

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, September 15, 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 00:00:47)

Wildfire recovery update. –Scott McClure

- Mr. McClure presented a Santiam Canyon Disaster Recovery Report that details the wildfire recovery efforts in the Santiam Canyon as of September 15, 2021:
 - An additional 20 building permits have been issued over the prior two-week time period;
 - The total number of building permits issued to date includes the following:
 - The City of Mill City has issued 11 building permits:
 - Nine permits have been issued for properties located within Marion County; and
 - Two permits have been issued for properties located within Linn County.
 - The City of Gates has issued 37 building permits:
 - An estimated 31 permits have been issued for properties located within Marion County; and
 - An estimated six permits have been issued for properties located within Linn County.
 - The City of Detroit has issued 62 building permits;
 - An estimated 128 building permits have been issued to unincorporated properties located within Marion County; and

- An estimated 19 building permits have been issued to unincorporated properties located within Linn County.
- An additional 34 septic permits have been issued over the prior two-week time period;
- An estimated 352 total septic permits have been issued to date for the following:
 - The City of Gates has issued 51 septic permits:
 - An estimated 43 permits have been issued for properties located within Marion County; and
 - An estimated eight permits have been issued for properties located within Linn County.
 - The City of Detroit has issued 104 septic permits;
 - An estimated 163 septic permits have been issued to unincorporated properties located within Marion County; and
 - An estimated 34 septic permits have been issued to unincorporated properties located within Linn County.
- An estimated 67.5 percent of the wildfire impacted properties have completed the cleanup process:
 - The percentage is based on the number of properties currently in the program; and
 - Property owners withdrawing from the program is a contributing factor for the increase.
- An estimated 62 percent of the hazardous trees have been removed;
- Updates for Marion County Recovery Projects entails some of the following:
 - Financial Needs Analysis:
 - Quotes for new financial software and a utility billing system for the City of Gates have been reviewed; and
 - An accounting firm is assisting the City of Gates with the following:
 - Demonstrations;
 - The quote process; and
 - Data conversion.
 - Communications and Outreach:
 - The City of Gates website is now live;
 - Work on the Santiamrecovery.org website is ongoing;
 - The Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG) and the Communications Public Relations Committee are collaborating on the recovery efforts;
 - Content is being gathered for the first fire recovery newsletter; and
 - Notices of Labor Day commemoration events have been posted on social media.
 - Economic Impact and Opportunities Analysis:
 - A pre-fire economic baseline is under development:

- Preliminary data for the years 2016 through 2019 is under review.
 - A firm will be participating in meetings with the City of Detroit and the City of Gates for community visioning projects.
- Housing:
 - A new zoning code standard for the City of Mill City that was impeding some rebuilds, has been addressed; and
 - A meeting was held with the Oregon Department of Human Services to collaborate on data regarding wildfire damage and survivor needs.
- Health Impact Assessment:
 - A website to coordinate work is underway; and
 - A team from Oregon State University (OSU) is conducting informational interviews to help determine the physical, environmental, and mental health aspects of the wildfires.
- Community Visioning and Strategic Plans:
 - Observations have been compiled from the first round of community interviews;
 - A City of Gates community meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2021; and
 - A City of Detroit community meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2021.
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Support:
 - FEMA support staff have completed multiple interviews to track the wildfire progression from the initial point of the fire to the present recovery efforts; and
 - FEMA staff has provided advice and support to consulting firms.
- Long Term Recovery Group:
 - Eight case managers have been hired:
 - The state of Oregon is funding five of the positions;
 - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is funding three of the positions; and
 - Anthony Hall is under renovation to accommodate the new staff.
 - An estimated 245 families have case managers;
 - An estimated 110 families still need to be assigned case managers;
 - The case managers assist clients with some of the following:
 - Insurance issues;
 - FEMA claims;
 - The rebuilding process; and
 - Health and wellness issues.
 - A full-time recovery manager has been hired.

- Catholic Community Services is providing certified health case workers to assist students and families in the Santiam Canyon with some of the following:
 - Dynamics;
 - Basic needs;
 - Parenting skills; and
 - Counseling.

