

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, May 4, 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

Ian Watts:

- Mr. Watts is the chair of a local volunteer group, Oregon People’s Vote;
- The group was formed in January 2021 with the intention of being an election integrity group:
 - The groups wish is to work closely with the Marion County County Clerk’s Office to learn about, and possibly help improve, the election process within the county.
- The group has toured the Marion County election’s office multiple times;
- The organization has participated in the following:
 - Recounts;
 - Observed elections; and
 - Gathered signatures for referendums.
- The organization has worked closely with other election integrity groups located throughout Oregon;
- The group conducted a door-to-door survey in two City of Salem precincts to verify public voter registration and election history records:
 - The group found that the information on record was often incorrect with a range of anomalies including:
 - An incorrect address for the resident on file;
 - The address listed was not a residence but was an actual business or empty property lot; and
 - An individual expressed that they had voted but the vote was never registered.
- Mr. Watts expressed that the voter rolls are messy and should be reviewed; and
- Mr. Watts also expressed that the processes for voter registration should be reviewed.

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Marty Altschol:

- Mr. Altschol expressed the following:
 - He has been working with Oregon People's Vote;
 - His work entails communications with the oldest voters on the Marion County voter rolls;
 - He has found incorrect birthdays listed for numerous older voters;
 - Voters may be registered in two different counties;
 - He has found voters who have been deceased for multiple years but are still listed on the voter rolls;
 - Some individuals had expressed they could not remember when they last voted and efforts to determine the individual's last voting date was unsuccessful;
 - The data listed on the mailed cards may not be producing the correct information; and
 - He expressed concerns with deceased individuals being put back on the voter rolls.

Jason Yordy:

- Mr Yordy expressed the following:
 - He became concerned with the election process following the 2020 national election;
 - He joined Oregon People's Vote and assisted in the organizations canvassing efforts;
 - Under Oregon law an individual is registered to vote based on their place of residence;
 - He determined that there were 11 voters registered at the address of a rehabilitation center that were not residents of the center;
 - There were voters who were registered at non-existent addresses;
 - He encountered an individual who handed their ballot to a person that was walking through the neighborhood collecting ballots, but the individual's vote was never registered;
 - He encountered an individual who expressed that they were informed that their vote did not count due to a signature issue; and
 - Mr. Yordy feels that work needs to be done to restore voters' faith in the voting process.

Walt Pieters:

- Mr. Pieters expressed the following:
 - He is a member of Oregon People's Vote;
 - From 2016 to 2020 the county's population increased from 335,000 to almost 346,000:
 - This is a growth increase of three percent.
 - There were an estimated 133,369 votes cast in the 2016 federal election:
 - There were an estimated 168,254 votes cast in the 2020 federal election:

- This is an increase of 20.7 percent; and
- Mr. Pieters wondered if it was possible to increase the voter count by 20.7 percent when there is only a population growth of three percent.
- He has contacted addresses that have large numbers of registered voters at the same address:
 - This includes housing facilities, housing authority groups, and apartment complexes:
 - The housing facilities are not allowing Oregon People’s Vote onto their properties to verify the information on the voter rolls; and
 - The facilities are not providing any information.
- He is originally from Ohio; and
- He feels the voting process in Oregon is complicated and unclear.

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PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - ACTION

1. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the month of May 2022, as Older Americans Month in Marion County. –Commissioner Danielle Bethell and Judith Richards, Northwest Senior and Disability Services Advisory Council

Summary of presentation:

Judith Richards:

- The Older Americans Act provides the following to seniors in need:
 - Food;
 - Transportation; and
 - Assistance finding home care.
- The Northwest Senior and Disability Services Advisory Council is looking for additional members to serve on the council;
- One of the items the council works on is legislative work;
- The council meets once a month;
- The council’s board has the final say on determining if a project will work for the older Americans being served;
- The council serves five counties; and
- The public is welcomed to watch the council’s meetings on Zoom.

Board discussion:

- Older Americans often have needs that are different than the needs of young families; and
- Marion County citizens look after each other.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a proclamation designating the month of May 2022, as Older Americans Month in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous

The Commissioners read the proclamation.

