



OREGON

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# Management Update Minutes

**Monday, May 20, 2019, 9:00 a.m.**

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

## ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Sam Brentano, and Colm Willis, John Lattimer, Tom Rohlring, Bill Burgess, Jane Vetto, Cary Moller, Brian Nicholas, Tamra Goettsch, Katrina Rothenberger, Alisa Zastoupil, Shawn Baird, Brandon Reich, Joe Fennimore, Tom Hogue, Cooper Whitman, Danielle Gonzalez, Barb Young, Chad Ball, Jolene Kelley, and Lisa Trauernicht as recorder.

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

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **Drinking Water Update and Planning for Harmful Algae Bloom Season**

Cary Moller, Katrina Rothenberger, Alisa Zastoupil

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

- The purpose of the presentation is to understand the role and authority of Marion County Health and Human Services (HHS) Department with respect to public water systems, and understand the county's role in responding to harmful algae blooms:
  - Overview of federal and state regulatory roles; and
  - Overview of the Marion County Environmental Health Drinking Water Program.
- Marion County has a total of 228 public water systems that serve 349,714 people:
  - 17 regulated by Oregon Health Authority (OHA);
  - 19 regulated by Oregon Department of Agriculture; and
  - 192 regulated by Marion County Environmental Health.
- Environmental Health successfully completed an OHA triennial review in March 2019, with no findings;
- The state has new rules for monitoring and detecting cyanotoxins, as well as criteria for lifting an advisory;
- In the event of an advisory, Environmental Health provides oversight to help ensure potable water is hauled and distributed safely to the public;
- HHS and board staff is participating in a multi-jurisdictional workgroup, planning for the upcoming algae season:
  - Members are creating materials for the public and licensed facilities in the event there is another advisory; and
  - Planning for coordinated messaging.

**Board discussion:**

- To help better understand the county's role, HHS will provide the list of Marion County cities that indicates which agency has regulatory oversight; and
- The commissioners requested a similar presentation at an upcoming board session and newsletter article outlining the county's potential response.

**Discuss Ambulance Service Area Wait Times at the Salem Emergency Department**

Cary Moller, Shawn Baird

**Summary of presentation:**

- Mr. Baird described local emergency medical services transfers to the Salem Hospital Emergency Department;
- Ambulance services throughout Marion County are experiencing frequent periods of prolonged time to drop off a patient at Salem Health:
  - The information provided was included from Dallas Fire, Falck, Jefferson Fire, Keizer Fire, Marion County Fire, Turner Fire, and Woodburn Ambulance.
- Patients being transported are spending longer times on ambulance stretchers attended by a paramedic while waiting to be transferred to hospital staff;
- During some of the most severe times, transfer of care is taking as long as two hours:
  - This results in ambulances not being available to return to their home community to be available for the next 9-1-1 call; and
  - This creates a system-wide impact on all ambulance providers, residents, and visitors to Marion County.
- The extended wait times have developed over the past couple years:
  - The Ambulance Service Area Committee has had a series of meetings with Salem Health and some internal hospital staff members, in effort to resolve the delays.
- Ongoing monitoring, as well as discussions with the State Emergency Services Committee of Oregon Health Authority are under way; and
- This problem is not unique to Salem Hospital:
  - Other hospitals face similar challenges of having enough emergency room beds.

**Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study Obligation Rate**

Brandon Reich

**Summary of presentation:**

- The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has proposed a new process regarding the amount of money that the Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study (SKATS), Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) obligates yearly toward transportation projects;
- Marion and Polk counties and the cities of Salem, Keizer, and Turner are part of the MPO;
- Every year, the SKATS MPO obligates money toward transportation projects;

- Historically, MPOs across Oregon, including SKATS, have not obligated all of the money they planned to obligate in a year:
  - If all of the local money is obligated, the state is able to obtain additional federal dollars for transportation projects.
- ODOT proposed a new process regarding the obligation of funds:
  - MPOs will be rewarded for obligating above the target percentage, and penalized for obligating below the target:
    - Potential for rewards to begin in 2020, potential for penalties to begin in 2022;
    - Penalties are steep and once imposed, recovery could be difficult; and
    - ODOT is recommending exceptions to the target that would be approved by a committee comprised of ODOT and MPOs.
- SKATS and staff from the jurisdictions have identified a comprehensive approach in an attempt to achieve the required targets; and
- Local staffing capacity is an issue for obligating more funds to specific projects.

***Board discussion:***

- The board requested that staff prepare a letter outlining the counties concerns.

**FEMA Community Rating Insurance Review**

Brandon Reich

***Summary of presentation:***

- Participation in the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Community Rating System includes a summary of the flood insurance policies active in the community;
- Information on repetitive loss properties, properties that experienced two or more claims within a 10-year period, was reported;
- Staff sends an annual letter to residents in the repetitive loss areas, providing information on mitigation grants, flooding protections, and flood insurance; and
- There has been a 25-30 percent drop in the number of active policies since the last review:
  - This is likely due to cost; and
  - Public Works will continue to promote flood insurance through social media and other outreach activities.

