

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, January 20, 2021
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, Jane Vetto as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

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

(Video Time 00:00:41)

Commissioner Cameron requested a moment of silence to reflect upon democracy in the United States and the inauguration of President-elect Joseph Biden.

(Video Time 00:01:32)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION

(Video Time 00:01:39)

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) update. –Katrina Rothenberger

- As of January 20, 2021, there has been an estimated 16,394 cumulative cases within the county from the start of the pandemic in March of 2020;
- Ms. Rothenberger reported a 15 percent decline in COVID-19 cases for the time period of December 31, 2020, through January 20, 2021;
- The testing rate increased to 10,000 tests during the prior two-week time period;
- A one percent decline in the percent positivity rate was reported;
- An estimated 21,574 individuals have been immunized with the COVID-19 vaccine:
 - An estimated 1,690 individuals have been fully immunized with the second round of the vaccination.
- Inpatient hospital care has declined with an estimated 42 county residents currently being treated for symptoms related to COVID-19;

- Marion County, along with the following counties, are considered part of Region 2 for Oregon's emergency response:
 - Benton;
 - Lincoln;
 - Linn;
 - Polk; and
 - Yamhill.
- The current hospital capacity within Region 2 as of January 19, 2021, includes the following:
 - The region has an estimated 787 cumulative non-Intensive Care Unit (ICU) hospital beds:
 - An estimated 145 adult non-ICU hospital beds are available.
 - The region has an estimated 124 cumulative ICU hospital beds:
 - An estimated 34 adult ICU hospital beds are available.
- Oregon received the following for the week of January 10, 2021:
 - An estimated 50,700 Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines:
 - The vaccines were dispersed to hospitals and skilled nursing care facilities.
 - And estimated 25,000 Moderna COVID-19 vaccines:
 - The vaccines were dispersed to hospitals and local public health agencies.
- The Marion County Board of Commissioners Office along with the Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) Department drafted a letter to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) attesting that the county is ready to move into Phase 1B of the COVID-19 vaccine sequencing;
- The county has received a letter from OHA authorizing vaccine distribution to employees of the following education groups:
 - Early learning;
 - Child care; and
 - Kindergarten through Grade 12 (K-12).
- It is anticipated that senior citizens over the age of 80 can begin receiving the vaccine on February 8, 2021:
 - Vaccines will be distributed to seniors in the following phases:
 - Seniors age 80 or older will be the first to receive the vaccine;
 - Seniors age 75 or older will be the second to receive the vaccine;
 - Seniors age 70 or older will be the third to receive the vaccine; and
 - Seniors age 65 or older will be the fourth to receive the vaccine.
- Individuals who have received the COVID-19 vaccination are encouraged to share the following with a MCHHS Public Information Officer:
 - Their experiences with receiving the vaccine; and
 - Their decision to receive the vaccine.
- Rigorous clinical trials were performed on the COVID-19 vaccines:
 - The results have shown the vaccines to be safe and effective.
- Side effects associated with the COVID-19 vaccines include some of the following:

- Pain at the injection site;
- Fatigue;
- Headache;
- Muscle pain; and
- Chills.
- MCHHS is tracking adverse reactions to the COVID-19 vaccines:
 - Individuals encountering one of the following reactions to the vaccine are encouraged to contact a physician:
 - An allergic reaction; or
 - A high fever.
- Individuals can find vaccine updates through the following:
 - The county's website;
 - Social media channels; and
 - Community partners.
- MCHHS is actively working to track COVID-19 vaccinations.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Willis expressed the following:
 - His appreciation to the MCHHS team for all their hard work and efforts with the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - Marion County is a leader in terms of vaccinating individuals:
 - The county has one of the highest per capita rates for COVID-19 vaccine doses within the larger Oregon counties.
 - The following community partners have contributed to the vaccine efforts:
 - Salem Health; and
 - Santiam Hospital.
 - Work is underway for the following:
 - Getting education employees vaccinated; and
 - Getting children back to in-school learning.
 - The county has seen a decrease in COVID-19 positive cases; and
 - Communities are becoming safer.
- Commissioner Bethell expressed the following:
 - The county is working diligently to get communities reopened;
 - She appreciates the updates listing the number of positive COVID-19 cases;
 - County residents need to continue to work hard to fight the pandemic:
 - Wear face masks; and
 - Practice good hygiene.
 - Communities need to continue to move forward in fighting the COVID-19 virus.
- Commissioner Cameron expressed the following:
 - Four individuals were admitted to the hospital with COVID-19 symptoms on January 19, 2020;
 - Three deaths related to COVID-19 were reported;
 - County citizens need to continue implementing good COVID-19 practices; and

- Senior citizens need to continue to be a vaccination priority.

CONSENT

(Video Time 00:12:17)

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OLCC Applications – Recommended Approval

BBK, Inc., dba Taste of Hawaii – Aumsville, Oregon

Approve an order authorizing the application for a United States Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program grant and delegating authority to Jan Fritz, Marion County Chief Administrative Officer, to sign the grant application.

TAX OFFICE

Approve an order for a property tax refund in the amount of \$64,863.44 to Reser's Fine Foods.

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

ACTION

(Video Time 00:13:34)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. Consider approval of Amendment #18 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$83,846.80 for a new contract total of \$9,516,989.55 for basic public health services and programs provided by Marion County through June 30, 2021. –Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- Amendment #18 adds an estimated \$83,846.80 to the IGA through June 30, 2021;
- CARES Act flu funds is the primary funding source that was added to the IGA in the estimated amount of \$63,723:
 - The CARES Act flu funds were initially awarded in Amendment #16 to the IGA; and
 - The county is receiving additional CARES Act funding in Amendment #18 to the IGA.
- The additional funding supports some of the following during the flu season:
 - Flu shot vaccines;
 - Flu clinics with the farm worker housing population; and
 - The temporary employment of an individual to coordinate the following:
 - The flu efforts; and

- COVID-19 vaccines.
- An estimated \$10,000 of the funding will assist with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program:
 - The county has continued to provide WIC services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and
 - Individuals participating in the WIC program have access to the following:
 - Food vouchers; and
 - Nutritional supports.
- An estimated \$10,124 of the funding will assist with emergency preparedness for the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - The funds assist with staff training for some of the following:
 - Responding to COVID-19; and
 - Responding to community needs during an emergency.
- Language related to expiration dates was added to the amendment:
 - The language was added prior to the federal government extending the CARES Act funding;
 - The county received notice from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) advising that the IGA was eligible for a date extension; and
 - The county responded back to the OHA requesting the date extension.
- Language edits are in line with the federal government’s changes to the CARES Act funding.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve Amendment #18 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to add \$83,846.80 for a new contract total of \$9,516,989.55 for basic public health services and programs provided by Marion County through June 30, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:18:26)

2. Consider approval of a Contract for Services with Dr. Kay Lynn Dieter, MD in the amount of \$308,880 to provide medical assessment and supervision for individuals receiving adult mental health services through January 31, 2022. –Cydney Nestor

Summary of presentation:

- Dr. Dieter has been a prescriber with MCHHS adult behavioral health program for an estimated 10 years; and
- Dr. Dieter provides psychiatric services to adults in the program.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve a Contract for Services with Dr. Kay Lynn Dieter, MD in the amount of \$308,880 to provide medical assessment and supervision for individuals receiving adult mental health services through January 31, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:20:07)

Board discussion:

- Support groups for victims of the wildfire are available:
 - MCHHS behavioral health clinicians are participating in the support group efforts.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
9:30 A.M.

None.

Commissioner Willis read the calendar.
Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

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