



OREGON

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# Management Update Minutes

**Monday, June 1, 2020, 9:00 a.m.**

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem  
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Boardroom

## ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Colm Willis, Sam Brentano, and Kevin Cameron, Jan Fritz, Jane Vetto, Joe Kast, Jeff Wood, Brian Nicholas, Tamra Goettsch, Brian May, Justine Flora, Russ Dilley, Jason Schneider, Danielle Gonzalez, Barb Young, Lisa Trauernicht, Chad Ball, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

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

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **Update on the Protesting and Rioting in Salem**

- Sheriff Kast

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

- Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Salem Police Department received information through social media that there would be protests throughout the City of Salem;
- Marion County Sheriff's Office put additional personnel on the streets, along with S.W.A.T.;
- The protest started off fairly peaceful;
- At 11:00 p.m., protesters started throwing projectiles at police officers and burning objects at the police cars;
- The City of Salem enacted a curfew;
- The protest organizers started telling the crowd to go home, this was not what they came to do:
  - Most of the protesters went home; and
  - The ones that stayed were the rioters that the police were dealing with for the rest of the evening.
- Business owners throughout the downtown area were armed, protecting their businesses;
- The rioters broke windows:
  - They also painted graffiti on the capitol steps.
- There were no arrests Saturday evening;
- There was nothing posted on social media for protesting in Salem on Sunday:
  - There were 50-60 people protesting Sunday afternoon;
  - In the evening, there were more than 500 people protesting;
  - The protesters blocked the bridges in West Salem;
  - There were nine people arrested for rioting;

- Between the ages of 19-34;
- Six of them have been processed:
  - Two females and four males.
- All Salem addresses; and
- Charges range from rioting, inciting a riot, resisting arrest, and attempted assault on a public safety officer.
- The cameras that are facing the old Statesman Journal building are not working:
  - The Sheriff's Office will contact IT to have those cameras fixed.
- Sheriff Kast believes that there will be protesting on Monday evening; and
- There is a scheduled protest on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Review Retirement Plans Committee Charter Document Updates**

- Justine Flora

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

- The committee reviews retirement plans that are offered by the county;
- There has been a change approved by the board that has allowed a non-employee committee member, which will be reflected in the charter;
- The Chief Human Resources Officer will take over the benefits team for the county, which will be reflected in the charter;
- All committee members are appointed by the board; and
- Administrative members are non-voting members and assist with the committee.

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

- The member-at-large position is in addition to the five voting committee members.

## **Discuss Scotts Mills Dam Removal Joint Permit Application Process**

- Brian Nicholas, Brian May

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

- The Pudding River Watershed Council is still waiting for a response from Marion County whether they will support the council's effort to remove the Scotts Mills Dam;
- The process has not reached the point where it is critical that the county provide an answer immediately;
- Oregon Water Enhancement Board (OWEB) has pushed back their timing of grants for a couple more months;
- If the county supports the dam removal the council then can advance the application;
- The council will need to obtain a joint permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Quality;
- The council sent Mr. Nicholas the joint permit application for review;
- Because Marion County is the predominate property owner, this application requires a signature from the county:
  - Typically, the Public Works Director has signed the permit in the past, but Mr. Nicholas didn't want to sign it before taking the issue before the board first.

- The permit process takes six months, so the council is eager to start; and
- There are two property owners involved, one on the Clackamas County side.

**Board discussion:**

- Commissioner Willis would like to talk with the community members of Scotts Mills before the joint permit is signed:
  - Commissioner Willis has requested that Mr. Nicholas schedule a meeting between him and Scotts Mills to discuss the dam removal.
- Commissioner Cameron is in favor of the dam removal;
- Commissioner Brentano is not in favor of the dam removal; and
- The commissioners would like more details on the fish passage.

**Marion County Parks Update**

- Russ Dilley

**Summary of presentation:**

- All county parks were closed for the season except for St. Louis Ponds;
- The playground areas have been taped off due to COVID restrictions;
- English and Spanish COVID-19 signs are displayed around the parks so people are aware of what is going on;
- Restrooms were closed due to people stealing hand sanitizer;
- All seasonal employees are returning to the county parks;
- The camp host has returned to Bear Creek Campground;
- Mr. Dilley re-installed hand sanitizer dispensers in the bathrooms in order to have them reopened;
- Fee collections began on May 15<sup>th</sup>:
  - Averaging 13 passes per day.
- Focus is on mowing and trail management; and
- Staff would like board direction on when to open the playgrounds and campground.

**Board discussion:**

- The commissioners would like to have the campground open as soon as the radio component is fixed; and
- The playgrounds will have to wait until Phase II has been approved in Marion County.