**Review New Floodplain Maps for the Area near Turner**

Brandon Reich

***Summary of presentation:***

- Following the January 2012 flooding in Turner, the city requested a re-evaluation of city and surrounding area floodplain maps;
- Marion County staff has been working with a consultant and the City of Turner on the remapping process;
- The study applies new, more accurate topographic information;

- As a result of the study, the floodway and floodplain will widen in some locations, and narrow in others:
  - Base flood elevations will generally increase; and
  - About 25 homes will be added to the floodplain as a result of the study.

***Board discussion:***

- The board will need to adopt the new maps, which requires a public hearing;
- The new maps must be adopted by October 2019;
- The board is considering holding an offsite board session/public hearing in Turner to notify the community of the changes to the floodplain maps; and
- Staff will work on scheduling a meeting in the City of Turner.

**Discuss DOGAMI Hazard Mapping**

Brandon Reich

***Summary of presentation:***

- The Oregon Department of Geologic and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), in collaboration with the Department of Land Conservation and Development and FEMA Region 10's Risk Analysis Branch, is developing new hazard mapping for Marion County:
  - Includes Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) topography;
  - Re-delineating flood zones using LIDAR;
  - Developing flood depth grids;
  - Identifying channel migration areas;
  - Creating a landslide inventory; and
  - Mapping liquefaction susceptibility.
- Marion County will have to consider how to use the DOGAMI data in the county's hazard and land use planning; and
- The maps will be available in 2020.

**Review Community Projects Grant Request**

Cooper Whitman

***Summary of presentation:***

- Rural Development Initiatives (RDI) and Oregon Main Street (OMS) are partnering to provide economic vitality services, including downtown revitalization projects, to rural communities across Oregon;
- Matching funds are required in order to be eligible for grant funding:
  - RDI/OMS have applied for a \$20,000 Community Projects Grant from Marion County.
- Stayton will serve as a grant hub:
  - The cities of Silverton, Woodburn, Donald, Turner, and Salem will also benefit from the grant.

***Board discussion:***

- Commissioner Cameron asked the department to follow up with the City of Woodburn regarding a grant request for farmworkers housing.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- Barb Young

### **Summary of presentation:**

- Next legislative deadline is May 24;
- Senate Bill 3:
  - Baccalaureate Bill offering four-year degrees at community colleges is still moving.
- Grand-jury recordation will be in the Christmas tree bill, and is state funded; and
- Senate Bill 1049:
  - PERS reform is in Capital Construction Subcommittee, Ways and Means:
    - They have invited testimony and it is up again Tuesday.

## CONTINUUM OF CARE

### **Update**

- Lisa Trauernicht

### **Summary of presentation:**

- Continuum of Care resolution is on the May 22, 2019, board session agenda;
- Yamhill County is holding a work session May 21, 2019;
- Resolution is up for consideration is on the May 28, 2019, Salem City Council agenda;
- The Continuum of Care presentation has been reviewed by many jurisdictions and nonprofits with generally positive reaction;
- There will be a presentation at the next Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council Meeting on June 11, 2019:
  - A letter of support will be requested.
- The Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative Steering Committee will discuss the proposed governance structure and potential financing scenarios for the Continuum of Care at its meeting this week.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### **Update**

- Jolene Kelley

- Ms. Kelley gave a brief update of upcoming scheduled events and communications activities.

## OTHER

### COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATE:

Kevin Cameron:

- Testified regarding Senate Bill 451;
- Participated in a cultural assessment focus group;
- Attended the state fair council executive committee meeting:
  - Discussed the paving contract with the Marion County Fair.
- Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council discussed specialty court grants:

- The topic will be presented at the June MCPSCC meeting and scheduled for the June 12, 2019, board session.
- Marion County was recognized at the Department of Corrections annual awards banquet for its assistance with the Second Chance Tour; and
- Attended the Travel Salem Awards Luncheon:
  - Asking board staff to research the Polk County tourism consortium.

Sam Brentano:

- Attended the Willamette Jobs Council meeting:
  - There is a current board spot open; and
  - Discussion at the meeting included qualifications to receive services.

Colm Willis:

- Housing initiative meetings completed:
  - Would like to schedule quarterly meetings with the cities to share information on what the cities are doing regarding housing.
- Met with both organizations that would like to be appointed as the Coordinated Care Organization serving Marion County:
  - The county is still in negotiations with both organizations for Memorandums of Understanding.
- Attended the SEDCOR quarterly Board of Directors luncheon:
  - Presentation from the City of Keizer regarding the shared Urban Growth Boundary with Salem.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Lisa Trauernicht**

*Reviewed by:*