



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Minutes

Monday, November 16, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5231, Commissioners Boardroom

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Colm Willis, Sam Brentano and Kevin Cameron, Jan Fritz, Joe Kast, Laurie Steele, Brian Nicholas, Jane Vetto, Tamra Goettsch, Ryan Matthews, Colleen Coons-Chaffins, Barb Young, Lisa Trauernicht, Jolene Kelley, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

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

INFORMATIONAL:

Health and Human Services Building Project Update

- Colleen Coons-Chaffins, Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- The overall square footage of the proposed new building is 31,587;
- It is a more symmetrical building;
- Once the project gets approved, the design will be completed by January 2021:
 - Development design will be completed by March 2021;
 - Construction documents will be completed by June 2021; and
 - Building construction would begin August 2021.
- Total cost of the project is \$12.4 million;
- Looking for an exemption from the state to add solar power and art to the new building;
- If the exemption is denied, it would be an additional \$2 million;
- The new building layout has a better flow of traffic:
 - Less need for temporary backflow; and
 - Addresses the issue of common open space.
- Financing of the building:
 - Have been setting aside the fee for service funding for COVID-19:
 - There is a case rate at the state level of each positive case, the county is able to invoice the state \$1,400 per COVID case:
 - The state is starting to run out of those funds; and
 - The county has been approved \$4.7 million that they have set aside to put towards the cost of the building.
- Currently the prevention team is at the Silverton Road building because there is not enough room for them at the Center Street building;
- By building this new facility, all public health programs and administration will be under one roof; and

- The Center Street Building will house the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Programs and Youth and Family Services.

COVID UPDATE:

- Cases are on the rise;
- Marion County reported 176 cases on Sunday;
- Testing has increased a bit;
- Has had a huge impact on the workforce:
 - Only able to get up to 72 percent of the contact tracing completed.
- Focusing on individuals that are at high risk of spreading COVID to others; and
- One of the vaccines is at stage three trials:
 - Health and Human Services is working on procedures to distribute the vaccine once it becomes available.

Tamra Goettsch

- The dog shelter will be closed to the public due to a COVID outbreak;
- There will be minimal staff on duty;
- Will start online dog licensing:
 - The soft launch was Sunday.
- Will be taking dogs in, but will not be doing adoptions at this time;
- Will work with Facilities for a cleaning protocol at the shelter; and
- Will work with Jolene Kelley to communicate to the public that the shelter is closed at this time.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Willis would like to send money to businesses that are shutting down because of the governor's orders; and
- Marion County Sheriff's Office will not enforce masks or social gatherings during the two-week freeze.

BEACHIE CREEK FIRE UPDATE:

- FEMA extended the ability to apply for benefits through November 30, 2020:
 - The county received the information from FEMA of those that have applied;
 - Will cross reference the information from Red Cross:
 - SIT Team;
 - Public Works; and
 - Trying to encourage everyone to apply for benefits just in case.
- There were a couple of landslides on Highway 22;
- There were rocks that came down on North Fork Road;
- Received an email from ODOT's PIO debris cleanup team that included approval for Step 2 cleanup:
 - It includes every property that was damaged;
 - It includes primary and secondary homes, regardless if it is covered by federal funds;
 - Does not have an answer on RV's; and
 - Will take six to eighteen months to cleanup statewide.

- Public Works met with staff that were involved with the immediate response at the fairgrounds and Sheriff's Office staff:
 - Prioritizing projects;
 - Organizing costing information; and
 - Will look at the scope of work to see how much can get done with Emergency Management and Public Works staff versus having to pull in staff from other departments.
- Each of the cities and districts are submitting requests for public assistance separately:
 - Checking in with the cities this week to confirm that they have submitted requests;
 - The cities will be able to handle the process themselves with the guidance from FEMA;
 - Council of Governments (COG) is focusing on the land use planning aspect; and
 - Meeting with the current mayor of Gates:
 - Renata Wakeley from COG coordinates with them regularly.
- Need to send a formal request to the governor's office to get a special waiver for the Town Hall for the City of Gates on Wednesday, November 18th;
- There have been complaints of people submitting a right-of-entry forms, but it is not showing up on the website yet:
 - The GIS group has put together a layer that compiles all of the information that is similar to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) page, but it has more specific information:
 - Which right-of-entry has been submitted;
 - It is real time;
 - As soon as Public Works receives the information, it populates the image; and
 - Public Works GIS layer is more up to date than EPA's website.
- There has been 99 percent of household hazardous waste removed in Marion County.

OTHER:

Multi-Agency Shelter Transition Team:

- Forming in Marion County;
- It should be starting this Wednesday;
- The SIT team gave the county their information by address:
 - Red Cross took that information and compared against those that are currently in hotels.
- The goal is trying to identify how many people are in hotels and are connected to a case manager;
- Helping people get to long-term housing;
- The SIT team has more than 900 people that they have case managed:
 - Many of them are in tents;
 - In family or friend situations, rather than stable housing;
 - The unhoused numbers will go up as the length of recovery continues; and

- They have called everyone on their list to make sure they have filled out their FEMA paperwork.
- Only using two hotels now:
 - One in Salem; and
 - One in Woodburn.
- Attempting to move from hotels and into long term case management;
- Volunteer Organization's Active in Disaster (VOAD) Meeting is every Thursday at 3:30 p.m.:
 - United Way is taking the lead;
 - Started to use the nonprofit organization model;
 - Looking for a backbone organization; and
 - Bring forward resources, either national or local to determine how to meet the needs of families.
- More people have registered with FEMA than with Red Cross;
- Ms. Trauernicht spoke with ARCHES:
 - They have 91 people on their hardest to house list:
 - There are 41 people previously homeless that are in the canyon.
 - Working with different organizations to help with services and housing.
- ARCHES is applying for the Turnkey Program to purchase two hotels:
 - Received funding from the state, which is part of the warming shelter funds to pay for blocks of hotel rooms due to not being able to provide congregate shelters.

COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATES:

Colm Willis:

- Touring Camp Taloali on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, for temporary housing for fire victims.

Sam Brentano:

- Toured Coffin Butte on Thursday, November 12, 2020:
 - Well managed;
 - Taking wastewater to a treatment facility in Salem and Philomath; and
 - Composting system looks good.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**

Reviewed by: *Joanna Ritchie*