



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Monday, November 23, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Colm Willis, Commissioner Sam Brentano, and Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Jan Fritz, Brian Nicholas, Jane Vetto, Tamra Goettsch, Dan Danicic, Jason Schneider, Barb Young, Lisa Trauernicht, Chad Ball, Jolene Kelley, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Discuss Willamette Valley Vineyards RV Park Project

- Brian Nicholas, Dan Danicic

Summary of presentation:

- Willamette Valley Vineyards has an RV site on their wood lot that is on the southwest corner of the vineyard property;
- This summer, they submitted permits to expand their camping arrangement:
 - Expanding the campground to hold more sites; and
 - The ability to handle class A motorhomes.
- The vineyard would like to place the exit driveway for their RV campground alongside a house that they own and filter traffic onto Cloverdale Road, which may be a challenge for the larger motorhomes to maneuver through the curves of the driveway;
- There is confusion if this driveway will be a one-way only exit, or a two-way in and out driveway;
- Public Works recommends that the driveway should be at a 90-degree angle from Cloverdale Road;
- Currently the pathway crosses over the driveway of the house, which is a conflict that the county would like to avoid:
 - The county would not like to comingle uses.
- Per county code, there needs to be 150 feet of separation between the home driveway and the RV campground driveway;
- Public Works issued a driveway permit in order to do improvements to the driveway, but it is not appropriate for what needs to be done:
 - Needs commercial grade improvements.
- Mr. Nicholas is meeting with the property owners today at 2:00 p.m. to discuss options for the driveway.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners suggest that if the driveway needs to change, there may be grant funding available through Community Services to help fund the project:
 - Infrastructure Grant Fund; and
 - Good Neighbor Fund.
- The house and the RV campground are on the same tax lot.

COVID UPDATE:

- Commissioner Cameron was on the COVID regional call with the governor on Tuesday, November 17th:
 - Commissioner Nyquist stated that the governor's metrics make it discouraging to promote testing;
 - Believes that the governor is listening to them; and
 - Will hear from the governor this week to see what the new metrics will be after the freeze.
- The new reporting on testing will now include all tests, including negative tests; and
- Marion County Health and Human Services is continuing to recruit new employees for contact tracing.

BEACHIE CREEK FIRE UPDATE:

Public Works:

- The Environmental Protection Agency is not here this week:
 - They were sent home to observe Thanksgiving with their families:
 - They will be back next week.
 - Have completed 785 properties for household hazardous waste cleanups:
 - Have 10 left to clean up; and
 - Any right-of-entry forms that are submitted throughout the week.
 - Have received 52 opt out agreements for Phase 2 cleanups;
 - Have been meeting with the Oregon Department of Transportation weekly, which has been going well:
 - They have their contract for oversight that was awarded last week; and
 - The bids came in for tree cleanup:
 - The Request for Proposals closes next week for the Phase 2 cleanup.
- Cost recovery:
 - Still putting together the damage assessment summary of projects; and
 - Will be meeting with FEMA on December 3rd.
- List of more than 2,000 people who have applied for FEMA individual assistance:
 - Community Services has a list of more than 1,000 people who have filled out the right-of-entry form;

- There is a SIT list of 900 people;
- Have merged FEMA with the right-of-entry spreadsheet and there are 327 people that have not applied for FEMA individual assistance:
 - Will send an email out to all 327 people, encouraging them to sign up before the November 30th deadline.
- Working on the SIT list and cross referencing them this afternoon;
- Will follow-up with phone calls if needed; and
- There are 50 families still in hotels.
- Mr. Nicholas received the request to put together a letter requesting cleanup for commercial properties in the fire zone:
 - FEMA wanted on Friday; and
 - Ms. Young will help with the letter and getting it signed by the board.

OTHER:

Jeff White and Jane Vetto:

- Caritas, a non-profit entity, is asking if the commissioners would consider holding a public hearing regarding their purchase of manufactured homes in Marion County;
- Caritas submitted a memo to the commissioners addressing questions that the commissioners had:
 - What happens if Caritas buys the properties and turns around and sells them:
 - Caritas stated that they have never turned around and sold any businesses that they have purchased before.
 - If they were ever to sell their properties, they would offer the county the first offer to purchase; and
 - What would happen to property taxes if they requested an exemption:
 - It had been their past experience that the property is assessed at the new purchase price, which increases property taxes:
 - That is not the case in Oregon; and
 - It stays at the current value and it increases by three percent annually.
 - Caritas will not seek a property tax exemption.
- Caritas submitted a resolution for the commissioners to sign at the end of the public hearing;
- Caritas will handle the public noticing of the public hearing;
- Clackamas County will be holding their public hearing on December 3rd;
- Caritas will be available by phone for the public hearing on Wednesday, December 2nd; and
- Ms. Vetto will contact Caritas and let them know that the commissioners want it in the contract that they will not seek property tax exemptions when they purchase the mobile home parks.

Kevin Cameron:

- The City of Salem is telling the governor's office that they are not in favor of the sewer system in the canyon because of water pollution and the three-basin rule:

- During last week's meeting regarding the sewer system, Commissioner Cameron stated that the engineer should not look at plans that eliminates the three-basin rule; and
- Trying to set up a meeting with the City of Salem, Danielle Gonzalez, the board's office, and the engineer to get clarification on the sewer system project.

COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATES:

Sam Brentano:

- Attend the Forest Trust Lands Counties Meeting:
 - Commissioner Dave Yamamoto from Tillamook County will be the chair next year;
 - No movement on the lawsuit, the state is not taking it seriously; and
 - Because of the extensive tree damage due to the Beachie Creek Fire, timber revenues will be up for a few years, but it will go down substantially after that.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**

Reviewed by: *Joanna Ritchie*