

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, November 8, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: Commissioner Colm Willis, Commissioner Kevin Cameron, and Commissioner Danielle Bethell. 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.
Commissioner Willis arrived at 9:01 a.m.

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PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – Action

1. Consider approval of a proclamation designating Marion County as a Green Light for Veterans County and declaring November 6, 2023, through November 12, 2023, as Green Light for Veterans week in Marion County. –Alvin Klausen

Summary of presentation:

- Counties across the country are participating in “Operation Green Light”;
- “Operation Green Light” shows support for veterans by lighting buildings green for the dates of November 6th through November 12th;
- Shining a green light lets veterans know they are seen, appreciated, and supported;
- The freedoms and liberties that citizens enjoy are due to the service and sacrifices of veterans;
- The proclamation is a symbolic gesture that honors veterans and signifies support for the following:
 - Over 20,000 veterans who live Marion County; and
 - The 163 veterans that serve communities as Marion County employees.
- The proclamation is part of the county’s effort to illuminate a path towards a better and brighter future for all veterans.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners expressed their appreciation to all veterans;
- There are multiple veterans that work for Marion County;
- It is important for citizens to recognize veterans and the sacrifices they have made;

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- Veterans who are Marion County employees came forward, introduced themselves, and announced the United States military branch that they served;
- Marion County was designated as a Purple Heart County in 2022:
 - The designation honors all veterans wounded in combat; and
 - Purple Heart signs will be installed on roads that enter and exit Marion County.
- The county's website for recruitment has a specific section where veterans can apply;
- Marion County values veterans countywide;
- The commissioners expressed their appreciate to veterans who have become county employees, and who want to continue the tradition of public service;
- It is significant and appropriate to honor Veterans Day the day after elections:
 - Many places in the world do not have the opportunity for free elections;
 - Veterans have made sacrifices so that United States citizens can vote; and
 - The men and women in the United States Armed Forces protect Americans freedoms.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a proclamation designating Marion County as a Green Light for Veterans County and declaring November 6, 2023, through November 12, 2023, as Green Light for Veterans week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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Marion County Sheriff Nicholas Hunter:

- Many residents of Marion County have sent in photos of the green lights at their homes and businesses;
- A single day is not enough to celebrate veterans;
- Many Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) employees are veterans and giving them recognition is important; and
- Veterans' sacrifices are why citizens have the freedoms that they have today.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

David Beem:

- Mr. Beem expressed that disabled individuals respect veterans;
- Many businesses do not have accommodations for disabled veterans to enter their facility and restrooms;
- More Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) push-button devices are needed in buildings.

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PRESENTATION

2. 2023 Project Joy Fundraiser kickoff. –Kathy Bolen and Erin Hampton, Project Joy

Summary of presentation:

- Project Joy supports children in the foster care system;
- Children in foster care are some of the most vulnerable community members;
- Foster care is a temporary living arrangement for youth who need a safe place to live;
- Youth are placed in foster care when parents or caretakers are unable to safely care for them;
- In 2022 an estimated 700 children were in Marion County foster homes:
 - Most of the youth are under the age of twelve; and
 - The average stay for a child is eighteen months to two years.
- The state provides general care for youth, but the funding may not be enough for Christmas and birthday gifts;
- Marion County employees have provided gifts for foster care children for multiple years;
- In 2022 county employees were able to help 67 families and 169 children;
- Staff purchased over 400 gifts for youth which included:
 - Toys;
 - Clothes;
 - Diapers; and
 - Hygiene products.
- County staff raised approximately \$9,700 for Project Joy;
- The 2023 Project Joy campaign will run from November 20th through December 8th:
 - Gifts will be collected on December 11th and December 12th.
- Various types of donations are needed including:
 - Wishlist items;
 - Diapers;
 - Hygiene items; and
 - Money.
- The Brothers Collection is an outside supporter that hosts a toy drive to benefit Project Joy:
 - A muscle and sports car private collection is on display in a 117,000 square-foot building;
 - Approximately \$30,000 was raised in 2022;
 - The event collected an estimated 4,000 toys; and
 - Visitors attending the event donated \$10 and one unwrapped toy.

Erin Hampton:

- Ms. Hampton is the Project Joy Coordinator;
- Project Joy provides merchandise for three events every year:
 - Christmas;

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- Birthdays; and
- Back-to-school.
- Ms. Hampton read out loud a letter received from a youth in foster care;
- The term resource family is now utilized instead of foster family:
 - The whole family needs to be incorporated, including biological children;
 - Biological children give up time with their parents when youth are taken into the home;
 - The term foster kid can come with a stigma; and
 - The youth become a part of the foster family.
- Older youth in the foster system can be bullied outside of the family; and
- The youth need to know that they have a place:
 - They are accepted; and
 - They are seen.

