

Report on issues discussed at the weekly Management Update meeting on February 2, 2015

Commissioners present: Commissioners Sam Brentano and Kevin Cameron

Others present: Commissioner Cameron, Commissioner Brentano, John Lattimer, Gloria Roy, Pam Hutchinson, Carolyn Stegal, Alan Haley, Tami Amala, Jolene Kelley, Tamra Goettsch, Joe Fennimore, Brandon Reich, Warren Jackson, and Gordean Ash as recorder.

Chief Administrative Officer John Lattimer called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

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2014 Environmental Health Quality Improvement Projects

Summary of presentation:

- Quality improvement (QI) consists of systematic and continuous actions that lead to measurable improvement in health care services.
- Complaints of phone calls not being returned;
 - Customer service issue,
 - Discovered the problem, remedied, and no longer a problem.
- Animal bites:
 - There was a lag in reviewing the animal bites according to policy,
 - People, time, paperwork, and the guidelines were problematic,
 - Developed solutions and the savings time were 29.6 hours saved each year, the front desk stress is lowered, and customer service increased.
- Inspection of mobile units;
 - Difficult finding the mobile units and doing required inspections
 - The results of this project was an increase in the inspection rate from 65% to 95% with documentation

Board direction:

- The commissioners requested a work session to review policy.

2015-2016 Planning Work Program

Summary of presentation:

- Update for the board concerning the duties and tasks completed by the Planning Division's staff.
 - Mr. Fennimore has been involved in backyard chickens and working with Association of Oregon Counties planners on the medical marijuana issues.
 - Mr. Fennimore and Mr. Reich have been involved in rule making at the state level and on committees dealing with transfer development rights for Measure 49 properties and population rules for expanding urban growth boundary (UGB).

- Mr. Reich has been involved in discussions with cities concerning UGB expansion,
- Not all issues can be addressed by presentation to the board. Gervais and Donald are posturing for possible UGB expansion.
- The planning commission had a public hearing on the backyard chicken issue and they are meeting and will get back to the board for direction.

Board discussion:

- Request for attention to Woodburn to help them concerning their UGB;
 - Woodburn has introduced a bill that states the boundary. If legislature approves then Woodburn will not need to address those issues. Mr. Reich and Barb Young are following this bill. He offered to create a letter of support from the commissioners.
- Commissioner Brentano has desired that Marion County not be a center for distribution of medical marijuana. Mr. Fennimore answered that they will keep that in mind.
- Request for planning look into a problem of structures on a right-of-way located at Sherman and Steincamp Roads. Planning will check further.

2013-14 Community Service Annual Report

Summary of presentation:

- The report contains community demographics, programs monitored and resources accounting administered by Community Services. The report will be sent to their board, community partners and will be posted on web page.
- Commissioner Cameron requested the report be linked to the board web page also.
- Mr. Lattimer pointed out the third grade reading level decrease. There was further discussion concerning the Department of Education, the Early Learning HUB and possible changes in measurements.
- Commissioner Brentano requested a letter be drafted to send to the State Board of Education.
- Mr. Lattimer said that employers say they cannot find trained people and it starts with reading skills.
- They will schedule the issue for Management Update in March with the recommended infrastructure. The advisory board will benefit from Marion County Commissioners' direction for a broader scope.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATE

Commissioner Brentano said he met with Salem Keizer Area Transportation Study (SKATS). They discussed SKATS projects. A majority of the funding was focused on the Portland/Metro area. However, SKATS will be funding some Amtrak. He is having trouble with SKATS distribution. He said he voiced his objections and the group went along with the package. Mr. Lattimer said that they changed the formula for county distribution on that package. Commissioner Brentano had voiced support for additional money to the Eastern Oregon Counties. Mr. Lattimer mentioned that it is important to fund small airports and short-line rail.

Commissioner Cameron said that he has been out and about in the county. It is good for the commissioners to have presence in the county. He met with SEDCOR Executive Meeting and Finance Sub-Committee drafting recommendations for the substantial reserves.

Commissioner Cameron met with Greg Ellis, Regional Solutions and reported a good meeting. He will meet with him every other month and plug him in with Barb Young.

Commissioner Cameron reported an assessment on Willamette Valley Vineyard. They have had a substantial increase in taxes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.