

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, December 26, 2018
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97305

PRESENT: Commissioner Janet Carlson, Commissioner Kevin Cameron and Commissioner Sam Brentano. Also present were Jane Vetto as county counsel and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

ABSENT: John Lattimer, chief administrative officer

Commissioner Carlson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT

(Video Time 00:02:20)

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approve an order establishing board committee and commission appointments for Marion County elected officials.

Approve an order appointing Cary Moller as director and Colm Willis as director's designee to the Willamette Valley Community Health, LLC.

PUBLIC WORKS

Receive notice of hearings officer's recommendation approving Zone Change/Comprehensive Plan (ZC/CP) Case 18-003/Perez and schedule a public hearing for January 23, 2019.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Approve the retroactive Intergovernmental Agreement with BIA Chemawa Indian School in the amount of \$356,374 to provide a school resource officer.

TAX OFFICE

Approve a property tax refund in the amount of \$50,837.87 to MWSH Keizer, LLC

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved for approval of the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners reviewed their committee assignments and appointments:
 - Commissioner-Elect Willis attended the commissioners' strategic planning meeting where Commissioner Carlson's assignments were realigned among the other commissioners;
 - The East Salem liaison is a new function;
 - Commissioner-Elect Willis will be an honorary member of the Children and Families Commission, and:
 - Liaison to the Marion County Fair Board;
 - Liaison to the Health Advisory Board;
 - Liaison to the Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative Steering Committee;
 - Alternate for Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (MWACT);
 - Member of the Cable Regulatory Commission;
 - Budget committee member for the Northwest Senior and Disability Services;
 - SEDCOR Board of Directors member; and
 - Director's designee for the Willamette Valley Community Health Board of Directors.

ACTION

(Video Time 00:10:05)

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Consider approval of an order appointing Kevin Cameron as Chair, Sam Brentano as Vice Chair, and Colm Willis as Second Vice Chair of the Marion County Board of Commissioners. – Commissioner Janet Carlson

Summary of presentation:

- It is the tradition of the commissioners to appoint a chair on a rotating basis;
- Will take effect on January 7, 2019; and
- The chair serves as the facilitator of the board.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved for approval of an order appointing Kevin Cameron as Chair, Sam Brentano as Vice Chair, and Colm Willis as Second Vice Chair of the Marion County Board of Commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:13:37)

2. Consider an order approving the 2019 Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council Legislative Agenda. - Commissioner Janet Carlson

Summary of presentation:

- Commissioner Cameron will be the chair of the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council in 2019;
- Commissioner Cameron and Commissioner Carlson served as co-chairs in 2018;
- The council created a legislative agenda for the past several long legislative sessions;

- Gathered items to put forth to the legislative delegation at a January 29, 2019 briefing:
 - Areas of interest include:
 - Community Corrections, which includes the Justice Reinvestment Funds, Baseline funding, and Measure 57 funding.
 - Juvenile justice;
 - Mental health;
 - Law enforcement:
 - Includes prosecution;
 - Police evidence bills; and
 - Enforcement bills.
 - Victim Services:
 - Includes Center for Hope and Safety;
 - District Attorney's Victim Assistance; and
 - Alison Kelley from Liberty House has recommended support for bills that support victims.
 - Bills to watch regarding homelessness:
 - Many bills have been brought forward by the Oregon Housing Stability Council and the Oregon Housing Alliance.
- The legislative agenda is a fluid document:
 - Adjustments will be made as the legislative session progresses.
- The board passed a policy last week regarding legislative advocacy:
 - States that any county needs to have their legislative agenda ratified by the commissioners.