Board discussion:

- The fundraiser is a testament to how much the community cares for the youth in foster care:
 - All children matter; and
 - Project Joy is one way that the county can fight for the youth.
- Fostering is a way to keep families and communities together;
- The commissioners expressed their appreciation to Ms. Bolen for her continued years of service and work on the project;
- Monetary donations help fill the needs for the older youth; and
- There is a list for youth that may have sensory needs.

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CONSENT

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Board Committee Appointment – Justice Reinvestment Council

3. Approve an order appointing Commander Mike Hartford as the Sheriff’s Office Community Corrections Commander to the Marion County Justice Reinvestment Council with a term ending December 31, 2024.

Board Committee Appointments – Board of Property Tax Appeals

4. Approve orders reappointing Robert Riggi as Chairperson to the Chairpersons’ Pool; Jennifer Sasaki as Vice-Chairperson to the Chairpersons’ Pool and the Non-Office-Holding Pool; and Jack Yarbrough to the Non-Office-Holding Pool for the Marion County Board of Property Tax Appeals (BoPTA) with terms ending June 30, 2025.

HUMAN RESOURCES

5. Approve the recommendation to update the titles and classifications, and uphold the pay grades for class codes #560, IT Security Analyst; #641, GIS Analyst 3; #642, GIS Analyst 2; #643, GIS Analyst 1; #651, Programmer Analyst 2; #659, Programmer Analyst 1; #660, Programmer Analyst 3; #668, Database Administrator; and #674, IT Project Manager; update the titles and classifications, and adjust the pay grades upward for class codes #653, IT Supervisor; #654, IT Manager; #662, Network Analyst 2; #663, Network Analyst 3; #669, Database Administrator Senior; and adopt and establish the classification and pay range for IT Security Analyst under class code #644.

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

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ACTION

COMMUNITY SERVICES

6. Consider approval of the Economic Development Grant Agreement with Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR) in the amount of \$160,000 to provide business recruitment, retention, and expansion services retroactive to July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

–Kelli Weese

Summary of presentation:

- The county is awarding an Economic Development Grant Agreement to the Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR);
- The agreement helps to support the following efforts within Marion County:
 - Regional economic development;
 - Business retention; and
 - Expansion.
- SEDCOR supports the Mid-Willamette Valley which includes the following counties:
 - Marion;
 - Polk; and
 - Yamhill.
- SEDCOR works to ensure that businesses that bring additional resources into the community are supported;
- SEDCOR acts as a convener between the following, to promote job growth and economic vitality:
 - Businesses;
 - Local governments; and
 - Non-profit organizations.
- The grant agreement will continue to support SEDCOR in their efforts;
- The proposed agreement is for a one-year term:

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- It is retroactive to July 1, 2023;
- It expires on June 30, 2024; and
- It can be extended for an additional two years with an ending term date of June 30, 2026.
- The agreement is for a not-to- exceed amount of \$160,000; and
- The agreement will be funded through Marion County’s Economic Development Lottery funds.

Board discussion:

- SEDCOR supports the agreement;
- SEDCOR has started recruiting for a business retention and expansion manager job position; and
- The job position will be advertised through the county’s social media sites.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the Economic Development Grant Agreement with Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR) in the amount of \$160,000 to provide business recruitment, retention, and expansion services retroactive to July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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SHERIFF’S OFFICE

7. Consider approval of the Purchase Order with Terradyne Armored Vehicles Inc. in the amount of \$410,485 for the purchase of one armored tactical vehicle for the Marion County Sheriff’s Office, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Program. –Sheriff Nicholas Hunter

Summary of presentation:

- The request is for the purchase of one new armored tactical vehicle;
- The Marion County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO), Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) program started in 1998;
- The first vehicles incorporated into the program were a bank car and a converted bread van;
- In later years, decommissioned military vehicles were obtained through federal programs:
 - Vehicles were altered and converted for civilian law enforcement;
 - The vehicles do not have enough capacity for personnel;
 - The vehicles do not support the needs of SWAT personnel;
 - The two vehicles are 14 years and 25 years old;
 - The vehicles are not mechanically supported any longer; and
 - Custom parts are required to repair the two vehicles.
- Tactical response needs to happen quickly and efficiently:
 - An operating vehicle is essential.
- The MCSO will use the new vehicle for some of the following:

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- Search and rescue; and
- Mass notification utilizing a long-range acoustical device system.
- The vehicle allows for a quicker response time;
- The vehicle provides current technology including a zoom camera;
- It is a tactical vehicle, but it does not have a military platform;
- The vehicle is street legal and can be licensed;
- A formal Request For Proposal (RFP) process was performed;
- Terradyne Armored Vehicles Inc. has been selected to provide the armored tactical vehicle; and
- Staff is requesting approval of the Purchase Order with Terradyne Armored Vehicles Inc.

Board discussion:

- Certification is required to operate the vehicle.


Motion: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the Purchase Order with Terradyne Armored Vehicles Inc. in the amount of \$410,485 for the purchase of one armored tactical vehicle for the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) Program. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS
9:30 A.M.**

None.


Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.



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