

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, April 27, 2022
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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PROCLAMATION

SHERIFF’S OFFICE -- ACTION

1. Consider approval of a proclamation declaring May 1-7, 2022, as National Corrections Professionals Week and May 6-12, 2022, as Nurses Appreciation Week in Marion County.
–Undersheriff Jeff Wood and Lieutenant Kate Abraham

Summary of presentation:

- The county’s corrections professionals perform an incredible job under difficult circumstances;
- National Corrections Professionals Week started in 1984;
- The week recognizes the professionalism, integrity, and strength of the dedicated professionals who work at the Marion County Jail, and the Marion County Transition Center;
- Marion County’s corrections professionals have many duties, including the following:
 - Maintaining a safe, humane, and secure jail facility;
 - Enforcing the rules within the confines of the Marion County Jail;
 - Facilitating the court process; and
 - Providing transportation for Adults-In-Custody (AIC).
- The county recognizes the important role that all sworn deputies and non-sworn staff perform within the corrections system;
- Corrections personnel engage with AIC individuals, their families, and the community;

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- The department provides programs that make the AIC incarceration period as productive as possible;
- The department keeps the community and staff safe;
- The county's correction nurses have been doing an incredible job following the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - Their workload has been demanding; and
 - AIC may have more medical conditions that require treatment.
- Delays in the court system has resulted in individuals remaining in custody for an increased length of time.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners expressed that corrections staff is professional and that their morale is high;
- The Marion County Jail staff has strong leadership, and the facility is well managed;
- Jail staff have received positive feedback from outside agencies visiting the site on how clean and well maintained the facility is;
- Capital Improvements Projects for the Marion County Jail have contributed to the maintenance and upkeep of the facility;
- The proclamation recognizes nurses who work within the corrections system; and
- Marion County Jail deputies treat AIC individuals with respect.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve a proclamation declaring May 1-7, 2022, as National Corrections Professionals Week and May 6-12, 2022, as Nurses Appreciation Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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2. Consider approval of a proclamation declaring May 15-21, 2022, as Police Recognition Week in Marion County. –Undersheriff Jeff Wood and Commander Jeff Stutrud

Summary of presentation:

- National Police Officers Memorial Day was started on May 15, 1962:
 - The calendar week in which May 15th falls was established as National Police Week; and
 - National Police Week pays special recognition to law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty and for those who work to ensure the safety and protection of Marion County communities.
- The Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Enforcement Division provides police services to some of the following:
 - Unincorporated areas located within Marion County; and
 - Cities and districts that contract for services which includes:

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- The East Salem Service District;
 - The City of Jefferson;
 - The City of Sublimity; and
 - The City of Aurora.
- The workload for law enforcement has been very heavy in the last several years;
- MCSO deputies respond to areas and scenes where individuals may be having their worst day, and a community may be having its worst moment;
- The deputies provide some of the following:
 - They assist communities;
 - They help victims;
 - They hold individuals who have committed crimes accountable;
 - They work with neighborhoods;
 - They work with the Marion County District Attorney's Office; and
 - They collaborate with other agencies.
- The mobile crisis teams provide mental health supports;
- Deputies participate in the MCSO Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program;
- The deputies perform a vital role in all areas of the criminal justice system;
- MCSO Deputies patrol over 1,100 square miles within Marion County and provide services to keep communities safe;
- The deputies work through problems they encounter with compassion, empathy, and dedication; and
- The deputies strive to resolve complex situations that may arise.

