

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, April 28, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATION

(Video Time 00:02:55)

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

- Ms. Rothenberger reported the following updates for the COVID-19 pandemic as of 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021:
 - There have been an estimated 21,025 cumulative cases within the county from the start of the pandemic;
 - The current positivity rate is estimated to be 8.5 percent;
 - An estimated 300 individuals have died from symptoms related to COVID-19; and
 - An estimated 45 county residents are currently being hospitalized for symptoms related to COVID-19.
- The data for the two-week period April 11, 2021, through April 24, 2021, is as follows:
 - There were 1,041 cases of COVID-19;
 - Case rate of 299.3 per 100,000 residents;
 - Test positivity rate of 8.8 percent; and
 - 45 percent increase over the previous two-week period.
- The majority of cases are coming from central Salem, northeast Salem, Brooks, and Keizer;
- This Friday 15 counties, including Marion County, are entering the extreme risk category:
 - Counties stay in the extreme risk category for a maximum of three weeks;

- A county can move to a lower risk level before the end of the three-week period if COVID-19 case rates come down; and
- Data will be reviewed weekly.
- Following are some of the restrictions that come with being in the extreme risk category:
 - Restaurants and bars must close indoor dining;
 - Gyms and indoor entertainment will have significantly reduced capacity; and
 - Social gatherings are discouraged.
- Outdoor capacity limits for restaurants and bars will increase from 50 to 100 people;
- Oregon has administered 1.7 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine;
- An estimated 1.2 million Oregon residents are fully vaccinated;
- More than 121,000 Marion County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine;
- Over 86,000 Marion County residents are fully vaccinated;
- Vaccination appointments are available;
- On Friday, April 23, 2021 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration lifted the pause on the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, issuing a warning about a potential side effect of rare blood clots occurring in women under the age of 50;
- The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup determined that the Johnson and Johnson vaccine is generally safe and effective, and its use can be resumed if information is available to recipients on the potential side effects of the vaccine;
- Following are Oregon Health Authority's updated quarantine recommendations for individuals exposed to COVID-19:
 - Individuals who are not fully vaccinated need to quarantine for 14 days; and
 - Individuals who are fully vaccinated and symptom-free are not required to quarantine.
- Since January 2021 the majority of cases are occurring in 20-29 year olds; with the next largest number of cases occurring in 30-39 year olds; and
- Health and Human Services recommends that individuals get vaccinated.

Board discussion:

- Rising numbers in statewide hospitalizations contributed to Marion County entering the extreme risk category;
- Unemployment is still available for employees laid off due to COVID-19 restrictions;
- The Association of Oregon Counties and the Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association sent a letter to the governor explaining that they do not support the closures;
- Oregon hospitals are not being overrun with COVID-19 cases; and
- The positive case numbers are small when compared with total population numbers of the county.

PROCLAMATION

(Video Time 00:16:30)

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – ACTION

1. Consider approval of a proclamation declaring May 2-8, 2021, as National Corrections Professionals Week and May 6-12, 2021, as Nurses Appreciation Week in Marion County – Sheriff Joe Kast, Commander Jeff Stutrud and Lieutenant Warren McDaniel

Summary of presentation:

- Sheriff Kast presented Action Items #1 and #2 together;
- National Corrections Professionals Week started in 1984:
 - During the week corrections officers are recognized who exemplify professionalism, integrity, and strength.
- Nurses Appreciation Week recognizes nurses for their hard work and the excellent care they provide to the community;
- Police Recognition Week started in 1962:
 - During the week special recognition is paid to law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.
- Corrections professionals, nurses, and law enforcement work very hard keeping the county safe; and they deserve to be recognized and appreciated.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners thanked these groups for all of the hard work they do on behalf of the county.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the proclamation declaring May 2-8, 2021, as National Corrections Professionals Week and May 6-12, 2021, as Nurses Appreciation Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

(Video Time 00:19:27)

2. Consider approval of a proclamation declaring May 9-15, 2021, as Police Recognition Week in Marion County. –Sheriff Joe Kast, Commander Jeff Stutrud, and Lieutenant Warren McDaniel

Board discussion:

None.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the proclamation declaring May 9-15, 2021, as Police Recognition Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES –ACTION

3. Consider approval of a proclamation declaring the month of May 2021, as Mental Health Awareness Month in Marion County. –Cydney Nestor, Lara Sprouse, Melody Nova, Lisa Kingsley, Scott Vu, and Viridiana Pozos

Summary of presentation:

Cydney Nestor:

- The three emergencies experienced by the county this past year have dramatically impacted residents' mental health;
- Individuals who have never accessed mental health services before are now accessing these services;
- Behavioral Health encourages individuals to seek help when they are feeling stressed, overwhelmed, worried, or anxious; and
- During Mental Health Awareness Month Behavioral Health shares a message of hope, and does what it can to de-stigmatize individuals asking for help.

Lara Sprouse and Scott Vu:

- National and Oregon rates of suicide did not increase in 2020;
- There was an increase in the number of individuals accessing crisis services and calling support lifelines;
- Individuals suffered from increased isolation and loneliness as a result of COVID-19 restrictions; and
- Behavioral Health is hosting wellness activities throughout the month for community residents and Marion County employees.