**Economic Development Contracts Update**

- Tamra Goettsch, Jason Schneider

**Summary of presentation:**

- In April 2020, Economic Development distributed \$850,000 in lottery dollars to businesses due to COVID-19;
- In May 2020, Community Services Department received notification from the state that the fourth quarter revenues that come from the January – March lottery receipts came in at 50 percent;
- Typically, \$500,000 is distributed per quarter:
  - There will be \$250,000 - \$280,000 paid out.
- The state also said to anticipate even greater cuts in the coming quarters;

- Ms. Goettsch started looking at all contracted work that gets paid out of lottery dollars:
  - The majority of the contracts have been paid for the fiscal year; and
  - The outstanding bill that hasn't been paid is the water contract, which is \$17,000 more than was forecasted.
- Community Services did not anticipate a cut for the fourth quarter distributions:
  - A 30 percent cut was anticipated for the first quarter.
- Regional Solutions, which is a state agency, received the same letter as the county;
- There are zero contracts that have been canceled;
- There are some projects that have been put on hold until they have a good financial picture of future lottery dollars distributed by the state;
- Legal Counsel suggested sending a letter to all contractors regarding pausing all financial payouts to assess how much in lottery funds may be coming in the future;
- The fourth quarter payment was a month late, so Community Services is unable to guarantee when the first quarter payout will be received;
- There is \$1.15 million in Networking Capital for the lottery budget:
  - Paying only staffing costs, transfer to planning, and administrative charges, there will be a balance of \$160,000 total in that budget left for fiscal year 2020-21 if the county doesn't receive any lottery funding for the year:
    - There would not be enough left to pay SEDCOR, Oregon Garden, or Travel Salem.
- There are a couple of work sessions that are scheduled to come together to talk about Economic Development Projects and Priorities for 2020-21.

***Board discussion:***

- Bars were shut down on March 17, 2020, due to the governor's order:
  - The state has the revenue;
  - They are holding money back for future payments;
  - The commissioners are requesting to look at the agreement between the state and the county regarding lottery dollar disbursement; and
  - The Association of Oregon Counties is looking into whether they can file a lawsuit against the state for holding back lottery dollars to the counties.
- SEDCOR has reserve monies, but the board needs to know how much they have;
- Travel Salem is in a tougher position than SEDCOR;
- Ms. Gonzalez is looking to find additional Federal CARES Act money to help fund projects that Economic Development is working on;
- The commissioners would like to have an itemized list of contracts at the next work session;
- The commissioners would like to schedule a work session earlier to discuss Economic Development Projects and Priorities:
  - Ms. Goettsch will work with Ms. Young to find a work session date.

- All four of the canyon communities signed on to the sewer project intergovernmental agreement.

#### ACTION

### **Consider ratifying Marion County Board of Commissioner Approval of Amendment #2 Intergovernmental Agreement between Marion County and the Oregon State Fair Council**

- Tamra Goettsch

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

- At last Wednesday's Board Session, this agenda item was on the consent calendar;
- The supporting documents had a mistake and Ms. Goettsch would like to replace Exhibits E and F;
- Ms. Goettsch would like to include the rental structure that will start in 2027 to the amendment;
- Since the paving is starting today, this needed to come before the board at Management Update for approval; and
- The dollar amount of the contract has not changed.

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

- The contract amount allows for the county to forego rental fees in lieu of paving costs through 2027.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Cameron moved for approval ratifying Marion County Board of Commissioner Approval of Amendment #2 Intergovernmental Agreement between Marion County and the Oregon State Fair Council, including supplemental information regarding the rental structure and substituting Exhibits E and F. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

#### **COVID-19 Update:**

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

- There are 10 new cases, one death, and one hospitalization reported for June 1<sup>st</sup>;
- There are a lot less activity coming in from press inquiries and the general public;
- The Governor's Office sent out an email regarding a \$30 million relief fund for farm workers;
- There will be another Marion County Stakeholders meeting this week:
  - The commissioners would like to consolidate the three meetings into one meeting; and
  - Will update the group on submitting an application to enter into Phase II.

OTHER:

**CDBG Update:**

***Summary of presentation:***

- Business Oregon reached out to the county regarding funding that they are releasing specifically to COVID response;
- The county has a prime opportunity to apply for CDBG funding for one Marion County business;
- The business chosen by the state was Northwest Alpine:
  - They produce personal protective equipment (PPE).
- The county can apply for up to \$500,000 in funding;
- It would take 40-60 hours of county staff time to be able to put the application together;
- Block Grant Funds have to go through a government entity in order to get funding for businesses;
- Since the county is putting together their own CDBG program in July 2021, this grant would be a great learning opportunity for those involved;
- Business Oregon stated that they would work closely with the county to make sure the application is submitted properly;
- The application due date is a first come first serve basis; and
- Before the county can apply, they will need to hold a public hearing that has to be noticed for five days.

***Board discussion:***

- Northwest Alpine has potential to triple in size, but is limited on their machinery:
  - This grant has potential to help the business over the next five to ten years.

Commissioners' Committee Assignments and Updates

Kevin Cameron:

- Met with the Marion County Farm Bureau.

Sam Brentano:

- Attended SKATS meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**

Reviewed by: *Joanna Ritchie*