(Video Time 00:25:57)

2. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the week of May 6-12, 2022, as National Nurses Week in Marion County. –Commissioner Danielle Bethell, Sherri Steele, Chief Nursing Officer Santiam Hospital, Lisa Lewis, ICU Nurse Salem Health, Dina Young, Marion County Addiction Services Nurse, Natalie Stone, Marion County Behavioral Health Nurse, Laurinda Beagle, Marion County Public Health Nurse, Krista Wellsandt, Santiam Hospital, and Jen Brady, Santiam Hospital

Summary of presentation:

Commissioner Bethell:

- Nurses perform some of the most difficult and heartbreaking tasks in the medical world including:
 - Assisting with life-threatening emergency room crises;
 - Delivering babies; and
 - Caring for the elderly in their last moments of life.
- Nurses are the first point of contact for most patients; and
- National Nurses Week honors the contributions and sacrifices made by nurses; and
- It reminds everyone to thank the medical professionals who keep us healthy.

Sherri Steele:

- Ms. Steele is the Chief Nursing Officer for the Santiam Hospital; During the pandemic nurses had to navigate the same challenges faced by every citizen including some of the following:
 - Childcare issues;
 - Homeschooling;
 - Spouses losing jobs;
 - Financial issues;
 - The COVID-19 virus;
 - Wildfires;
 - An ice storm;
 - Patient surges;
 - Supply chain issues; and
 - Other challenges.
- During the pandemic nurses were asked to do more and more as staffing shortages increased;
- Nurses are nurturing, united, resilient, strong, and empowered; and

- Nurses make a difference in the lives of their patients, their patients’ families, and in their communities.

Lisa Lewis:

- Ms. Lewis is an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) nurse at Salem Health;
- Nurses serve both on the clock in their careers and off the clock in their personal lives;
- The nursing profession is a community; and
- In the beginning of the pandemic nurses were seen as heroes, but as the pandemic progressed and became political many individuals were against nurses:
 - The situation became very hard on all nurses; and
 - Protests were held outside of some hospitals.

Dina Young:

- Ms. Young expressed the following:
 - She has worked in the medical field for 15 years;
 - She has been serving Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS), Addiction Services for over three years;
 - Her co-workers are like an extended family;
 - MCHHS Addiction Services aids approximately 216 individuals including adults struggling with opiate use disorders:
 - Treatment plans are tailored to meet an individual’s needs including specialized services for some of the following:
 - Pregnant women;
 - Families with dependent children;
 - Individuals in the child welfare system; and
 - Individuals in the criminal justice system.
 - MCHHS Addiction Services helps the most vulnerable people in our community who are at risk for overdose and death;
 - She is one of three nurses working in the MCHHS Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services program:
 - Nurses in the MAT program work with counselors to devise ways to support clients in their recovery efforts; and
 - The nurses also provide documentation and observation to the medical director.
 - Ms. Young thanked the commissioners for recognizing all the hard work that nurses perform.

Natalie Stone:

- Ms. Stone works at MCHHS Adult Behavioral Health with clients who deal with severe mental illness:
 - The illness can be debilitating and can interfere with an individual’s functioning.
- A decrease in community resources also means a decrease in MCHHS Adult Behavioral Health resources;

- The number one focus is always on the client;
- MCHHS Adult Behavioral Health has two psychiatrist and five nurse practitioners;
- The nurses are the first medical staff that a client sees;
- The nursing team provides a client with some of the following:
 - A physical;
 - A mental assessment;
 - Notes any changes to the following:
 - Health; and
 - Medication.
 - Provides long acting injectables to clients who may forget to take their medication;
 - Instructs clients on how to take their medication and any potential side-effects;
 - Educates a client's family;
 - Educates the community;
 - Works with foster homes that clients are residing in;
 - Provides medication interventions for individuals needing assistance between appointments; and
 - Coordinates with counselors and case workers daily.
- Nurses have their own licenses and their own scope of practice that regulates their work; and
- Ms. Stone expressed that everyone should be treated with dignity and respect.

