

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, May 10, 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 Jane Vetto as county counsel and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

**ABSENT:** Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer.

Commissioner Cameron called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.  
Commissioner Willis arrived at 9:06 a.m.

*(Video Time 00:00:37)*

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

James Weigel:

- Mr. Weigel expressed the following regarding the gates in the North Fork area of Marion County:
  - He wanted to know who authorized the gates blocking the county roads;
  - He requested to know who paid for the gates;
  - How long are the roads going to be closed to the public;
  - Mr. Weigel expressed that he was advised that the gates are there to prevent wildfires and theft in the area;
  - Anyone driving on a county road knows what the hazards and risks are;
  - A sign would be as effective as a gate;
  - He fears that the gates could become permanent;
  - The gates are blocking public lands for the recreational corridor;
  - He is not opposed to private properties being blocked;
  - As a taxpayer he feels he should not be restricted from entering public lands; and
  - When gates are installed on county roads, the roads become overgrown with foliage, and they no longer function as fire blocks.

Commissioner Cameron expressed the following:

- He thanked Mr. Weigel for attending board session to provide public comment;
- A decision has been made to open the gates sometime after Labor Day:
  - The gates will remain on the public lands, but they will be open; and

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- The gates are not temporary.
- Public members will be able to hunt and fish on the public lands in the fall;
- The county has no control over road closures on federal or state lands;
- There have been multiple Town Hall meetings in the Santiam Canyon to advise the public of the county's plans for parks recovery;
- Everyone has been negatively impacted by the wildfires; and
- The county is working to address the road closures.

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## **PROCLAMATION**

### **BUSINESS SERVICES – ACTION**

1. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the week of May 7-13, 2023, as Facilities Management Week in Marion County. –Tamra Goettsch

#### ***Summary of presentation:***

- World Facilities Management Day was initiated in 2009 to recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the contributions of individuals working in facilities management;
- Facilities management entails providing service for some of the following:
  - The air-conditioning system;
  - Heating systems;
  - Water accessibility in county buildings; and
  - Maintenance for all county buildings.
- There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work in maintaining the county's numerous facilities;
- Well maintained facilities start with some of the following:
  - Quality control;
  - Architecture and engineering services;
  - Contract services;
  - A support system; and
  - Implementing technology to save money and save energy.

#### ***Board discussion:***

- The Commissioners thanked the employees who maintain the county's facilities:
  - It is important behind-the-scenes work.
- The culture, attitude, and spirit of public service that the facilities team brings to their work impacts the entire county; and
- The work that the facilities team performs matters.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a proclamation designating the week of May 7-13, 2023, as Facilities Management Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

*(Video Time 00:18:01)*

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – ACTION

2. Consider approval of a proclamation declaring May 15-21, 2023, as National Police Week in Marion County. –Sheriff Joe Kast and Commander Jeff Stutrud

***Summary of presentation:***

- In 1962 President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week of the 15th as National Police Officers Week;
- The week is a time to honor and recognize the great work of all law enforcement officers;
- Over the past several years emergency situations have impacted everyone:
  - Deputies and staff have continued to provide excellent service through all the challenges they have faced.
- Sheriff Kast read a letter that he received from a Criminal Justice Academy high school student in California:
  - The student was required to do a research project on a fallen peace officer in honor of National Peace Officers Memorial Day:
    - The student chose to do his project on Deputy Kelly James Fredinburg who died in the line of duty in Marion County on June 16, 2007, while responding to a Code 3 call; and
    - The student sent his condolences to the department's deputies.
- Sheriff Kast expressed that he worked with Deputy Fredinburg:
  - Deputy Fredinburg was an amazing investigator, a great co-worker, and a great friend to everyone.

***Board discussion:***

- The county invests approximately 80 percent of the general fund in public safety;
- Safety is important in all departments;
- Sheriff's deputies are the front lines every day;
- The commissioners thanked all the county's law enforcement for the work that they do to keep everyone safe, even risking their own lives;
- Commissioner Willis expressed that he is appreciative of the bravery shown by law enforcement in this community:
  - Every day they put the safety of the community above their own safety.
- Current laws and restrictions can make it challenging for law enforcement to protect communities:

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- Deputies respect and follow the laws with transparency.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a proclamation declaring May 15-21, 2023, as National Police Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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## CONSENT

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#### OLCC Application – Recommended Approval

3. THEPINK2 Inc., dba, The Pink Elephant – Salem, Oregon

#### OLCC Application – Recommended Approval

4. Genuine Food Lab, LLC, dba Genuine Foods – Salem, Oregon

### PUBLIC WORKS

5. Approve Amendment #2 to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Marion County Board of Commissioners and Marion County Public Works to reduce the grant award from \$1,000,000 to \$800,000 for the Lebrun Road Resurfacing Project through December 31, 2026.

6. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Woodburn for the annexation and jurisdictional transfer of a portion of Butteville Road located within the city's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

**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

### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

7. Consider approval of Amendment #2 to the Contract for Services with Matthew Piehler, PMHNP, to add \$300,000 for a new contract total of \$534,000 to provide skilled medical assessments and supervision through February 10, 2024.

–Katrina Griffith and Natalie Stone

#### **Summary of presentation:**

- The Amendment #2 is required due to a math error, and to increase Mr. Piehler’s hourly rate:
  - Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) performed a salary study:
    - Due to the results of the study MCHHS will be requesting contract increases for some of the county’s prescribers, including Mr. Piehler.
  - Mr. Piehler is one of the county’s Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) prescribers, and there is a \$25 differential for individuals working with the ACT team.
- The \$300,000 includes a cushion in case additional hours are necessary:
  - The current rate is \$145 per hour; and
  - This is a \$10 per hour increase.

#### **Board discussion:**

- The ACT team sees clients who have severe and persistent mental health illness:
  - The ACT team goes into the community to see clients; and
  - The ACT team receives a differential because the work is harder.
- Mr. Piehler performs office work, telehealth, and community response;
- Commissioner Bethell requested a report detailing the number of unsheltered clients being served:
  - Ms. Griffith noted that there are unsheltered clients being served in MCHHS Behavioral Health who are not participating in the ACT program:
    - Commissioner Bethell requested these numbers be included in the report.
- Commissioner Willis expressed that this is a not-to-exceed contract:
  - The county agrees to pay \$145 per hour;
  - The contract is a not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000; and
  - Mr. Piehler is only paid for the hours that he works.
- The contract is for up to 36 hours per week.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Bethell moved to approve Amendment #2 to the Contract for Services with Matthew Piehler, PMHNP, to add \$300,000 for a new contract total of \$534,000 to provide skilled medical assessments and supervision through February 10, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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**PUBLIC WORKS**

8. Consider approval of the Purchase Order (PO) with Premier Truck Group of Portland in the amount of \$224,065 for the purchase of one 2024 Freightliner 4,000-gallon water truck for the Brown’s Island Compost Facility through April 30, 2024. –Andrew Johnson

***Summary of presentation:***

- The request is for the purchase of one 2024 Freightliner 4,000-gallon water truck;
- The truck will be utilized at the county’s Brown’s Island Compost Facility and Demolition Landfill;
- In 2022, the facility received the following from the public and public entities:
  - Approximately 60,000 yards of construction and demolition material; and
  - Approximately 60,000 yards of yard debris.
- The water truck is a valuable tool, as water is a part of the composting process;
- The water truck is also a valuable firefighting tool:
  - Heat is a part of the composting process;
  - The compost can have hot spots;
  - Having the water truck on-site can mitigate hazards before they become bigger issues.
- Options for the board to consider include:
  - Approve the Purchase Order for one 2024 Freightliner water truck; or
  - Do not approve the Purchase Order.
- Staff recommended approval of the Purchase Order.

***Board discussion:***

None.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the Purchase Order (PO) with Premier Truck Group of Portland in the amount of \$224,065 for the purchase of one 2024 Freightliner 4,000-gallon water truck for the Brown’s Island Compost Facility through April 30, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9:30 A.M.**

None.

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***Board discussion:***

- Approximately 50 percent of the yard debris received in 2022 at the Brown’s Island Compost Facility was from ice storm clean up conducted throughout the county;

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- Commissioner Bethell expressed the following:
  - The ribbon cutting for the new Wednesday Chemeketa Market is at 3:00 p.m. at the agricultural building on the Chemeketa Community College campus; and
  - MCHHS is conducting a vote for videos created by Marion County youth that showcases different concepts of mental health and how to overcome situations:
    - Six high school groups submitted videos;
    - The videos can be found on the MCHHS Facebook page; and
    - Individuals can vote for their favorite video.
- The Commissioners continue to support the Youth Wage Grant Program:
  - Early work experience is important; and
  - It is also important to educate youth on the taxes that are deducted from their paychecks.
- Commissioner Willis remarked that everyone should contribute in some way to their community:
  - Individuals contribute by paying taxes to help make the community as a whole work together for the common good; and
  - If the individuals that are responsible for safeguarding those contributions break the community's trust, it creates a crisis in the community.
- County residents can sign up for the Marion County Clerks Office Voter Notification System to receive notifications of election deadlines.

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

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