

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, May 15, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Commissioner Danielle Bethell, and Commissioner Colm Willis. Also present were Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer, Scott Norris as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

Commissioner Cameron called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
Commissioner Bethell arrived at 9:05 a.m.

(Video Time 00:00:53)

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to move item #12 under the Assessor’s Office from Action to Consent: Consider a resolution for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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PROCLAMATIONS

BUSINESS SERVICES – Action

1. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the week of May 12-18, 2024, as Facilities Management Week in Marion County. –Tamra Goettsch

Summary of presentation:

- The facilities team provides county wide support for buildings and customers;
- Recognition of World Facility Management Day began in 2009;
- Facilities management has an essential role in every community including:
 - Hospitals;
 - Counties;

- Cities; and
- Restaurants:
 - These individuals provide a daily service.
- The county's facilities team consist of the following:
 - Eleven building specialists:
 - They take care of all the maintenance needs; and
 - They work with the contractors.
 - Two electricians;
 - Seventeen custodial staff:
 - They work evening hours to ensure everything is clean and ready for the next day.
 - Experienced individuals who work on capital projects and address any issues that may arise include:
 - One project coordinator; and
 - One facilities analyst.
 - A facilities maintenance and systems coordinator that manages an electronic computerized maintenance system and addresses daily work orders that are submitted;
 - Three groundskeepers that take care of approximately 100-acres of land;
 - A control clerk that manages inventory;
 - Three supervisors that oversee facilities staff; and
 - One facilities manager.
- The facilities team maintains 740,000 square feet of buildings and properties; and
- There can be constant changes and the facilities team is always ready for the challenge.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners thanked the facilities team.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve a proclamation designating the week of May 12-18, 2024, as Facilities Management Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE – Action

2. Consider approval of a proclamation declaring May 12-18, 2024, as National Police Week in Marion County. –Commander Jason Bernards and Lieutenant Matt Wilkinson

Summary of presentation:

- National Police Week was established in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy;
- The annual event honors the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers' nationwide;
- Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Deputies provide the following every day:
 - Dedication;
 - Resiliency; and
 - Sacrifice.
- Deputies have worked through natural disasters including:
 - Wildfires; and
 - Ice storms.
- MCSO Deputies put themselves in harm's way daily to keep the county and communities safe.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners expressed their appreciation to the men and women who serve every day;
- Deputies are positive and friendly in negative and difficult situations;
- The MCSO is currently hiring individuals who want to work in public safety;
- Knowing the deputies personally makes it easier to understand the work that they perform;
- MCSO Deputies are leaders in communities;
- Deputies are trustworthy, good, and courageous;
- A local family donated a canine to the MCSO because the animal was not a good fit for the family:
 - The canine was trained as an officer;
 - The canine is a great dog, and the county has benefitted from the donation; and
 - This is a testament of how well the MCSO cares for their canines.
- The county has high employment standards:
 - The MCSO needs good individuals with great character.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a proclamation declaring May 12-18, 2024, as National Police Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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CONSENT

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

3. Approve Amendment #2 to the Contract for Services with Retail Lockbox, Inc. to add \$75,000 for a new contract total of \$265,000 and extend the term date to June 30, 2025, for lockbox services to support the Treasurer's Office and the Tax Collector.

12. Approve a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024-25 County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant.

(Motion made to move this item from Action to the Consent on the agenda)

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4. Approve an order delegating authority to the Marion County Chief Administrative Officer to execute an incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission in the amount of \$659,765 for the Behavioral Health Deflection Grant Program.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

5. Approve Amendment #7 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$83,922 for a new contract total of \$10,549,668 for Program Element (PE) 40-02, Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Services and Administration (NSA)

6. Approve Amendment #5 to the incoming funds Research Subaward Agreement with Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) to add \$77,698, for a new contract total of \$460,212 for a funding allotment for the dates of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, for the Title V Maternal and Child Services Block Grant.

7. Approve the Contract for Services with Robert Michael Wolf, MD in the amount of \$540,000 for direction and oversight of all behavioral health systems, medical operations, and medical staff providing services for psychiatric care.

