLCC after the deadline; and
  - Revised the process so the deadline wasn't missed.
- OLCC sends a list of all of the establishments that are eligible for renewal to the Clerk's Office:
  - Clerk's Office sends the list to the Sheriff's Office and Boards Office;
  - This year the list was received by the Sheriff's Office on January 31<sup>st</sup>:
    - 111 establishments were on the list;
    - The Sheriff's Office ran background checks on all establishments within three business days;
    - Forwarded the list back to the Board of Commissioners Office for further processing; and
    - No criminal issues this year.
  - The list is forwarded onto the Tax Office, Public Works/Planning, and the Health and Human Services Department.
- All applications were recommended for approval:
  - Six establishments were delinquent on their taxes; and
  - The commissioners sent a letter to OLCC notifying them of the delinquent taxes.
- There is criteria identified in the Administrative Rules for recommending denial to establishments that show a lack of financial responsibility to run the business; and
- Legal Counsel will draft a letter to the OLCC.

### **Board discussion:**

- The commissioners are concerned that they approved six establishments that were delinquent on their taxes when they shouldn't have;

- The commissioners will draft an order denying recommendations for the six establishments for Board Session on Wednesday and send a letter to the OLCC and establishments; and
- Legal Counsel will handle the yearly OLCC renewal list in the future.

### **Communications Update**

- Jolene Kelley
- Ms. Kelley gave a brief update of events happening in the community that the commissioners will be attending.

### **Commissioners' Committee Assignments and Update**

Sam Brentano:

- Director Rodney Schroeder from Northwest Senior & Disability Services, has resigned:
  - Tanya DeHart has been hired as co-director.
- SKATS committee:
  - 350 Oregon would like the committee to figure out how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Attended MWACT; and
- Oregon Garden Foundation is in discussions on allowing the garden to flourish on its own.

Janet Carlson:

- WVCH - Rob Johnson will step down as CEO starting October 2018:
  - Commissioner Carlson will chair only for three more months;
  - Co-chairing the Behavioral Health Integration Taskforce:
    - Focus is on better integration of primary care.
- Justin Hopkins accepted directorship of Behavioral Care Network;
- LEAD effort is moving forward:
  - Joshua Lair has been hired as the LEAD navigator:
- Runaway and homeless youth effort:
  - Grant application open; and
  - Offering letters of support for the grant.
- Children and Families Commission met last week:
  - Showed a film called, "Resilience".
- Attended Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council:
  - Threat assessment process surrounding school safety.

Kevin Cameron:

- Attended Keizer State of the City;
- Attended Cross Jurisdictional meeting with the Health and Human Services Department;
- Attended Northgate Neighborhood Association;
- Congressman Shrader's office is working on a federal delegation meeting with Army Corps of Engineers regarding Detroit Lake Dam;
- Met with Max Williams, received a \$10,000 commitment from the Oregon Community Foundation for the Oregon Second Chance Tour;
- Attended Gates Community Forum; and

- Attended the Ribbon cutting at SwiftCare Urgent Care Clinic.

Meeting dismissed at 10:26 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**

*Reviewed by:* *Sherry Lintner*