

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: Commissioner Colm Willis and Commissioner Sam Brentano. Also present were Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer, Jane Vetto as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

ABSENT: Commissioner Kevin Cameron

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT

None.

ACTION

(Video Time 00:37:50)

FINANCE

1. Consider approval of a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2019-20 second supplemental budget. **(TO BE ACTED ON FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING)** –Debbie Gregg

(Video Time 00:00:45)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

2. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the month of March as National Problem Gambling Awareness Month in Marion County. –Michael Keuler and Susan McLauchlin

Summary of presentation:

- Last year a community assessment was conducted regarding problem gambling:
 - Community awareness is low; and
 - Goals of the program are:
 - Increase awareness about the harms of problem gambling; and
 - Decrease prevalence of regular gambling among youth.

- Objectives of the program include:
 - Raise community awareness about risks of gambling;
 - Increase perception of harm with gambling activities among youth;
 - Reduce the prevalence of gambling among youth; and
 - Maintain a knowledgeable and prepared problem gambling prevention workforce.
- Problem gambling is a continuation of gambling activities despite negative personal, social, or financial consequences;
- If a person meets four or more criteria, as described below, they have met the diagnosis for a gambling disorder:
 - Preoccupied with gambling;
 - Hiding or lying about gambling;
 - “Chasing” losses with more gambling;
 - Restlessness or irritable when not gambling;
 - Repeated unsuccessful attempts to stop;
 - Borrowing money to gamble;
 - Gambling to escape problems;
 - Increasing bets; and
 - Jeopardizing relationships and job opportunities.
- Problem gambling affects the person as well as other people and family members;
- There are approximately 83,800 people in Oregon who meet the criteria for a gambling disorder:
 - Approximately 174,150 people in Oregon are at risk to develop a gambling disorder:
 - Have met three or fewer criteria in the last 12 months.
- In Marion County there are roughly 21,000 people who are at-risk or disordered;
- Individuals can move back and forth along the continuum:
 - Most people do not gamble, or have issues with gambling;
 - About 5.4 percent have low level problems; and
 - There are about 2.6 percent that have moderate to severe problems.
- Problem gambling has consequences financially, as well as to health and family;
- Often times when individuals have gambling problems, they also have problems with other issues such as:
 - Alcohol;
 - Drugs;
 - Tobacco;
 - Suicidal ideation; or
 - Mental health.
- Problem gambling is an addiction treated similarly to drug or alcohol dependence:
 - It was previously thought to be an impulse control issue.
- A person is eight times more likely to develop a gambling disorder if someone in their family is diagnosed with the disorder;
- For each disordered gambler, 8-10 people are seriously affected by their gambling issues;

- In Oregon, approximately 70 percent of clients treated cite video lottery terminals as their primary location to gamble;
- Focusing efforts to raise awareness in certain designated areas, based on data from the Oregon Lottery:
 - Northeast and downtown Salem;
 - Woodburn; and
 - Stayton.
- The state of Oregon’s campaign is called Reflect, Resource, Renew:
 - Reflect on gambling habits, being responsible;
 - Find resources needed if an issue arises; and
 - Renew commitment to responsible gambling or abstain from gambling if there is an issue.
- Ways to raise awareness include:
 - Presentations and events;
 - Movie theatre ads;
 - Online targeted ads;
 - Billboard;
 - FM/AM radio stations ads:
 - Spanish and English stations.
 - Coffee sleeve ads;
 - Promotional materials; and
 - Posters and rack cards.
- Advertising in Stayton, Woodburn, and Salem;
- There is an upcoming, free event called “Gambling In Sight, Seeing Problem Gambling”:
 - Last year’s event was well attended;
 - Cohosting with Bridgeway Recovery;
 - Will be held on March 31, 2020, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.;
 - Location is Broadway Commons;
 - Will cover basics of gambling awareness; and
 - In depth information on how problem gambling affects people personally.
- A calendar depicting gambling through the eyes of middle school students will be on display:
 - Three entries were from Marion County.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Brentano stated that it is peculiar that the state promotes as well as inhibits gambling;
- Video lottery started approximately 15 years ago in the state; and
- A portion of lottery dollars goes to treatment and prevention:
 - Partner with Oregon lottery to promote responsible gambling.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved to approve a proclamation designating the month of March as National Problem Gambling Awareness Month in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