HUMAN RESOURCES

8. Accept the 2024 Marion County Compensation Board recommendations for elected officials' compensation and forward the recommendations to the Budget Committee.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

9. Approve Amendment #1 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Salem Area Mass Transit District to add \$140,000 for a new contract total of \$280,000 and extend the term date to June 30, 2029, for shared technology services.

LEGAL COUNSEL

10. Approve a quitclaim deed for the release and quitclaiming of any right, title, or interest in a vacated right-of-way for a portion of Cordon Road as referenced in “Exhibit A” from Marion County to the Saddle Club Apartments, LLC.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE

11. Approve Amendment #2 to the Purchase Order with Santiam Memorial Hospital to add \$39,491.01 for a new contract total of \$139,491.01 to cover adults-in-custody medical invoices and anticipated expenditures through June 30, 2024.

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

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ACTION

ASSESSOR’S OFFICE

12. Consider a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024-25 County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant. –Tom Rohlfling

(Motion made and approved to move this item from Action to Consent on the agenda)

FINANCE

13. Consider approval of a resolution authorizing the financing of real and personal property in a not-to-exceed principal amount of \$9,950,000 for multiple, necessary capital projects.

–Jeff White

Summary of presentation:

- The resolution authorizing the financing of real and personal property was discussed at a prior meeting;
- The \$9,950,000 will be utilized to finance several capital projects:
 - Approximately \$7.5 million will be used for projects under the general fund:
 - The debt service for the general fund is estimated to be \$910,000.
 - Approximately \$2.5 million will be used for Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) projects:
 - The debt service for the MCHHS projects is estimated to be \$300,000.
- The county sent out an invitation on May 14, 2024, to over 37 banks to provide a proposal:
 - The banks are familiar with government financing;
 - Staff anticipates a good response to the invitation;
 - Submitted proposals will be evaluated; and
 - Staff will select the proposal that provides the following:
 - The best interest rate; and

- The best terms.
- The county is seeking a 15-year loan;
- The resolution includes some of the following information:
 - Authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to sign documents;
 - Provides the ability to recapture any funds spent before the loan's estimated closing date of June 12th;
 - The loan is backed by the full faith and credit of Marion County:
 - Any non-restricted funds will be available to make the loan payments.
- The legal debt margin is what statute will allow the county to borrow;
- Calculations are based on the county's real market values;
- As of June 30, 2023, Marion County has over \$57 billion that is over market value;
- The county could borrow up to \$1 billion of general obligation bonds:
 - The voters would need to pass this option; and
 - The county does not have any general obligation bonds.
- The county could borrow up to five percent or \$2.8 billion in pension obligation bonds:
 - The county has approximately \$23 million in pension obligation bonds that will be paid off in 2028 or 2029; and
 - Approximately 0.8 percent of what the county is allowed to borrow is still outstanding.
- The limited tax obligation is where the capital loans originate:
 - The limitation is one percent or \$577 million of the real market value;
 - The county has \$31 million in outstanding debt;
 - The payments that the county will make in 2023-2024 will bring the debt down to approximately \$28 million;
 - The new loan will add \$9.9 million; and
 - Utilizing the 2023 market value, this would put the county at approximately 6.6 percent of the available borrowing capacity for limited tax obligations.
- Marion County has been conservative when borrowing;
- The county does not carry a large amount of debt; and
- The loans assist the county with capital projects and improvements.

Board discussion:

- The difference between a limited tax obligation and a pension obligation entails the following:
 - Pension obligations are specific to any kind of pension debt, including liability with pers, that are funded with bonds; and
 - Limited tax obligation covers everything else.
- The difference between a limited tax obligation and a general obligation entails the following:
 - General obligation is a tax that is voted on by the public; and
 - A limited tax obligation is approved by the commissioners and does not need voter approval.