Laurinda Beagle:

- Ms. Beagle expressed the following:
 - She has worked for Marion County for 14 years;
 - She currently works in the MCHHS Public Health Division;
 - Her work entails some of the following:
 - Immunizations;
 - She works with individuals experiencing the following:
 - Communicable disease; and
 - Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI's).
 - MCHHS Public Health Division provides:
 - A home visiting program;
 - Early childhood nursing; and
 - Supports for pregnant women;
 - Supports for new families with new children;
 - The CaCoon Program that provides wrap-around services for children with long term chronic diagnosis.
 - MCHHS Public Health Division assists with prevention and support to help keep individuals out of hospitals and Intensive Care Units (ICU's) by providing:
 - Education; and
 - Vaccines.
- Ms. Beagle expressed she is proud to be a nurse.

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Krista Wellsandt:

- Ms. Wellsandt is the Emergency Department Manager at the Santiam Hospital;
- Ms. Wellsandt has been a nurse for 14 years;
- The past two years have been very difficult for her; and
- Ms. Wellsandt loves serving the county's small community hospitals:
 - She loves serving her neighbors and friends.

Jen Brady:

- Ms. Brady is the Clinical Nurse Educator at the Santiam Hospital;
- During the pandemic nurses came together as a profession:
 - They worked together to cover the large number of patients that needed help;
 - Retired nurses came back to assist with community care through the pandemic;
 - Nurse practitioners worked on the frontlines and in the ICU;
 - Every nurse worked as a team to cover the volumes of individuals requiring care; and
 - Nurses have had to deal with a lot of death and trauma over the last couple of years.
- Ms. Brady recently started working as an educator to provide more daily support to the nurses;
- Every day there are nurses encountering issues at home or at work; and
- Supporting each other no matter what their roles are or where they work is important.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners thanked the nurses for all the work that they do;
- Most of the healthcare individuals receive is from a nurse;
- Communities often take for granted all the work that nurses do;
- Nurses have been a community's frontline during the past two years:
 - They take care of people; and
 - They always respond no matter the circumstance.
- Many nurses were impacted by the politics of the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - Nurses want to help people and respect a person's choices.
- The work that nurses do and the service they provide matters to everyone;
- Following are some ideas that individuals can do to show their support of nurses:
 - Buy a nurse a meal;
 - Donate blood; and
 - Write a note of appreciation to a nurse.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve a proclamation designating the week of May 6-12, 2022, as National Nurses Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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3. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the month of May 2022, as Foster Parent Appreciation Month in Marion County. –Tamra Goettsch, Shaney Starr, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Marion County, and Joe Sarkez, Oregon Department of Human Services

Summary of presentation:

Tamra Goettsch:

- The 2022 theme for Foster Parent Appreciation Month is “Relative and Kin Connections: Keeping Families Strong”:
 - Relatives and kinship care providers are essential to providing strong support to children in need.

Shaney Starr:

- There are 509 youth in foster care within Marion County;
- The month of May brings awareness to individuals involved with foster care including some of the following:
 - Case workers;
 - Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers; and
 - Resource parents who are caring for the youth.
- Research shows that youth do better when they are with family;
- It is critical to support the families that care for the youth;
- Youth in the foster care system may suffer from trauma due to the following:
 - Abuse; and
 - Neglect.
- It is important to help the youth heal which can be emotional; and
- At the end of May, CASA will be hosting an appreciation dinner for resource care providers.

Joe Sarkez:

- There are 157 resource parents in Marion County;
- The 509 children in foster care within the county fall into the following age categories:
 - Approximately 40 percent are age five or younger;
 - Approximately 25 percent are ages six to twelve; and
 - Approximately 32 percent are age thirteen or older.
- Resource parents, who were previously called foster parents, require a large skill set to assist children of all ages;
- The term resource encompasses the entire foster care system which includes:
 - The child in care;
 - The family of origin;
 - The court system;

