



OREGON

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Minutes

Monday, March 1, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Danielle Bethell, and Colm Willis, Laurie Steele, Jan Fritz, Jane Vetto, Ryan Matthews, Tamra Goettsch, Brian Nicholas, Brian May, Brandon Reich, Chris Trussell, Kathleen Silva, Barb Young, Jessica Stanton, Chad Ball, Jolene Kelley, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Discuss Northwest Human Services Crisis Hotline for Fiscal Year 2021-22

- Ryan Matthews

Summary of presentation:

- Contract will expire on June 30, 2021;
- This contract funds a portion of Northwest Human Services Crisis Hotline for Marion County;
- In the past, Marion County was in charge of the behavioral health system, which this hotline was under that resource;
- When CCO's were created, departments questioned the validity of this contract, and whether it should stay with HHS;
- There was some political pushback, so HHS renewed the agreement last biennium;
- This contract is more of a community resource the HHS has been funding out of their department funds for support:
 - HHS has no control over their operational decisions.
- Mr. Matthews has been consulting with HHS Crisis Team to try and determine if there is enough value to justify the \$98,000:
 - The consensus was no:
 - There were 530 calls in the last biennium that were identified as mental health related; and
 - More than half of those calls were forwarded to the Psychiatric Crisis Center (PCC).
- Mr. Matthews would like to invest dollars into the Crisis Team:
 - Adding a certified recovery mentor;
 - Peer run respite services; and
 - Incorporate peers in the behavioral health program.
- If it is appropriate to end this contract, Mr. Matthews would like the county's resources to be put back into HHS programs supporting the community.

Board discussion:

- Very few of the calls from the hotline are mental health crisis calls;
- Putting resources back into the community would be very valuable;
- The crisis center should be the hotline, instead of calling a mental health hotline call center;
- The PCC is available 24/7 for suicidal individuals;
- Mr. Matthews is unsure if Northwest Human Services would be able to continue the hotline without the \$98,000:
 - He believes other agencies should be paying into the program since their members are using the service:
 - Willamette Health Council; and
 - Pacific Source.
- There is a significant need for more one-on-one mental health crisis intervention resources in Marion County:
 - Northwest Human Services is not equipped for those services.
- Mr. Matthews would like to reallocate the funds to hire a certified recovery mentor.

ICE STORM UPDATE:

Brandon Reich and Chris Trussell:

- There were 379 permits for power reconnection to homes applied for as of February 28, 2021:
 - PGE requires that an electrician obtain a permit to reattach power to the house.
- The electrician obtains the permit online through the state website:
 - It is issued instantly; and
 - The permit cost ranges from \$60-\$80, with a state fee that is included.
- Public Works is conducting all of the inspections:
 - They are not behind on the inspections due to contracting help with this process.
- There are no revenues or Net Working Capital in the Electrical Program:
 - The fees that are charged are very low that support the program, but there is nothing built in for revenue resource.
- There is built up capital in the Structural Program:
 - Residential Program; and
 - Commercial Program.
- If there was a waiver for a fee, the money would go back to the electrical contractor, because they purchased the permit, and they would refund the money to the homeowner or renter;
- If Public Works were to refund the permits, it would be \$35,000;
- Most of the fees are credit card transactions, so the refund would be placed back to the credit card associated with the contractor; and
- Public Works will need to notify the property owner that they are refunding the contractor of the permit fees.

Board discussion:

- Mr. Reich does not have a cost estimate of work load hours because of the ice storm;
- There was one request asking for the refund;
- The commissioners are wanting to protect the property owners, not the contractors;
- The majority of the reconnections are done by a licensed contractor due to a form needing to be sent in by the electrical company's supervisor prior to Public Works doing the inspection;
- A property owner can do their own electrical work on their own home as long as they are the sole owner of the property;
- Public Works cannot pause the permit system due to it being a state permitting program;
- The commissioners would like to have Public Works refund the permit fees, but understand why it is difficult to do so:
 - Mr. Trussell will use his discretion to refund the permit fees as the requests come in.

Brian Nicholas:

- EOC is closed, but the helpline is still active;
- PGE has stopped reporting outages for Marion County;
- 150 customers are still without power as of Friday;
- Still issues with outages north of Silver Creek State Park:
 - Drakes Crossing.
- The Initial Damage Assessment (IDA):
 - Requested an extension;
 - Will compile all IDA information from all cities:
 - Fire districts; and
 - School districts.
 - Will submit information to Oregon Emergency Management this Thursday;
- The commissioners need to know what their responsibility is to the citizens of Marion County that are still without power:
 - The commissioners are communicating with PGE to let them know which places are without power.

Brian May:

- Increased volume at Salem Keizer Transfer Station over the weekend;
- Brown's Island is averaging 2,500 yards of debris a day:
 - To date, there have been 32,500 yards brought in.
- Working with Team Rubicon to clean up parks around the county;
- Cities are starting to close their debris drop off sites:
 - Salem is closed starting March 7th; and
 - Woodburn is closed.
- Working on hauling cost estimates.

