



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Minutes

Monday, August 27, 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, Jane Vetto, Cary Moller, Pam Hutchinson, Bruce Armstrong, Barb Young, Lisa Trauernicht, Kerryann Bouska, Jolene Kelley, and Joanna Ritchie as Recorder.

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

INFORMATIONAL:

Consider administration, implementation, and enforcement of a Tobacco Retail Licensure strategy countywide

- Cary Moller and Pam Hutchinson

Summary of presentation:

- The Health Department, through the outreach program, provides technical assistance and information to cities;
- Recently began outreach to cities to see if there was an interest in having a Tobacco Retail Licensure (TRL);
- City of Silverton was the first city visited and they provided letters in support;
- Kratom is a natural substance sold in convenience stores;
- Both Kratom and tobacco sales are unregulated;
- TRL is directly associated with decreased sales to minors;
- Most adult smokers start smoking as kids;
- One in four Marion County eleventh graders are using some sort of tobacco product;
- Marion County consistently has a higher sales rate as compared to the rest of the state;
- One in four sales is to a minor;
- Looked at local perspective in 2016, five different cities gave input on a variety of topics that they would support, one topic was TRL;
- Before moving forward, wanting direction from the board on how to respond if cities are interested in supporting a countywide process;
- Multnomah County initiated a county/citywide approach so that everyone is covered;
- Other counties adopted comprehensive policies at the county level, not all cities have opted in;

- Deschutes and Clackamas County took the opposite approach and assessed how many cities would opt in prior to implementing a countywide policy;
- The state expectation is for counties to explore the specifics;
- There is not a state law requiring licensure;
- Only one city is on board, would have to get concurrence from all other cities;
- There has been an attempt at the legislative level to pass a statewide TRL a couple of times;
- Kratom was part of the outreach program presentation;
- Kratom is:
 - An unregulated substance;
 - Has been associated with salmonella outbreak;
 - Is traditionally sold in tobacco outlets; and
 - Typically purchased by adults.
- Three cases of salmonella were reported in Marion County; and
- Response to cities not interested in TRL on the local level.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners asked if the state is asking or requiring counties to implement this policy;
- Does not want to implement on the county level, should come from the state level;
- The commissioners asked if the county had legal authority to enforce within the city limits;
- Would have to get concurrence from all the cities in order to proceed with countywide policy;
- Complicated administrative structure to regulate;
- The commissioners stated they do not want to pursue this unless there is an overall state law and funding;
- The commissioners wanted to know how Kratom fits into the discussion;
- The county does not regulate any other substance;
- The commissioners would be in support of writing a letter to Oregon Health Authority supporting a comprehensive tobacco licensing program implemented at the state level;
- Do not want to encourage cities to write letters, can provide a copy of the letter sent by the board's office;
- Possible to make a bigger campaign regarding danger of Kratom in conjunction with back to school; and
- The commissioners directed staff to write a response back to the City of Silverton and work with board's office staff to craft a letter that will be sent to the governor's office and the state and federal legislative delegation with regard to the county's response on licensure.

Off-Site Board Session Discussion

- Lisa Trauernicht

Summary of presentation:

- Schedules off-site board sessions periodically;
- Ideas going forward:

- How often;
- Areas to visit; and
- Things to highlight.
- Some local highlights:
 - Marion County programs, Fresh Start Market;
 - Octoberfest in Mt. Angel; and
 - Kicking off events in the community.
- Would like feedback on locations to consider.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners wanted to know if it was possible to schedule board session in conjunction with the Donald Urban Growth Boundary public hearing;
- Have not been to Stayton or Sublimity in a while;
- Other possibilities:
 - Fresh Start Market;
 - Oregon Garden;
 - East Salem;
 - Detroit/Idanha; and
 - Jefferson.
- The commissioners are in favor of having off-site sessions, possibly every six months, in conjunction with community events or issues; and
- They would like to schedule:
 - A December meeting at the Oregon Garden;
 - A spring meeting in east county; and
 - A late spring, early summer meeting in the canyon.

Communications Update

- Jolene Kelley
- Ms. Kelley gave a brief update of upcoming events.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATE:

Kevin Cameron:

- Ride-a-long with Public Works paint stripe crew;
- Met with Congressman Schraeder's staff regarding Detroit Dam Project and bill;
- Met with Troy Brynelson from the Salem Reporter;
- Met with Gabriel Kohler regarding the Northwest Forest Plan Monitoring Project; and
- Met with US Army Corps of Engineers.

Janet Carlson:

- Met with Troy Brynelson from the Salem Reporter;
- Arbinger Institute training;
- Attended Salem-Keizer Volcanoes game for the Hometown Heroes Awards:
 - Submitted nomination for 100 Day Challenge/Youth Homelessness group and they won the award.
- Conference call for Marion County EQUIP Program;

- Attended the Willamette Valley Community Health Board meeting:
 - Big changes coming up with contract changes.
- Marion County Reentry Initiative Breakfast meeting:
 - Use Eventbrite to sign up.
- Met with Paul Solomon and went on a property tour for reentry housing project.

Sam Brentano:

- Met with Troy Brynelson from the Salem Reporter;
- Met with Gabriel Kohler regarding the Northwest Forest Plan Monitoring Project;
- Met with US Army Corps of Engineers; and
- Attended the Oregon Legislative Coastal Caucus.

OTHER:

- Jane Vetto, Marion County Counsel, attended the Detroit Dam Public Information meeting in Gates and gave an overview of what was discussed regarding the project;
- The commissioners want to know if the county had joined in the lawsuit;
- County is planning on hosting the AOCC meeting in December; and
- Jan Fritz said Ryan Matthews has accepted the nomination to attend the NACo High Performance Leadership program.

Meeting dismissed at 10:03 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Joanna Ritchie**
Reviewed by: *Kristy Witherell*