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- The case workers;
- The doctor appointments;
- The therapists; and
- The CASA team.
- Opportunities are available for an individual to donate or volunteer.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners expressed their appreciation for all the teamwork that is being done to support the youth in foster care;
- CASA provides support to children in need:
 - They help to keep children out of foster care and unite families.
- Foster children experience a lot of difficulties; and
- Marion County is always in need of additional foster parents.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a proclamation designating the month of May 2022, as Foster Parent Appreciation Month in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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4. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the month of May 2022, as Mental Health Awareness Month in Marion County. –Susan McLauchlin, Laura Sprouse, and Scott Vu

Summary of presentation:

Susan McLauchlin:

- MCHHS Public Health and MCHHS Behavioral Health work in partnership:
 - The team has been working to expand mental health promotion and suicide prevention programs in the past several years.

Laura Sprouse:

- Ms. Sprouse is the Zero Suicide Program Coordinator for MCHHS;
- Mental health matters and no one should feel ashamed to ask for support when they are struggling;
- Within the past year the MCHHS Zero Suicide Champions committee has offered the following opportunities to Marion County employees:
 - Engage in wellness activities; and
 - Receive training on mental health and suicide prevention.
- In 2021 the committee participated in the statewide Signs of Hope campaign:
 - Signs with inspiring phrases were placed around the MCHHS campuses and waved at individuals passing in the street:
 - The signs have had a positive impact on the community.

Scott Vu:

- Mr. Vu is the Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention Coordinator for MCHHS;
- MCHHS will be participating in the Signs of Hope campaign again this year:
 - Community partners also participating in the campaign include:
 - Northwest Human Services;
 - Trillium Family Services;
 - Youth Era;
 - The Boys and Girls Club;
 - High Schools in the Salem-Keizer School District; and
 - The Mid-Valley Suicide Prevention Coalition:
 - The coalition will be engaging over 20 local cafes in a Coffee Sleeve campaign:
 - Coffee sleeves will have messages of hope and a barcode printed on them:
 - The barcode links customers to a webpage that contains some of the following:
 - Hotline numbers for:
 - The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline;
 - The Veterans Crisis line; and
 - The Psychiatric Crisis Center.
 - Training for suicide prevention; and
 - Mental health resources.
- Participation in the event by multiple cafés has shown the following:
 - That there is a heightened awareness of mental health; and
 - Mental health is accepted as a priority in Marion County communities.

Board discussion:

- MCHHS has noticed an increase in people performing the following:
 - Accessing services;
 - Calling crisis lines; and
 - Making appointments with mental health providers.
- Everyone struggles with personal issues in their lives:
 - There is no shame in asking for help.
- Suicide has a devastating impact on the community; and
- Individuals need love and support.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve a proclamation designating the month of May 2022, as Mental Health Awareness Month in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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PRESENTATION

5. Overview of the election process. –Bill Burgess and Jan Coleman

Summary of presentation:

- The current election for Oregon is a closed primary;
- There are numerous ballot styles required for each election:
 - Ballot work for this election, which entails some of the following, has been underway since the beginning of 2022:
 - Ballot reapportionment;
 - Developing new precincts; and
 - Redefining maps.
 - There are 375 ballot styles for Oregon’s upcoming closed primary;
 - Citizens will receive a ballot specifically for their registered party; and
 - Ballots may include voting options for leadership or measures for a specific city that a citizen resides in.
- Marion County’s ballots are designed in-house and require intensive proofing and testing to ensure that the ballot can be read by a machine;
- Voters can request an initial or a replacement ballot as late as 8:00 p.m. on election day:
 - A new ballot return envelope with a unique identification number will be issued for each replacement ballot;
 - The previous ballot return envelope will be inactivated so that there is only one active ballot envelope available; and
 - Inactive ballot envelope packets are set aside for further investigation.
- Oregon has been entirely vote-by-mail since 1998:
 - This means that the county issues the ballot by mail;
 - This does not mean that voters must return the ballot by mail;
 - Postmark dates for mailed voter ballots will be counted if received within seven days; and
 - Citizens voting on or close to election day are encouraged to drop their ballots off in-person or at ballot drop-off sites:
 - There are 21 official ballot drop sites within the county:
 - The sites contain locked boxes; and
 - Twelve of the drop sites are open 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, to accommodate voter employment schedules.
- For the current closed primary election an estimated 222,000 ballots have been issued;
- There are currently over 219,000 eligible voters in the county;
- The following steps occur when an envelope is returned to the Marion County Clerk’s Office:
 - The bar code of the envelope is recorded statewide to ensure only one ballot is counted;