BEACHIE CREEK FIRE UPDATE:

Brian Nicholas:

- Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) debris cleanup:
 - Made more information available to property owners;
 - Sent a letter to all property owners that signed up for the right of entry that contained an access number:
 - Had directions to enter the access number on their interactive website to see when their property will be cleaned up.
 - Property owners need to use the hotline provided for any questions they may have;
 - If property owners are not getting information they need, they need to call Public Works staff;
 - Meeting scheduled on Thursday's with Marion County and ODOT;
 - Schedule:
 - ODOT is contracting with ECC, which is their cleanup contractor and they are issuing work orders under that contract:
 - The work orders specify the parcels that are included in the cleanup work order;
 - ODOT then executes the work order for that group;
 - They have executed two work orders for Beachie Creek Fire:
 - Includes most of the parcels in Detroit; and
 - Posted laminated card notice sheets at the property with dates and work that will be done.
 - It is not too late to sign up for Phase One Cleanup;
- There will still be a patrol deputy in Detroit, even though FEMA denied reimbursement;
- North Fork Corridor during recreational season:
 - Met with Sheriff's Office regarding options for road closures;
 - Researching putting an electric gate up North Fork Road to close it to the public:
 - It is not a simple issue due to North Fork Road technically being a highway;
 - Working with Legal Counsel on emergency ordinances and signage; and
 - Will come before the board at a work session or Management Update in the next couple of weeks.

Kathleen Silva:

- Detroit Fuel:
 - Public hearing was conducted to use Mark Nielson Oil Products gas station;
 - It was approved that property owners will be allowed to use the commercial pump:
 - It is only open to Detroit and Idanha residents.
 - It is a credit card, which is an application process;
 - Will have to state your anticipated fuel usage in the application;

- A credit check will be conducted;
- Ms. Silva has not heard of an option of a prepay program for those that have bad credit;
- There is not a termination date for the fueling station;
- Detroit Gas Station did state at the public hearing that they anticipate opening in May; and
- There are signs for the next fueling stations, so people are aware that there are not gas stations available in Detroit.

Tamra Goettsch:

- MASTT:
 - Camp Taloali was told by their insurance that they could no longer house fire survivors on their property;
 - Had to remove them from their property by February 28, 2021; and
 - Housing fire victims is outside their mission and purpose.
- The state put out an emergency outreach and wraparound support service grant:
 - The SIT team is needing money to support their disaster case management program:
 - Want to create four disaster case management staff positions.
- Anthony Hall is looking to transfer resources so they can close that office.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Summary of presentation:

- HB 2100 – State Housing and Community Services bill:
 - Modernizing Oregon’s responses to homelessness;
 - Cuts Community Action Agency’s funding from 100 percent to 80 percent;
 - This bill is up for public hearing at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow; and
 - Community Action Agency asked for a letter of opposition from the board.
- Special committee for wildfire recovery:
 - Linn County’s bill, HB 2247, will be up for a public hearing today at 6:50 p.m.:
 - Added for COVID and wildfire; and
 - If there are late payments or failure to pay property taxes, county boards and commissioners can waive the penalty and interest:
 - Association of Oregon Counties recommended removing the COVID piece, but Linn County was not interested in doing so.
- Commissioner Cameron would like Ms. Young to research HB 2607 and report back to the group;
- SB 464 – Property tax relief bill for wildfire victims:
 - It will be permissive;
 - HB 2341 is written prospectively;
 - The county is concerned with the bills being looked at as conflicting:
 - Trying to lay the ground work so that they won’t be conflicting.

- If they are viewed as conflicting, whichever bill passes last is law.
- The commissioners will meet with the county's lobbyist at Wednesday's BOC Policy Meeting;
- No movement on the Aurora Airport bill;
- Public Safety:
 - There are a few gun bills that have been introduced.
- HB 3035 – Directs the Department of Corrections to address healthcare needs of a person upon intake;
- HB 5004 – Department of Corrections budget:
 - Public hearing begins today.
- HB 3115 – Sit/Lie bill:
 - Will work on a letter opposing the bill for the commissioners to sign.
- HB 3091 – Appropriates money to Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for grants and onsite septic systems and low interest loans;
- SB 391 – Accessory Dwelling Unit Bill:
 - Allowing in the Rural Residential Zones.
- SB 582 – Environmental bill; and
- Immunization bill hasn't moved.

COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATES:

Kevin Cameron:

- Attended the O&C Meeting:
 - Possibly scheduling a work session to understand timber.
- Had a call with PGE regarding irrigation meters and residential meters.
- Attended the Detroit Drinking Water Update:
 - There was clear direction of what needed to happen;
 - DEQ is overwhelmed in their lab due to the wildfires;
 - Estimating end of March for non-potable water in the system;
 - The leaks have been mitigated to five gallons per minute in the system;
 - The temporary system is there;
 - The permits for the pump house have been submitted; and
 - Commissioner Cameron will follow up with Jody Christensen to see what the next steps will be.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**

Reviewed by: *Melissa Rounds*