- The debt services for the Marion County Court House Square building will expire in 2024:
 - The building's structure remediation happened very quickly;
 - Approximately 300 employees were moved out of the building into areas across the City of Salem;
 - The remediation project took four years before employees could be moved back into the building; and
 - It has been 10 years since the building remediation was completed.
- The entire debt service was approximately \$1.5 million annually:
 - This included funding for the Marion County Jail.
- The county has been very financially conscious to make sure fiduciary duties are followed when borrowing;
- Marion County borrowed when interest rates were low for the following county buildings:
 - Juvenile;
 - Courts;
 - Health; and
 - The Public Safety Building.
- The county is currently working on the evidence building;
- Funds will assist with the following:
 - Roofing projects for older buildings; and
 - Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems.
- The county has been smart when borrowing and investing money;
- The county will have a debt of \$38 million if the resolution is approved:
 - The total projected annual debt service for 2024 will be \$9.6 million:
 - The general fund portion will be approximately \$3.5 million; and
 - The pers obligation bonds will be approximately \$5.7 million:
 - Assessments against the payroll is utilized for the pers obligation.
- An interest rate of 1.99 percent or 2.86 percent with today's inflation rate of 3.7 percent means in real terms that the county has a negative interest rate:
 - Over time the county will be paying less real money each year;
 - This was a result of the government artificially pushing down the rates;
 - This allowed the county to get a good rate; and
 - The low rates will financially benefit Marion County in the long term.
- The county prioritizes the needs and does not spend too much;
- The county exercised good planning and timing when borrowing for specific projects in the past;
- Borrowing under \$10 million allows the county to get a tax-exempt borrowing rate;
- County buildings will serve the public and employees well into the future; and
- The county is transparent when borrowing money for projects.

Motion: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a resolution authorizing the financing of real and personal property in a not-to-exceed principal amount of \$9,950,000 for multiple, necessary capital projects. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

14. Consider approval of Amendment #1 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$632,960.21 for a new contract total of \$20,864,726.37 for the Aid and Assist Project through June 30, 2025. –Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- The incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) primarily funds mental health and addiction treatment services for the non-Medicaid population;
- Amendment #1 corrects a funding formula error in OHA’s initial contract;
- The Aid and Assist Project is a service that the county provides to individuals who are unable to aid and assist in their own defense:
 - Individuals with pending criminal charges may have mental health challenges that prevent them from participating in their defense;
 - In-patient hospitalization may be required for the individuals; and
 - Some individuals may be assigned to community restoration services, which helps to prepare individuals to assist in their defense.
- The county provides some of the following to stabilize individuals and get them ready for trial if they are deemed able:
 - Community restoration services;
 - Legal skills training; and
 - Other support services:
 - Some individuals may be deemed unable to aid and assist in their own defense.
- The Oregon State Hospital is utilizing arbitrary timelines for the release of individuals from their facility:
 - The individuals may still require hospital level care;
 - The county provides community restoration wrap-around services for the individuals including:
 - Housing supports; and
 - Medication supports.
 - This contract will fund the county’s services; and
 - The service helps to ensure public safety.
- The funding is also utilized for the following:
 - A community restoration monitor at the Marion County Sheriff’s Office; and

- A portion of the fees for the deputy district attorney that manages the docket.
- The funds are for a high need population;
- Public safety concerns are considered;
- The county wants to ensure that they have the resources to appropriately manage this population.

Board discussion:

- Following a court order in 2022, the number of individuals utilizing the aid and assist project significantly increased from the low 20's to the high 70's:
 - Currently there are 55 individuals using the service.
- The current contract funding increase of \$600,000 will get the county to the funding level for the last biennium;
- Oregon legislature earmarked \$7.5 million for aid and assist programs:
 - The county has not received the funds yet;
 - The state is finalizing the funding;
 - The county anticipates being allocated approximately \$500, 000 to provide aid and assist services; and
 - The funding is based off a cost study that the state performed.
- This population group continues to grow, and investments continually need to be made;
- The county leases 37 transitional treatment beds across Marion County for individuals needing assistance;
- The Oregon State Hospital is releasing individuals that still need care into the county:
 - The county does not have adequate services available that are required by statute for the state to provide;
 - The services are expensive;
 - An individual is not required to stay and may leave if they choose to do so; and
 - Funding is being spent but individuals are not getting the level of help that they need.
- Citizens may not be aware of the state's failure to take care of individuals with mental health challenges:
 - Individuals are getting hurt;
 - Individuals that the state is releasing need a higher level of care;
 - Community restoration is not required for the individuals being released;
 - Individuals can leave treatment whenever they want; and
 - This is a current and ongoing problem.
- There are not only concerns for public safety, but also for the safety of the individual that is being released;
- Individuals that are being released need an in-patient setting where they can receive needed medications;
- The county cannot do anything to help individuals if they deny the assistance;
- The funding allows the county to manage difficult situations, but it does not fix the issue;