Melody Nova:

- Ms. Nova has been an addictions recovery peer mentor for over three years;
- The isolation due to COVID-19 restrictions contributed to Ms. Nova's existing depression; and
- Reaching out to even just one person can have a dramatic positive effect.

Lisa Kingsley:

- Ms. Kingsley shared her family's success story of raising a child with severe mental illness;
- The Kingsleys struggled to find proper help for their child until they were connected with the county's New Solutions program;
- New Solutions assigned a care coordinator who developed a care plan that involved the family, their community support system, and health care providers;
- Marion County Youth and Family Crisis Services also helps families experiencing mental health crises;
- Police now work with a mental health care team when responding to mental health crises:

- The Kingsleys were able to meet the team before they had a crisis.
- With the support provided by the county the Kingsley's child was able to graduate from high school while staying in the family home;
- The Kingsley's child now lives in a group home and receives support through Marion County Developmental Disability Services; and
- Partially due to the support and services received from Marion County, the Kingsleys have a relationship with their child that they never thought would be possible.

Board discussion:

- The board expressed their appreciation to Ms. Kingsley for sharing her story;
- Commissioner Bethell feels the county needs expanded access to mental health care services;
- Families dealing with mental health issues face tremendous challenges;
- There is a significant shortage of mental health providers in Oregon and Marion County;
- It takes courage to reach out and ask for help;
- There are hotlines available to individuals in need; and
- Behavioral Health recognizes that telehealth is not a solution for everyone, and they have kept their offices open during the pandemic.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a proclamation declaring the month of May 2021, as Mental Health Awareness Month in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.
Viridiana Pozos read the proclamation in Spanish.

CONSENT

(Video Time 01:07:55)

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OLCC Applications – Recommended Approval

Capital Futbol Club, dba Salem Indoor – Salem, Oregon

PUBLIC WORKS

Approve Amendment #3 to the Contract for Services with SCS Engineers to add \$135,780.80 for a new contract total of \$849,694.80 for environmental monitoring and reporting services for Marion County's disposal and landfill facilities through June 30, 2022.

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

ACTION

(Video Time 01:09:01)

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

4. Consider a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2021-22 County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant. –Tom Rohlfig and Rachael Estill

Summary of presentation:

- The grant was created in 1989 by the Oregon Legislature to stabilize funding for property tax collection;
- The grant supports the following:
 - Assessor's office;
 - Tax office;
 - Board of property tax appeals;
 - Assessment and taxation support provided by information technology; and
 - Tax distribution of property tax revenue through the county treasurer's office.
- The grant funds come from the following sources:
 - A percentage of interest collected on delinquent property tax accounts; and
 - A portion of document recording fees.
- For Fiscal Year 2021-22 an estimated \$19.5 million in CAFFA funds will be distributed statewide:
 - Increase of 1.1 percent from the previous year.
- Certified grant expenditures for Marion County for Fiscal Year 2021-22 are an estimated \$7,276,672:
 - The county estimates it will receive \$1,157,308 in grant funding:
 - 15.744 percent of the total expenditure amount.
- When the CAFFA grant started in 1989 it funded approximately 35 percent of the total expenditure for assessment and tax collection.

Board discussion:

- The assessor's office total budget of \$7,372,000 includes charges that are not considered certified expenditures under the grant; and
- The \$7,276,672 certified grant expenditures budget covers expenditures in departments outside of the assessor's office:
 - These departments support assessment and tax collection, and the charges are considered certified expenditures under the grant.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-22 County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

5. Consider approval of an order appointing Beth Hill, Rebecca Hill, and Daniel Atsbaha to the Marion County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee with terms ending December 31, 2024. –Corissa Neufeldt, Rebecca Hill, and Daniel Atsbaha

Summary of presentation:

Corissa Neufeldt:

- The advisory committee has a maximum of 12 members;
- The advisory committee is comprised of individuals representing families, providers, and advocacy agencies who support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities;
- The advisory committee supports the work of the county, and advises the board on disability issues and how the county can better support the intellectual and developmental disabilities community; and
- Beth Hill represents Shangri-La.

Rebecca Hill:

- Ms. Hill works for Creating Opportunities;
- Creating Opportunities is an advocacy organization that supports families of children with developmental disabilities; and
- Ms. Hill has personal experience with children with a developmental disability, and feels this experience will provide insight and value to the advisory committee.

Daniel Atsbaha:

- Mr. Atsbaha has been an adult foster care provider in Marion County since 2015;
- Mr. Atsbaha runs three homes that support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
- Mr. Atsbaha has personal experience with a child that has developmental disabilities, and feels he could contribute to the advisory committee.

Board discussion:

- The bylaws of the advisory committee require a minimum of 8 members, with a maximum of 12; and
- Human Services is actively recruiting for additional board members from the following groups within the intellectual and developmental disabilities community:
 - Providers;
 - Advocates; and
 - Family self-advocates.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve an order appointing Beth Hill, Rebecca Hill, and Daniel Atsbaha to the Marion County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee with terms ending December 31, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
9:30 A.M.

None.

Commissioner Cameron read the calendar;
Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

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