



OREGON

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# Management Update Minutes

**Monday, February 3, 2020, 9:00 a.m.**

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem  
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Silverton Conference Room

## ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Sam Brentano, and Colm Willis, Jan Fritz, Jane Vetto, Brian Nicholas, Scott Norris, Brandon Reich, Barb Young, Chad Ball, Kathleen Silva, Chris Trussell, Lisa Trauernicht, Kyle Fessler, Justine Flora, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **Discuss Legislation Impacting Marion County Nurseries**

- Kyle Fessler- Oregon Association of Nurseries

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

- Several bills in the short legislative session could impact nurseries:
  - Cap and Trade will affect the use of natural gas to heat greenhouses:
    - Transportation costs would increase as supplies need to be brought in from out of state and the end products are shipped out of state; and
    - Access to water could be restricted.
- Some pesticides are being restricted or banned;
- These bills would increase costs:
  - Deplete slim profit margins; and
  - Ultimately affect consumers, thus they will buy elsewhere.
- Land use laws may affect urban nurseries as they are in an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and land use may be changed to low income housing;
- Have talked about receiving credits for agricultural growers on the natural gas side to alleviate costs;
- There is no electronic technology to heat greenhouses;
- Requesting a letter of support from the board;
- The Gross Receipts Tax is based on manufacturing tax code, not cash accounting that most nurseries use:
  - Working on getting exemptions for agriculture.
- Agricultural equipment is taxed as real property when it should have been exempt:
  - The original intent was to exempt agricultural equipment; and
  - A work group has been created to redefine agricultural equipment as non-taxable.

## **Review Proposed Amendments to the Marion County Code, Section 15.05.250**

- Brandon Reich, Chris Trussell

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

- Legislation removed the scope of certain items of the State Building Code;
- Marion County needs to add some regulations back into the county code:
  - Signs;
  - Fences;
  - Flagpoles; and
  - Heights in the urban area.
- Will bring a proposed ordinance forward for consideration at Wednesday's Board Session.

## **Discuss a Potential Building Code Appeals Process Regarding House Bill 2001 Requirements**

- Brandon Reich, Chris Trussell

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

- The bill allows the zoning changes to convert a single family dwelling to multi-family dwellings, however building code standards are not practical for implementing these conversions;
- This bill creates an appeals process to have the building code discrepancy analyzed;
- The City of Keizer will need to adopt an overlay process in order to re-zone to allow multi-family dwelling conversions in sections of the city; and
- This will be before the board at Wednesday's Board Session for consideration and adoption by emergency procedure.

## **Review DOGAMI Natural Hazard Risk Assessment Letter of Support**

- Chad Ball, Kathleen Silva, Brandon Reich, Justine Flora,

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

- The letter states that the county supports DOGAMI to apply for a FEMA Grant to map hazards in Marion County, to promote informed planning, and to help reduce risk from natural hazards;
- This will help look at the county's financial loss if a disaster happens:
  - It coincides with the Disaster Mitigation Project.
- This is part of a continuing project that DOGAMI has been working on;
- Once the mapping is generated, there is a standard of building that is created and an awareness of hazard zones to assist in informing property owners of found hazards, which may trigger enhanced site preparation in a building project;
- This study will assist Marion County Hazard Mitigation Preparedness Planning; and
- Generally, county facilities aren't built on ground that is susceptible to natural disasters.

## LEGISLATIVE

### **Update**

- Barb Young

### **Summary of presentation:**

- Cap and Trade:
  - Senator Dembrow is holding public hearings for Cap and Trade Bill on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, and does not want to make major amendments to the bill prior to going through Ways and Means:
    - If it does go through Ways and Means, this will allow three weeks to concentrate on other legislation; and
    - Ms. Young will work on a letter for the Oregon Association of Nurseries.
- SB-512 Trust Lands Bill:
  - Spoke with Susan Morgan:
    - The plan is to have one public hearing and create a work group to present legislation in the 2021 session.
- Willamette Falls Locks Bill is up on Tuesday and is moving along;
- Community Corrections Bill should be part of the Christmas Tree Bill:
  - It will not have a separate bill number assigned.
- REC Bill is up Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>; and
- Aid and Assist Bill:
  - Ms. Banfield is keeping the commissioners updated; and
  - Some items should be corrected in this session, but the majority will wait until next session.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### **Update**

- Jolene Kelley
- Ms. Kelley gave a brief update of upcoming scheduled events.

## COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATE:

Sam Brentano:

- Attended Representative Alonso Leon's Town Hall.

Kevin Cameron:

- Attended Oregon Department of Energy EarthWise celebration;
- Attended the first Tea with the Commissioners;
- Attended the Marion County Initiative Design Team Meeting;
- Attended SEDCOR Executive Council Meeting;
- Sat in on an Infrastructure Call with Congressman DeFazio's Office; and
- Marion County is the lead on the grant for the Aurora Airport Grant.

Colm Willis:

- There has been a bumpy transition for the new CCO:
  - New letters went out with misinformation; and
  - The new CCO is looking to resolve the issue.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Molly Hatfield**  
*Reviewed by: Kristy Witherell*