- Behavioral health providers and sheriff's office deputies put themselves in harms way when they interact with an individual with mental health challenges that can potentially harm another person;
- Staff that assist individuals with mental health challenges should be recognized for their work;
- The legislative order has put a burden on the courts; and
- The county has benefited from the relationship with circuit court judges:
 - The public as well as the individuals that cannot care for themselves would be worse off.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve Amendment #1 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$632,960.21 for a new contract total of \$20,864,726.37 for the Aid and Assist Project through June 30, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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PUBLIC WORKS

15. Consider the adoption of an administrative ordinance granting Zone Change (ZC) Case #23-004/Freshour Holdings, LLC, and DKG Holdings, LLC. –John Speckman

Summary of presentation:

- The Marion County Hearings Officer held a public hearing on Marcy 7, 2024;
- The hearings officer issued a decision on April 3, 2024, approving the application;
- The board received the hearings officer's decision and held the application for the mandatory appeal period;
- No appeals were received;
- Staff has prepared an ordinance and findings;
- Notice of the ordinance adoption was provided on May 1, 2024;
- The administrative ordinance is ready for the board to consider formally adopting;
- The county's zoning code states the board does not need to hold a public hearing for a zone change only request, if there is no appeal;
- The comprehensive plan is not changing; and
- The commercial comprehensive plan designation is not changing.

Board discussion:

- The two properties back up against each other:
 - They are between State Street, SE., and La Branch Street SE.
- Both properties are zoned commercial in the comprehensive plan;
- Both properties are zoned Commercial Retail (CR) in the county's zoning;
- The properties have contained multiple family residences for an extended period of time:

- State Street, SE. contains the following:
 - Two duplexes; and
 - A single-family dwelling.
- La Branch Street, SE. contains two single-family dwellings.
- The two properties are currently considered a non-conforming use within the CR zone;
- If the zone is changed to Commercial Office (CO), then the properties will be conforming;
- The CO zone will allow additional units to be built;
- Changing the zone to CO will still fit within the City of Salem’s Comprehensive Plan;
- The applicant’s long-term goal may be to expand;
- The area’s density would allow each property to have up to twelve units:
 - The properties would require significant redevelopment.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to adopt an administrative ordinance granting Zone Change (ZC) Case #23-004/Freshour Holdings, LLC, and DKG Holdings, LLC. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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16. Consider approval of the Construction Contract with the National Wood Treating Company in the amount of \$103,016.29 to provide timber fumigation treatment for various Marion County bridges through December 31, 2025. –Ryan Crowther

Summary of presentation:

- The contract provides for the treatment of 27 existing wood structures throughout the county;
- Fumigation is a chemical treatment that helps prevent wood rot and eliminate insects that create the rot:
 - Significant amounts of rain and Oregon’s climate can lead to wood rotting;
 - The original timbers were treated, but they have been in place for an extended period of time; and
 - The treatment extends a bridge’s life expectancy.
- Bridges are treated every ten years;
- The project scope entails the following:
 - The removal of existing spent cartridges;
 - The installation of new fume cartridges; and
 - Bridge reports are provided for each structure.
- The county received one bid for the project;
- National Wood Treating Company submitted a bid of \$103,016.29;
- The treatment for all the bridges must be completed by October 15, 2024; and
- The contractor is required to get into the water to treat the bridges, so work is typically performed during the summer months.

