

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Thursday, January 18, 2024
8:30 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, Jane Vetto as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

Commissioner Cameron called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

(Video Time 00:09:45)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

(Video Time 00:10:49)

CONSENT

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Board Committee Appointment – Parks Commission

1. Approve an order appointing Tabitha Henricksen as a Citizen-At-Large to the Marion County Parks Commission with a term ending December 31, 2027.

PUBLIC WORKS

2. Receive the hearings officer's decision approving Administrative Review (AR) Case #23-020/GRC Land Holdings, LLC.

3. Approve Amendment #1 to the incoming funds Lease Agreement with McKay Farms, Inc. to add \$65,520 for a new agreement total of \$131,040 and extend the term date to December 31, 2028, for the lease of 42-acres of farmland adjacent to the North Marion County Disposal Facility.

TAX OFFICE

4. Approve orders for a property tax refund for the following tax accounts:

- Advantage Self Storage, account 511716, in the amount of \$23,817.74;
- Advantage Self Storage, LLC, account 511718, in the amount of \$26,397.39;
- Corvallis Seniors, LLC, account 591420, in the amount of \$44,249.10;
- Hacienda West, LLC, account 572743, in the amount of \$40,877.65;
- Southbrook MHC, LLC, account 532680, in the amount of \$20,460.23;
- Weaver, Phillip K., account 322450, in the amount of \$36,272.33;
- Weaver, Phillip K., account 569318, in the amount of \$30,622.41; and
- Starlite MHC, LLC, account 522148, in the amount of \$92,084.13.

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

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ACTION

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Board Committee Appointment – Fair Board

5. Consider approval of orders appointing Dana Castano, Greg Martin, and Brandi Crandall to the Marion County Fair Board with Dana Castano's appointment ending December 31, 2024, Greg Martin's appointment ending December 31, 2025, and Brandi Crandall's appointment ending December 31, 2026. –Kelli Weese

Summary of presentation:

- Inclement weather prevented the appointees from attending the meeting in person.

Board discussion:

- There is one vacancy that still needs to be filled;
- Individuals interested in volunteering for the Marion County Fair are encouraged to apply;
- The Marion County Fair Board meets on the first Wednesday of every month;
- The month prior to the fair is a very busy time and there is much work to be done; and
- The county's Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the state for the fairgrounds expires in 2027:
 - The state has new policies that may impact the IGA; and
 - The state changes will be discussed at a later date.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve orders appointing Dana Castano, Greg Martin, and Brandi Crandall to the Marion County Fair Board with Dana Castano's appointment ending December 31, 2024, Greg Martin's appointment ending December 31, 2025, and Brandi Crandall's appointment ending December 31, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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BUSINESS SERVICES

6. Consider approval of the Purchase Order with Waxie Sanitary Supply in the amount of \$150,000 to provide janitorial supplies, industrial paper products, and custodial equipment for Marion County buildings through June 30, 2024. –Terry Stoner

Summary of presentation:

- The county's current contract with Waxie Sanitary Supply is for custodial supplies and small equipment;
- The current contract is for \$100,000;
- The request is to increase the Purchase Order up to \$150,000;
- This increase will be utilized for the purchase of equipment for the new Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) building;
- The county received three bids for the supplies and equipment;
- Waxie Sanitary Supply submitted the lowest bid; and
- Staff are requesting approval of the Purchase Order.

Board discussion:

- Contract review board is not needed as the amendment amount is small; and
- There was a management update meeting regarding this request.

Motion: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the Purchase Order with Waxie Sanitary Supply in the amount of \$150,000 to provide janitorial supplies, industrial paper products, and custodial equipment for Marion County buildings through June 30, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

9:30 A.M.

None.

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Board discussion:

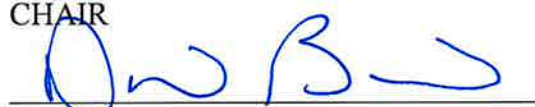
- Commissioner Bethell expressed the following:
 - County departments do a great job communicating information to the public;
 - There is a lot happening behind the scenes that the public does not see when there is inclement weather:
 - Public Works staff works extensive hours to prepare roads for upcoming inclement weather; and
 - The Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) responds to emergencies that are a direct result of the weather.
 - Departments that provide 24-hour services regardless of the weather include:
 - The Marion County Sheriff's Office;
 - The Marion County Jail;
 - The Marion County Juvenile Department;
 - Marion County Health and Human Services including:
 - The psychiatric crisis center;
 - Horizon House; and
 - The Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program team.
 - Marion County Business Services:
 - The facilities team are continually ensuring that parking areas are safe for staff that provide 24-hour services.
- Commissioner Cameron thanked the citizens that stayed home and kept themselves and their families safe;
- Commissioner Bethell shared her experiences from her recent trip to Washington D.C. where some of the following was discussed:
 - The opioid and homelessness crisis;
 - The work Marion County is performing to address the issues; and
 - Funding challenges that counties face.
- Commissioner Willis discussed a recent article in a local publication that expressed the following:
 - The State of Oregon spends twice as much per person on treating mental illness but is in the bottom five nationwide for positives outcomes;
 - The article argued that this is because the state is not in control of everything, but this is not true;
 - Oregon has not done a good job of handling the Oregon State Hospital;
 - Individuals that claim to be experts do not know what is occurring in local communities;
 - This author does not understand the treatment process and how the work gets done; and


- There is not an understanding of how the process works for an individual on the street, living with an addiction, that transitions to a safe place and receives treatment.
- Commissioner Bethell expressed a federal government representative feels counties will be the entities to find resolution for the opioid epidemic:
 - They are aware that local level authority is witnessing every day the negative impacts of the crisis;
 - A partnership between counties and cities is needed to solve the crisis;
 - The state needs to provide adequate resources in an equitable manner, because every community is different including:
 - Populations;
 - Cultures; and
 - Geographies.
 - Federal funding should go directly to the counties and not the state; and
 - Counties are able to distribute the funding to communities faster than the state.

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Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 9:12 a.m.


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