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- The voter's signature is verified before the envelope is opened:
 - Envelopes with signature issues are set aside for additional processing.
- Verified return envelopes are sorted by precinct;
- Envelopes go to the opening and pre-inspection boards which are comprised of individuals from different parties:
 - The ballot and the security sleeve are removed from the envelope;
 - Any empty ballot return envelope is noted and documented for reconciliation at a later date;
 - The ballot return envelope is stored in a blue bin;
 - The ballot itself goes into a green bin and is taken to the pre-inspection board;
 - Ballots are inspected for ease of reading:
 - Ballots that are easy to read are put into one batch; and
 - Ballots that are difficult to read are put in another batch to capture voter intent in the counting room.
- Ballots next go to the counting room:
 - The counting room is not connected to the internet;
 - Ballots are scanned;
 - Two election board workers from different parties, review images to assure voter intent is recorded; and
 - Results are transported outside the secured counting room by a clean USB drive, and then posted on the internet.
- Ballot return envelopes postmarked by election day are accepted for seven days after the election date; and
- Election information is available on the county's website.

Board discussion:

- Ballots that contain a section that has been crossed out by the voter does not invalidate the ballot:
 - Every other race on the ballot will be counted; and
 - The section on the ballot that has been crossed off will not be counted.
- The county's current signature checking process involves the following steps:
 - The county has an automatic signature verification that is regularly checked for accuracy:
 - The signatures are first checked by a computer;
 - Signatures that are not computer matched are checked by a human signature checker:
 - Signature checkers are trained by the office of the Oregon Secretary of State;
 - Images appear which are reviewed by a signature checker:
 - If the signature checker says they do not match, the ballot goes to a second, more experienced signature checker:

- The second signature checker performs an in-depth review assessing a trail of multiple past signatures for the registered voter.
 - If the second signature checker says they do not match, then a letter is sent to the registered voter giving them a chance to rectify the signature issue; and
 - The voter has 21 days to rectify the signature problem.
- The current process has been developed by multiple County Clerks all over the state of Oregon to be the most efficient and fair;
- A voter has the option of tracking their ballot through the voting process:
 - The voter will receive a message at the following intervals:
 - When the ballot has been sent out to the voter;
 - When the ballot has been received by the Marion County Clerk's Office; and
 - When the ballot has been accepted and counted.
- A possibility for human error in the voter signature checking process was a concern:
 - Voters have the option to come in-person and verify their ballot; and
 - Letters are sent out to voters for ballots that have signature concerns:
 - The voter can sign the letter and return it for signature verification, versus appearing in-person, if that is how the voter chooses to proceed; and
 - This is part of the Oregon Administrative Rules that the county follows.
- There are fines and penalties for voter registration fraud and election fraud:
 - Fines can be as much as \$125,000 and possible prison time.
- The automatic voter registration process started in 2016 and is implemented through the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles;
- The paper used for the current election's ballots has changed due to supply chain issues:
 - The paper that was used is thinner than the normal paper; and
 - Election officials nationwide are having problems getting the supplies required to run elections.
- Correct address information on a ballot is a concern:
 - Addresses are required in the county's ballot process;
 - Homeless voters are allowed to use the ARCHES Project for their address when they register to vote:
 - The facility has hundreds of mailboxes where homeless individuals can receive their mail.
 - There are options available for continuous travelers;
 - In some instances, individuals that are overseas can vote using their last county address if they are a Marion County voter, even if there is another citizen currently living at the address:
 - The ballot when mailed should be going overseas and not to the local address; and
 - The county has a ship to address on file as well as the residential address on file.