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Board discussion:

- Commissioner Bethell expressed for the record that mass plywood paneling is another option that competes with concrete.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the Construction Contract with the National Wood Treating Company in the amount of \$103,016.29 to provide timber fumigation treatment for various Marion County bridges through December 31, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

17. Consider approval of the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the following cities to provide law enforcement services from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025:

- The City of Aurora with a contract total of \$239,803;
- The City of Jefferson with a contract total of \$704,644; and
- The City of Sublimity with a contract total of \$241,427.

–Commander Jason Bernards

Summary of presentation:

- The item before the board is for three separate law enforcement patrol contracts with the following cities:
 - Aurora;
 - Jefferson; and
 - Sublimity.
- The new contract with the City of Aurora is for \$239,803:
 - This is an increase from the prior contract; and
 - The contract provides for one full-time deputy working 40 hours per week.
- The new contract with the City of Jefferson is for \$704,644:
 - This is an increase of \$15,000 from the prior contract; and
 - The contract provides for three full-time deputies.
- The new contract with the City of Sublimity is for \$241,427:
 - This is an increase of \$4,000 from the prior contract; and
 - The contract provides for one full-time deputy working 40 hours per week.

Board discussion:

- Overtime is included in the contracts:
 - Overtime for the following cities is minimal:
 - Sublimity; and
 - Aurora.
 - Overtime is generally for special occasions.
- The deputies work four 10-hour shifts.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Aurora for a contract total of \$239,803; the City of Jefferson for a contract total of \$704, 644; and the City of Sublimity for a contract total of \$241,427 to provide law enforcement services from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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18. Consider the re-adoption of the following four county ordinances and declaring an emergency:

- An ordinance prohibiting the violation of a posted restriction of use on a public right-of-way, in county parks, or on state, federal, or tribal properties;
- An ordinance prohibiting entering or remaining unlawfully on the property of another;
- An ordinance prohibiting littering; and
- An ordinance prohibiting the discharge of firearms at live standing timber without permission from the property owner.

–Lieutenant Matt Wilkinson

Summary of presentation:

- The ordinances were originally enacted in 2021 following the 2020 wildfires;
- The original ordinances had an expiring term date in 2023;
- Re-enacting the ordinances allows deputies to collaboratively provide enforcement on both public and private lands;
- Citations can be issued for violations on any public land parks including:
 - The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM);
 - The United States Forest Service;
 - The Oregon Department of Forestry; and
 - State parks.
- The ordinances allow for enforcement in any area where restrictions are posted;
- Offenders must appear in Justice Court;
- Entering or remaining unlawfully on the property of another and littering fall under criminal law:
 - A violation citation may be issued;
 - The violation does not need to be submitted to the District Attorney (DA) Office; but
 - Multiple citations for a repeat offender may be submitted to the DA’s Office for review and prosecution.
- Some parks are scheduled to open on May 15, 2024, and will require an emergency order that allows for enforcement:

- This will help to maintain the work that has already been done with trees and brush.
- Mr. Norris recommended that the board take action on each ordinance in succession so that it is clear that all four ordinances are being enacted.

Board discussion:

- By statute the board is only required to read the ordinance by title once:
 - This includes readings by emergency; and
 - If the board does not elect to read the title of the ordinance only then the entire ordinance will need to be read.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve an ordinance prohibiting the violation of a posted restriction of use on a public right-of-way, in county parks, or on state, federal, or tribal properties, and that the chair read the title of the ordinance once. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The chair read the title of each ordinance once and declared an emergency.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve an ordinance prohibiting entering or remaining unlawfully on the property of another and that the chair read the title of the ordinance once; Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The chair read the title of each ordinance once and declared an emergency.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve an ordinance prohibiting littering and that the chair read the title of the ordinance once. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The chair read the title of each ordinance once and declared an emergency.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve an ordinance prohibiting discharge of firearms at live standing timber without permission from the property owner and that the chair read the title of the ordinance once. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The chair read the title of each ordinance once and declared an emergency.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Bethell expressed the following:
 - She appreciates all the work that is being done in the North Fork corridor;
 - Residents have commented on the littering and trash dumping that is occurring in the area;
 - She appreciates the work that the Sheriff's Office is doing to find the individuals that are littering and dumping trash;
 - The public is encouraged to call the non-emergency line and report when they see individuals violating the restrictions;
 - Firing guns at standing timber can injure or kill a worker when the timber is milled; and
 - She thanked the Sheriff's Office for bringing the issues to the board so that they could be proactive in addressing the problem.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

9:30 A.M.

