

Marion County Economic Development Advisory Board
April 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes
555 Court St NE, 5th Floor Salem, OR

Members Present: Bill Burich, Thomas Chambers, Bill Cummins, Chad Freeman, Lesa Goff, Jose Gonzalez, Bob Hill, Jay Kemble, Nate Levin, Allison McKenzie, Angie Morris, AJ Nash, Evann Remington, and Renata Wakeley.

Staff and Guests Present: Sarah Cavazos, Danielle Gonzalez, Kristin Retherford, Brandon Reich, and Mary Stewart.

Call to Order: 3:36pm

Agenda Item: Welcome, Introductions & Announcements

Information/Discussion: Morris called the meeting to order, asked for introductions. **Action:** *None.*

Agenda Item: March Minutes

Information/Discussion: Morris presented the minutes and called for comment; request was made to correct the spelling of Evann's name listed under members present.

Action: *A motion was brought forth by Levin to approve the January minutes; a second was made by Cummins. The motion was voted on and approved unanimously.*

Agenda Item: Land Use Quarterly Report

Information/Discussion: Reich presented a summary report of the third quarter land use cases in which a determination had been issued. Cases reviewed included Administrative Review, Conditional Uses, Variances, Zone Changes and Mass Gatherings (see agenda packet).

Action: *None.*

Agenda Item: Community Services Report

Information/Discussion: Cavazos presented a summary of FY15/16 Economic Development program report; areas of discussion included accomplishments, FY16/17 priorities and projects, and grant reports for projects closing in the 15/16 year. Accomplishments highlighted for 15/16 included development of EDAB, the water and wastewater project in the Canyon, summary of grants awarded to communities within the Canyon, and the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to review the County's Oregon Lottery Grant program strategies. Needs and priorities that have emerged through EDAB meetings were reviewed and discussed to confirm and solidify identified priorities. The goals and objectives of the Grant and Loan Ad Hoc Committee were reviewed and those presented refined/expanded on the desired outcome of the group; no new information was added. Cavazos provided a summary of each department priority in the coming fiscal year, to include an increase in staffing, continued support of the N. Santiam River Canyon Water/Wastewater Strategy, a new broadband initiative, partnership with SEDCOR to implement the BR&E in rural communities, a new Lands Inventory and GIS Mapping project, and the launch of a county supported Oregon Main Street project for rural communities. A progress report on the Business Development Grant and the Community Project Grant programs was provided with discussion on the emerging trends within each program, and desired outcomes and requests made by Commissioners. Cavazos provided an overview of the final reports for all grants that had project close dates during FY15/16.

Action: *None.*

Meeting adjourned: 4:58 p.m.