- There are instances where individuals residing in a foreign country are only allowed to vote in federal elections but not in state and local elections.
- Addresses listing the Oregon State Capital as the residence are a concern:
 - It was expressed that politicians' ballots should be going to their place of residence especially if they reside in another county;
 - There are instances where police officers or judges prefer to have their ballots mailed to the facility where they work, or they may choose to appear in-person to pick up their ballot:
 - There are different levels of confidential voters due to security concerns:
 - The residential address for confidential address recipients will not appear; and
 - The information provided will state not available or have multiple x's in place of the address.
 - The traditional voter address file will not show the post office address; and
 - Post office addresses are not confidential.
- The residential address indicates what ballot style will be utilized;
- The mailing address is completely different due to the high number of citizens using post office boxes;
- The method in which a voter research organization requests a list will determine which list the state will send out to the organization; and
- Citizens can reach out to the Marion County Clerk's Office with questions they may have.

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CONSENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

OLCC Application – Recommended Approval

6. Vision Brewing Company, LLC, dba, Vision Brewing Company –Aurora, Oregon

BUSINESS SERVICES

7. Accept the 2022 Compensation Board Recommendations for Elected Officials and forward recommendations to the Budget Committee.

FINANCE

8. Approve an order for a one-time pandemic recognition payment to non-represented regular employees.

PUBLIC WORKS

9. Approve an order authorizing the expenditure of county moneys for emergency repairs on Kenwood Avenue NE and Elma Avenue NE.

TAX OFFICE

10. Approve an order for a property tax refund in the amount of \$30,727.52 for the City of Keizer, account number 519938.

11. Approve an order for a property tax refund in the amount of \$15,667.07 for Corelogic Tax Services, account number 514150.

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

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ACTION

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

12. Consider approval of the Contract for Services with Robert Half International, Inc. in the amount \$540,000 to provide temporary staffing retroactive to June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2024. –Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- The original contract was approved during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide additional accounting support to track different incoming revenue sources and monitor expenditures;
- Approximately \$160,000 was spent during the duration of the original contract;
- Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) is seeking to extend the contract for two years and add \$360,000 for the same expenditure rate so that it is available if needed;
- Expenditures on the contract have decreased significantly over the prior months:
 - It is anticipated that the contract may not need to be utilized after fiscal year end, and once the final contract reconciliation with the Oregon Health Authority is complete in August or September; but
 - MCHHS would like to have the contract in place in case additional funds are needed.
- In addition to accounting support for the MCHHS COVID-19 team, the contract has provided general office support for MCHHS during staffing shortages; and
- MCHHS has active recruitments to rebuild their temp pools and is hoping not to have to utilize the agency long-term.

Board discussion:

None.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the Contract for Services with Robert Half International, Inc. in the amount \$540,000 to provide temporary staffing retroactive to June 1, 2021, through May 31, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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PUBLIC WORKS

13. Approve an order establishing a camping fee and an extra vehicle fee at the North Santiam Park effective May 15, 2022. –Russ Dilley

Summary of presentation:

- Marion County Parks entered into an agreement with Oregon State Parks to manage North Santiam Park:
 - The county started managing the park on April 1, 2022.
- The following amenities available at the park:
 - A boat ramp:
 - Since the 2020 wildfires, only four boat ramps have been open; and
 - The county owns two of the four boat ramps.
 - A picnic shelter with electricity;
 - Numerous picnic tables throughout the park; and
 - Thirteen tent campsites:
 - The campsites are available on a first come, first served basis.
- It is anticipated that camping will be available beginning June 1, 2022:
 - Campers will distribute their fees into a locked payment box:
 - The campers fill out envelopes;
 - They then distribute their camping fees into the payment envelope;
 - The envelope is inserted into a locked box;
 - An individual collects the envelopes and verifies fees have been paid;
 - The envelopes are then inserted into a safe where county staff collects the envelopes; and
 - The envelopes are taken to Marion County Public Works where accounting staff reconciles the fees.
- Following are the proposed fees:
 - A \$20 per night camping fee;
 - A \$5 extra vehicle fee; and
 - The proposed fees are comparable to fee structures in other parks.