PUBLIC WORKS

A. Public hearing to consider an amendment to the Marion County Comprehensive Plan to concur with the City of Silverton Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). –Austin Barnes

Summary of presentation:

- The City of Silverton has proposed amending the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to add 40-acres of land for public recreation:
 - The city has held hearings on the matter; and
 - The city adopted an ordinance to add the acreage.
- Establishing or revising an UGB is a cooperative process between a city and the county;
- The City of Silverton has requested that the county concur in the UGB amendment;
- A resolution was approved by the commissioners on April 10, 2024, for the following:
 - To initiate amendments to the county's comprehensive plan to consider concurring with the city's UGB; and
 - To schedule a public hearing for May 15, 2024.
- The city would like to expand the UGB by adding 40-acres:
 - The land will be utilized for a new city park located on the east side of the city.
- The City of Silverton adopted a Parks Master Plan (PMP) in 2008:
 - The city performed public outreach for the plan; and
 - Two city council meetings were held:
 - Citizens attended the meeting and discussed a park and the potential impacts.
- The city conducted an analysis that identified the following:
 - A need for 30 to 50 acres of recreation land that is located near Pioneer Village;
 - An estimated 115-acres were needed overall for the entire city;

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- The city's east side is growing with new residential development; and
- Two existing city parks are overused.
- The city's findings support the following:
 - An UGB expansion; and
 - The land that needs to be included within the UGB.
- The city's findings address the following:
 - Oregon's land use Goal 14 factors; and
 - Statutory provisions for amending the UGB to include sufficient parklands within the boundary.
- City and county staff collaborated during the process;
- No issues were identified that that needed to be addressed;
- The 40-acres of UGB land will remain outside the incorporated city until it can be annexed in and provided with services:
 - Staff recommended the parcel be zoned Public until the annexation process is complete.
- Staff recommended that the board concur in the City of Silverton's request to amend the UGB; and
- If approved staff will prepare an ordinance for amendments to the county's comprehensive plan.

Testimony:

Support:

Jason Gottgetreu:

- Mr. Gottgetreu expressed the following:
 - He is the City of Silverton's Community Development Director;
 - The 40-acre property was donated to the city by Larry Epping in 2008 following the development of the city's PMP;
 - The city plans to develop the area as a passive recreation park that includes:
 - Walking trails;
 - Hiking trails;
 - Biking trails; and
 - A disc golf course.
 - The city currently does not have any funds budgeted for the project; and
 - This will assist with expanding the parks facility on the east side of the city where there is currently no large-scale park.

Board discussion:

- Pioneer Village is directly south of the proposed property;
- Portions of the City of Silverton city limits are west of the proposed property:
 - The area could be developed with 110 dwelling units; and
 - The area can accommodate 460 total units.

- The city will be meeting with Marion County Public Works staff in the future to discuss access to the site:
 - The northeast side is flat and provides the best access and parking options;
 - Parking is planned for the site that is away from area neighborhoods;
 - Residents can walk to the site utilizing an existing concrete staircase located off Hawk Drive; and
 - The pedestrian system will be built out from the existing neighborhood to the north.

Commissioner Cameron closed the public hearing.


MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve an amendment to the Marion County Comprehensive Plan to concur with the City of Silverton Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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Board discussion:

- Commissioner Bethell shared details from the recent meetings she and Commissioner Cameron attended in California for the Western Interstate Region (WIR) Conference:
 - The knowledge that she gained from other jurisdictions attending the conference will be beneficial to the residents of Marion County and the county’s continued wildfire recovery efforts.


Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.



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