Board discussion:

- An estimated 51 percent of the structures impacted by the wildfires have obtained septic permits:
 - The percentage includes both Marion County and Linn County.
- Property owners that previously signed up for cleanup assistance may have decided to clean up their properties themselves;
- Commissioner Bethell requested the following:
 - That property owners impacted by the wildfires be contacted to check up on the status of the clean-up process and offer assistance if needed;
 - An update that breaks down the dollars for fees the county has waived; and
 - A report that helps wildfire victims understand and navigate the structural rebuild process.
- A housing update is anticipated at a future meeting; and
- An upcoming meeting with the following entities to address concerns related to the boat ramps at Mongold Day-use Area is in the planning stages:
 - The Marion County Board of Commissioners;
 - The Marion County Sheriff's Office;
 - The United States Forest Service;
 - The Oregon State Marine Board;
 - The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department; and
 - The United States Army Corps of Engineers.

PROCLAMATION

(Video Time 00:15:26)

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - Action

1. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the week of September 17-23, 2021, as Constitution Week in Marion County. –Day Westine, Vice Regent, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), Chemeketa Chapter

Summary of presentation:

- The national celebration for Constitution Week occurs annually on the dates of September 17th through September 23rd;
- In 1955, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) petitioned the United States Congress to set aside the annual dates in observance of the signing of the United States Constitution:

- The request was adopted by the United States Congress;
- It was signed into law on August 2, 1956, by United States President Dwight G. Eisenhower; and
- September 17, 2021, marks the 234th anniversary of the document.
- The Constitution guarantees liberty and freedom to the citizens of the United States; and
- Ms. Westine read a quote from Abraham Lincoln.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Willis expressed that it is important for citizens to reflect on the foundational rights provided by the Constitution:
 - In 2020, some COVID-19 restrictions infringed on citizens constitutional rights:
 - Community members were prohibited from attending churches in-person; and
 - There were in-home gathering limits.
- The commissioners expressed their appreciation to Ms. Westine and the DAR, Chemeketa Chapter for all their community efforts.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve a proclamation designating the week of September 17-23, 2021, as Constitution Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

CONSENT

None.

ACTION

(Video Time 00:22:36)

PUBLIC WORKS

2. Consider approval of an order appointing Stephen Staten and Kaitlyn Waid to the Marion County Parks Commission with terms ending September 15, 2025. –Tom Kissinger

Summary of presentation:

- The Marion County Parks Commission was formed on September 16, 1958, by the board of commissioners;
- Approved changes to the Parks Commission bylaws in September 2021, allowed for a minimum of seven and a maximum of eleven commission members:
 - If approved, the appointments of Mr. Staten and Ms. Waid will bring the commission member total up to eight; and
 - Three commission member appointments are still available.

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- Mr. Staten is a life-long resident of Marion County:
 - He is a former management analyst for the Marion County Sheriff's Office;
 - His work experience with grants will be beneficial to the county's parks that were negatively impacted by the 2020 wildfires; and
 - He has a passion for the parks and wants to contribute in the rebuilding efforts.
- Ms. Waid is a seasonal parks employee for both the City of Salem and the City of Keizer:
 - She has worked with wildlife management at Minto Brown Island Park;
 - She is pursuing a degree in Tourism, Recreation, and Adventure Leadership with an emphasis in Outdoor Recreation Management at Oregon State University; and
 - Her educational knowledge entails some of the following:
 - Impacts to parks; and
 - How to make parks accessible for people.

Board discussion:

- Minto Brown Island Park is one of the largest parks in the United States;
- Marion County parks have some challenges to overcome following the wildfires and the ice storm in 2021; and
- The commissioners expressed their appreciation to Ms. Waid and Mr. Staten for their service to Marion County, the City of Salem, and the City of Keizer.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve an order appointing Stephen Staten and Kaitlyn Waid to the Marion County Parks Commission with terms ending September 15, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

3. Consider approval of the Contract for Services with Partnerships in Community Living, Inc. in the amount of \$141,440 to provide pass-through state general funds for room, board, and medical services for one developmentally disabled client retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. –Corissa Neufeldt