Board discussion:

- Every one of the county's public safety employees is dedicated to their job;
- County residents often take safety for granted;
- The entire system, which includes the following, is important:
 - Police officers;
 - MCSO Deputies;
 - The Marion County District Attorney's Office;
 - Marion County Jail deputies;
 - Parole and probation deputies;
 - Re-entry staff; and
 - Other public safety employees.
- The commissioners expressed their appreciation to all public safety employees;
- The MCSO has great leadership and values humility:
 - The department focuses on the work and service that they provide; and
 - Deputies are both humble and professional.
- The MCSO is a leader within the communities;
- Communities witnessed the bravery of MCSO Deputies during the 2020 wildfires;

- MCSO Deputies also perform work that is not emergency related, including advocating for communities;
- Law enforcement goes above and beyond in fulfilling their duties;
- The commissioners expressed their appreciation to the MCSO for the work that they perform:
 - The services that they provide are important and significant.
- The MCSO does a great job in leading and interacting with communities; and
- The MCSO strives to educate communities and provide assistance.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a proclamation declaring May 15-21, 2022, as Police Recognition 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

None.

(Video Time 00:33:06)

ACTION

ASSESSOR’S OFFICE

3. Consider a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2022-23 County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant. – Tom Rohlfiing and Rachael Estill

Summary of presentation:

- The legislature created the County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant in 1989 to stabilize funding for property tax assessment and taxation, and includes the following Marion County departments:
 - The Assessor’s Office;
 - The Tax Office;
 - The Board of Property Tax Appeals through the Clerk’s Office;
 - Assessment and taxation support provided by Information Technology; and
 - Tax distribution through the Treasurer’s Office.
- The funding for the statewide CAFFA is derived from the following:
 - A percentage of interest collected on delinquent property taxes; and
 - Document fees from the Clerk’s Office.
- The total CAFFA funds to be distributed statewide this year are projected to be \$18.9 million:
 - This is a three percent decrease from the prior year.
- The certified grant expenditures for all county departments for fiscal year 2022-23 is \$7,846,918;
- The actual grant revenue to Marion County is estimated to be \$1,092,439:
 - This is 13.92 percent of the county’s expenditure amount; and

- It is 14.02 percent of the assessor's budget.
- Since the origination of the CAFFA grant in 1989, the fund has covered approximately 35 percent of assessment and taxation expenditures; and
- Currently, the CAFFA grant funds approximately 14 percent of property tax assessment and taxation expenditures.

Board discussion:

- The county's General Fund will cover the remaining 86 percent;
- Property tax assessment and taxation is state mandated;
- The Assessors Association continues to look for stable funding for assessment and taxation:
 - A statewide solution is needed.
- Some counties are not able to properly fund assessment and taxation.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2022-23 County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. Consider approval of Amendment #6 to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to remove funding for COVID-19, Active Monitoring, PE01-09 in the amount of \$184,364.52 for a new contract total of \$14,105,669.89. –Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- The request is to remove funding in the amount of \$184,364.52;
- The amendment is primarily an accounting adjustment;
- The funds are not restricted to just COVID-19 expenditures;
- The funds were provided by a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) grant that was received by Oregon Health Authority prior to COVID-19:
 - The funds were awarded in 2019; and
 - The intention was to award the funds to local public health authorities through 2024:
 - In 2021, it was decided that the full amount would be awarded for the entire contract period so that the funds would be available to local public health authorities if needed.
- The grant spans through 2024, but the county's contract with the state is for one year at a time only:
 - As a result, the following occurs:
 - A reconciliation period is started by the state rolling over an estimated beginning balance for the new contract period; and

- When the state receives the county’s final expenditure awards linked to the last contract period, the beginning balance is then reduced for the new contract period.
- Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) goal has been to limit the number of expenditures related to COVID-19 to these specific funds:
 - There are other funding sources that can be utilized for COVID-19 activities; and
 - MCHHS wants the funds utilized on items that will have a long-standing impact, including increasing communicable disease monitoring, response, and support.
- The amendment does not remove the funding because the funds were utilized in the prior contract period:

Board discussion:

None.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve Amendment #6 to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to remove funding for COVID-19, Active Monitoring, PE01-09 in the amount of \$184,364.52 for a new contract total of \$14,105,669.89. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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

None.

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

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