Board discussion:

- The recidivism rate has been reduced to 20 percent in Marion County;
- It is important to recognize the progress that has been made to help individuals turn their lives around; and
- This is the first time that the board has approved the legislative agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved for approval of an order adopting the 2019 Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council Legislative Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:22:50)

BUSINESS SERVICES

3. Consider approval of the PacificSource Health Plans Group Policy of Medical, Surgical, and Hospital Insurance contract in the amount of \$9,947,459 for county employee 2019 health benefits. – Colleen Coons-Chaffins

Summary of presentation:

- In October 2018, Business Services came before the board to request changing the health provider from Regence to PacificSource;

- The change was based on contract negotiations that Regence had at that time with Salem Health that are still not wrapped up;
- On October 10, 2018, the board approved the recommendations to change the Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) and the high deductible health plan carriers from Regence to PacificSource;
- The premium rate increase was four percent:
 - If the county stayed with Regence, the increase would have been more than 10 percent.
- The contract amount covers the PPO and high deductible health plan;
- The PPO is \$6.3 million and the high deductible plan is \$1.6 million;
- Staff recommends approving the contract;
- The change will be effective January 1, 2019; and
- Health insurance cards will be mailed out by January 1, 2019.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners appreciate the work staff has done to find a new provider;
- Health care costs are larger than PERS costs; and
- Health care costs have doubled in 16 years.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved for approval of the PacificSource Health Plans Group Policy of Medical, Surgical, and Hospital Insurance contract in the amount of \$9,947,459 for county employee 2019 health benefits. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:30:04)

PUBLIC WORKS

4. Consider approval of the vacation of a public walkway easement situated in Block 2 of Randall's Elkhorn Subdivision, and vest the easement to the abutting property owners on both the east and west sides of the walkway. – Phil Jones

Summary of presentation:

- Public Works received a petition requesting to vacate a public walkway easement located in Block 2 of Randall's Elkhorn Subdivision;
- The petition states that the walkway has never been developed, and serves no public purpose;
- The petition was signed by property owners to the west and east of the walkway;
- This walkway was created by the plat in 1959:
 - It is six feet wide;
 - 300 feet in length; and
 - It begins at Frances Street and end at the Little North Fork of the Santiam River.
- The walkway is covered with trees and brush;
- This is the last of four walkways created by the plat;
- The first three walkways were vacated by board orders in 2007 and 2008;
- If the vacation is granted, the property will be vested to the property owners to the east and west by extending the property owners boundary to the center of the property;

- There are no utilities that need to be protected by easements; and
- Public Works noticed the potential vacation and no comments were received.

Board discussion:

- The neighborhood is not fully developed; and
- The walkway was created for ease of river access, but was never developed.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved for approval of the vacation of a public walkway easement situated in Block 2 of Randall’s Elkhorn Subdivision, and vest the easement to the abutting property owners on both the east and west sides of the walkway. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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5. Receive the hearings officer’s recommendation denying Zone Change/Comprehensive Plan (ZC/CP) 18-002/Christ Good Shepard Lutheran Church and consider an order remanding the matter back to the hearings officer to consider a modified application. – Brandon Reich

Summary of presentation:

- Request to change the Comprehensive Plan designation from Single Family Residential to Multifamily Residential and zone the property from Single Family Residential to Multifamily Residential on a 3.4-acre portion of a 6-acre parcel located at, 4440 State Street NE, Salem;
- The hearings officer conducted public hearings on April 11, 2018 and May 16, 2018;
- On October 19, 2018, the hearings officer issued a recommendation denying the request;
- On December 14, 2018, the applicant submitted a letter requesting the board allow them to modify the application, addressing the issues raised by the hearings officer and neighboring property owners;
- The modified request will reduce the amount of land proposed to be rezoned Multifamily and allow an easement on State Street:
 - Will include a subdivision for six to eight lots for single family dwellings.
- The board has the following three options:
 - Receive the recommendation and remand the matter back to the hearings officer to consider a modified application;
 - Receive the recommendation and schedule a public hearing for January 23, 2019; or
 - Receive the recommendation and take no further action at this time.

Board discussion:

- There was opposition from the neighbors to construct multifamily housing;
- The portion of the church property in question is undeveloped;
- The modification will reduce the land zoned Multifamily;
- The county has not received the details of the modifications; and
- The county is in need of more housing.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to receive the recommendation and approve an order to remand the matter back to the hearings officer. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9:30 A.M.

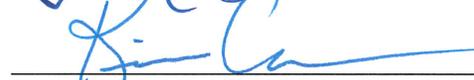
None.

Commissioner Carlson read the calendar.

Commissioner Carlson adjourned the meeting at 09:55 a.m.



CHAIR



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