Summary of presentation:

- The contract is related to a recently approved Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Oregon Department of Human Services for developmental and disability services provided by the county;
- Partnerships in Community Living, Inc. is a licensed, 24-hour, residential program that provides some of the following:
 - Personal care;
 - Community access; and
 - Assisting individuals that are receiving or in need of medical supports.
- Recipients of the services may not be eligible for the following:
 - Medicaid assistance; or

- Oregon Health Plan services.
- The state has determined eligible individuals may be a health or safety risk if no services are provided:
 - The state provides the county with pass-through state general funds to subsidize the services in a residential service setting.
- Partnerships in Community Living, Inc. has been providing services to the individual since the year 2000; and
- The individual is unable to manage his own care needs.

Board discussion:

- The \$141,440 in funding will be utilized for the following:
 - Room and board;
 - Insurance; and
 - Residential care services.
- The county uses a state standardized tool to assess an individual's support needs and determine a service rate:
 - There are six tiers or categories available:
 - An individual in tier one is fairly independent and requires limited staff support;
 - More hands-on personal care support is needed as the tiers increase; and
 - Individuals categorized in the higher tiers require increased staff support and more line-of-sight supervision;
 - The assessment tool aggregates an individual's care needs and determines which tier will support the individual's needs;
 - Each tier has a different service rate;
 - The service rate is then used to determine the service payment funding that will be paid to a provider to assist with the individual's support needs in a residential setting; and
 - The rates are published by the state.
- Lack of documentation may prevent an individual from being Medicare or Medicaid eligible;
- The county provides case management services:
 - The county already has IGA's with the state;
 - It may be easier for the state to pass the funding through to the county; and
 - The county will then pass the funding through to the provider.
- The county is not allowed to collect any administrative fee for providing the pass-through service;
- The prior contract came before the board at a 2019 Board Session and was on the Consent Agenda;
- Contracts for individuals receiving services through Medicaid are not required to come before the board because the Medicaid services are funded by the state:
 - The state's electronic payment system is connected with Medicaid; and

- Providers are not able to bill through the state’s electronic payment system because individuals are not Medicaid eligible.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the Contract for Services with Partnerships in Community Living, Inc. in the amount of \$141,440 to provide pass-through state general funds for room, board, and medical services for one developmentally disabled client retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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4. Consider approval of the Contract for Services with Bridgeway Recovery Services, Inc. in the amount of \$238,080 to provide dedicated counselors for drug and alcohol treatment and mental health support for participants of the Marion County Circuit Court Specialty Court Programs retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. –Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) is the third-party administrator for Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) grants;
- The grants support the county’s five specialty courts;
- MCHHS is responsible for contracting on behalf of the five specialty courts:
 - They provide grant oversight and grant management.
- Bridgeway Recovery Services was selected by the courts to provide mental health and addiction treatment services to court mandated participants;
- Staff will be dedicated to the five specialty courts:
 - They will integrate with the specialty courts team;
 - They will attend court meetings; and
 - They will take participant referrals directly from the courts.
- Bridgeway Recovery Services has been a long-term partner in communities:
 - They collaborate well with county staff;
 - They work well with the county’s law enforcement systems; and
 - They have experience providing mental health and addiction treatment services.

Board discussion:


- The county did receive one protest from another contractor that wanted to submit a bid for the contract:
 - The county follows a contract selection process:
 - Contract opportunities are noticed;
 - Contractors can submit a proposal or application; and
 - The proposals or applications are then reviewed and considered.
- The contract did go through the county’s contracting process; and
- Bridgeway Recovery Services, Inc. was selected to provide the service.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the Contract for Services with Bridgeway Recovery Services, Inc. in the amount of \$238,080 to provide dedicated counselors for drug and alcohol treatment and mental health support for participants of the Marion County Circuit Court Specialty Court Programs retroactive from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.


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

None.

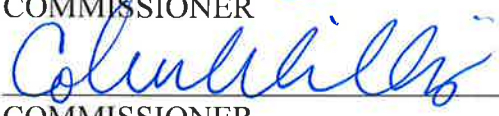
Commissioner Willis read the calendar;
Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.



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