Board discussion:

- North Santiam Park is a beautiful park with a great fishing destination;
- The camping season at the park will close towards the end of September;
- Park hours and closures are available on the county's website; and
- A sign will be posted when camp sites are at capacity.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve an order establishing a camping fee and an extra vehicle fee at the North Santiam Park effective May 15, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 02:17:00)

14. Consider approval of the incoming funds Purchase Agreement with Morrell Logging, LLC in the amount of \$176,041.50 for the sale and removal of recovered timber from wildfire damaged trees located at Salmon Falls Park. –Tom Kissinger

Summary of presentation:

- A Request For Offers for the purchase of recovered timber was posted on OregonBuys on March 15, 2022:
 - The posting closed on April 6, 2022;
 - Staff received three bids; and
 - Morrell Logging, LLC was the highest bidder.
- The county has worked with Morrell Logging in the past at Niagara Park;
- If the Purchase Agreement is approved, then Morrell Logging will begin hauling recovered trees out of the park;
- The money received for the trees will go into the Marion County Parks Fund to be reinvested into the rehabilitation and restoration of Salmon Falls Park; and
- Staff recommends approval of the Purchase Agreement with Morrell Logging, LLC.

Board discussion:

- Morrell Logging, LCC is paying the county \$176,041.50 for the trees;
- The company will then remove the trees and sell the recovered timber at market;
- It is anticipated that the tree removal will be complete in a few weeks, depending on the availability of truck drivers;
- Commissioner Bethell requested a Marion County Parks update in the future detailing how the incoming funds will be spent; and
- There are still a lot of logs at Niagara Park:
 - The logs are from river trees that were cut after the original sale;
 - Another sale for the river trees is anticipated in the future; and
 - There is also the option of utilizing the trees for firewood to be sold by the Marion County Juvenile Department.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the incoming funds Purchase Agreement with Morrell Logging, LLC in the amount of \$176,041.50 for the sale and removal of recovered timber from wildfire damaged trees located at Salmon Falls Park. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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15. Consider approval of the Public Improvement Agreement with Roy Houck Construction, LLC in the amount of \$4,600,049.20 to provide asphalt concrete resurfacing for various Marion County roads through November 30, 2023. –Ryan Crowther

Summary of presentation:

- Marion County Public Works has two main resurfacing projects that will utilize the contract funds:
 - Project 2022-101 is located near Stayton and Sublimity and entails resurfacing the following roads:
 - Triumph Road SE; and
 - Fern Ridge Road SE.
 - Project 2022-102 is located in northern Marion County and entails resurfacing of some of the following roads:
 - Champoeg Road NE;
 - Riverside Drive NE;
 - Windsor Island Road N;
 - Ravena Drive N;
 - Naples Street N;
 - 22nd Avenue N; and
 - Mahony Road NE.
- Project 2022-101 will entail paving approximately 6 miles of road;
- Project 2022-102 will entail paving approximately 20 miles of road;
- The two projects will include the following tasks:
 - Pavement repairs as required;
 - The addition of aggregate to gravel shoulders to bring the road shoulders up to the new grade;
 - The installation of reflective centerline markers for improved safety at night; and
 - Any additional miscellaneous work as required:
 - Manhole adjustments;
 - Driveway connections; and
 - Other small tasks.
- The contract was broken down into two projects:
 - A contractor could bid on one project or both projects.
- Roy Houck Construction, LLC provided the lowest bid for both projects:
 - Project 2022-101 had a bid of \$905,788; and
 - Project 2022-102 had a bid of \$3,694,261.
- Following are the construction schedules for the two projects:
 - Project 2022-101:
 - April 2022 through June 2022; and
 - The project is required to be completed by the end of June 2022.
 - Project 2022-102:
 - July 2022 through September 2022; and

- The project cannot start before July 2022.

Board discussion:

None.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the Public Improvement Agreement with Roy Houck Construction, LLC in the amount of \$4,600,049.20 to provide asphalt concrete resurfacing for various Marion County roads through November 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 02:24:18)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9:30 A.M.

None.

Commissioner Bethell read the calendar;
Commissioner Bethell adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

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