(Video Time 00:26:04)

3. Consider approval of a Contract for Services with Pelton Project, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$540,000 to provide home and community based services for qualified Medicaid recipients through February 28, 2021. –Cydney Nestor

Summary of presentation:

- Through the Request for Proposal process, Pelton Project, Inc. was selected as the awardee for the contract;
- Pelton has provided habilitative services for quite a few years;
- Services provided are for individuals who live independently, and include:
 - Reminders to take medication;
 - Light housekeeping;
 - Grocery shopping; and
 - Budgeting.
- Staff members provide services at supportive and supported housing sites;
- Pelton bills Medicaid directly; and
- The county then pays for any services that are not covered by Medicaid.

Board discussion:

- Many individuals that receive services are also supported from Northwest Human Services:
 - The services are complimentary to one another.
- The individuals served by the contract are CHOICE eligible;
- Medicaid is billed whenever possible, and is supplemented by state funding for individuals who are not Medicaid eligible; and
- Pelton Project, Inc. is a local company.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved to approve a Contract for Services with Pelton Project, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$540,000 to provide home and community based services for qualified Medicaid recipients through February 28, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:31:33)

4. Consider approval of Amendment #2 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority adding \$316,753 for a total of \$783,009 for HIV Early Intervention and Outreach Services through December 31, 2022. – Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- The contract is to provide HIV Early Intervention and Outreach services:
 - It is for a five year term.
- It is a community based initiative designed to end new HIV transmissions in Oregon and to provide quality care for individuals living with HIV;
- A mobile clinic van has been out in the community providing outreach and testing:
 - In 2019, there were 43 outreach testing events; and
 - The number of individuals tested increased by 60 percent.
- Services include the following:
 - Provide testing;
 - Outreach;
 - Linkage to services and care;
 - Provide health literacy and education; and
 - Referral services.
- The mobile clinic van has been a great addition to the array of services provided by the health department;
- The additional funding will continue to enhance the services that are already being provided:
 - Also includes funding for a program director.

Board discussion:

- In Marion County, 15 to 20 percent of the population is being treated for HIV:
 - The grant will provide testing and intervention to prevent that number from growing.
- The five year grant was awarded to several counties:
 - The state redistributed funding because not all counties require the same amount of funding.
- With the extra funding, the plan is to engage more community partners, as well as ramp up testing and outreach events.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved to approve Amendment #2 to the incoming funds Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority adding \$316,753 for a total of \$783,009 for HIV Early Intervention and Outreach Services through December 31, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9:30 A.M.

(Video Time 00:37:50)

The notice of public hearing on the Board of Commissioners website incorrectly listed the time of the hearing to begin at 10:30 a.m. The Finance Department's public notice in the Statesman Journal listed the correct time of the hearing to begin at 9:30 a.m. and was properly noticed.

FINANCE

A. Public hearing to consider adopting the second supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20.
– Debbie Gregg

Summary of presentation:

- The presentation of the second supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 is in accordance with local budget laws and county policies;
- The public hearing was noticed and posted in the Statesman Journal on February 20, 2019;
- Copies of the budget are available on the Finance Department's website and at the Board of Commissioner's Office;
- The supplemental budget was reviewed in detail by the commissioners at Management Update on February 24, 2020;
- The supplemental budget request increases to the county's budget by \$1 million;
- Significant changes include:
 - General Fund increased by \$300,000:
 - Mostly due to accounting changes for recording of franchise fees.
 - Increase in Sheriff's Office Personnel costs for recent changes to the bargaining agreement:
 - Offset by a reduction in Materials and Services and Contingency.
 - Public Works Fund increased by \$210,000:
 - Agreement with City of Donald for Americans with Disability Act (ADA) ramp improvements.
 - Community Corrections Fund and Sheriff's Grant Fund increased by \$200,000:
 - Personnel costs for changes to bargaining agreement.
 - Capital Improvement Project Fund increased to recognize new and modified projects:
 - Reserve for Future Expenditures was decreased to cover the increase.

Board discussion:

- Ms. Gregg stated they are getting ready for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget; and
- Revenues and expenditures are being held to budgeted amounts.

MOTION: Commissioner Brentano moved to close the public hearing and adopt the second supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Brentano read the calendar.
Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

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