



# Management Update Minutes

OREGON

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

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

## ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Danielle Bethell, and Colm Willis, Jan Fritz, Jeff White, Brian Nicholas, Rex Weisner, Camber Schlag, Scott Norris, John Carlson, Barb Young, Lisa Trauernicht, Chad Ball, Jolene Kelley, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

## INFORMATIONAL:

### **Discuss Postponement of Property Deed Transfers**

- John Carlson, Camber Schlag, Jeff White

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

- Seeking direction on either deeding the 2018 foreclosed properties to the county or continuing to postpone them;
- In September 2020, the board agreed to postpone transferring the deeds until the first Management Update Meeting of 2021:
  - The decision was made because of the economic impact COVID and the wildfires has had on the county.
- It is the Finance Department's recommendation to move forward with transferring the deeds to the county in order to proceed with the foreclosure process;
- Property Tax ID #R588709 is located in Salem:
  - The home is believed to be empty;
  - The owner is believed to be out of the state or deceased;
  - The county has not received taxes on the property for five years; and
  - It is within the city limits.
- Property Tax ID #R100557 is an empty lot located in Jefferson:
  - It is in a mobile home park.
- Property Tax ID #R329536 is a sliver of property owned by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs Regional Loan Center:
  - It is believed it was acquired by a lien process from someone who had a debt with them;
  - They have no interest in maintaining it; and
  - Finance would like to put it up for private sale with the adjacent land owners.
- Property Tax ID #R65544 is located in Salem:
  - There is a home on the lot, but it is in bad condition;

- All windows and doors are boarded up;
- No electricity;
- No one is living on the property;
- There has been a lot of interest with the property; and
- The homeowner was trying to buy the property back through the buy-back process, but it fell through.
- A piece of machinery and equipment that is located at 4070 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem:
  - It was classified as real property, but should have been classified as personal property;
  - The only way to get rid of the delinquent tax is to go through the foreclosure process;
  - For machinery and equipment that can be bolted down, it is taxed as real property;
  - The machinery has been moved off of the property; and
  - This is just a formality to remove it from the record.

#### BEACHIE CREEK FIRE UPDATE:

##### Brian Nicholas:

- Meetings are scheduled for cost recovery with FEMA;
- Will be submitting draft versions of project worksheets for Categories C, E, and G this week;
- Temporary radio costs:
  - He has been talking with Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) and they have been talking with FEMA about direct federal assistance reimbursement for Halls Ridge:
    - OEM has forwarded the county's request of reimbursement onto FEMA; and
    - Mr. Nicholas is hoping the county will get reimbursed for the costs.
- Has not received an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) that has indemnification language that was agreed upon:
  - Phase 2 cleanup has not begun on any of the county rights-of-way;
  - ODOT states that they are pushing ahead with cleaning up private parcels;
  - The collective language that the counties have agreed upon is stuck at the Department of Justice;
  - ODOT staff is just as frustrated as the counties are with the non-movement of the IGA; and
  - ODOT is doing work in Jackson County's right-of-way because there are urgent needs.
- There still has not been a detailed schedule from ODOT released:
  - Property owners have dropped out of the program because they can't wait around any longer;
  - The contractor is mobilized:
    - They are conducting work on Highway 22.

- Mr. Nicholas will need a list of parcel numbers that are prioritized for cleanup to give to ODOT;
- Ms. Fritz was given a master list from the Assessor's Office with site addresses:
  - Property owner contact information; and
  - If the property was completely destroyed in the fire.
- The commissioners will prioritize a list of properties that need cleanup and get the list to Mr. Nicholas and Ms. Radtke.

Tamra Goettsch:

- Had a housing meeting last Friday;
- SIT is having difficulty placing fire victims in appropriate housing situations;
- The board that oversees the Santiam Wildfire Recovery Fund is allocating \$1,000 to all homeowners in the canyon whose homes were destroyed;
- Looking at camps in the canyon for temporary placement options;
- Availability to house individuals has been limited;
- Trying to identify individuals that are FEMA eligible and make them the priority;
- There is a lot of need in the canyon:
  - There is a lot of mental health services that are needed.
- Danielle Gonzalez has been attending meetings in the canyon and she has been hearing that there has been a lack of communication between the county and the cities:
  - The commissioners will schedule a stakeholder meeting next week.
- Evacuating FEMA and SIT trailers on the Linn County side due to flooding.

Lisa Trauernicht:

- Oregon Housing and Community Services has a program for wildfire victims that homeowners can apply for \$6,500 in assistance if they have damage or loss to their primary residence and it is considered uninhabitable:
  - Applicants have to have an income that is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.
- The long-term recovery manager recruitment was posted yesterday; and
- The grant application to Business Oregon for the Community Development Block Grant is in the final stages:
  - It should be completed by this week; and
  - It is still lacking immediate direct support for the cities for daily operations:
    - The grant does not cover administration fees, but the county can cover that piece; and
    - Need to work closely with the cities of Gates and Detroit so they choose the program manager.

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Danielle Bethell:

- Would like Health and Human Services to provide the board with the number that they are comfortable with moving into Phase 1B:

- This will be addressed at the Health and Human Services Policy Meeting; and
- The board would like to know the population breakdown of Marion County that are getting vaccinated:
  - How many are over 70 years old;
  - How many are teachers;
  - In the medical field; and
  - How many shots have been given out that have covered that population.
- Yamhill County Commissioners have passed a resolution wanting to know the validity of testing:
  - Would like the board to consider the same resolution and support it.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

**Summary of presentation:**

- Association of Oregon Counties will be instrumental on helping back up the county on big issues in the legislature;
- Senate Bill 464 is the Wildfire Property Tax bill that has been filed jointly with Linn County:
  - Waives delinquencies one year after the fire disaster.
- House Bill 2247 is a bill that Linn County introduced on their own that pertains to property taxes as well:
  - Allowing board of commissions to waive penalties of interest incurred on property taxes; and
  - Made it for two years.
- Representative Marsh introduced a bill regarding property taxes and wildfire damage:
  - It is written as prospective and into the future.
- House Bill 2497 prohibits the expansion of the Aurora Airport:
  - Introduced by Representative Neron from Wilsonville.

Jan Fritz:

- Senate District 20 appointment joint hearing with Clackamas County will be by Zoom:
  - Marion County will get one vote; and
  - Clackamas County has the majority of votes.
- Ms. Young will work with Clackamas County to get the hearing scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**  
 Reviewed by: *Joanna Ritchie*