

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, February 12, 2025  
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room  
555 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Danielle Bethell and Commissioner Colm Willis. Also present were Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer, Steve Elzinga as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Kevin Cameron

Commissioner Bethell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

*(Video Time 00:00:36)*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Paul Brakeman:

- Mr. Brakeman expressed the following:
  - He is the Mayor of the City of Scotts Mills;
  - He would like to bring attention to the deteriorating conditions of Scotts Mills Dam;
  - He has concerns about the dam's current condition;
  - Individuals enjoying the park often cross the creek onto private property:
    - Trespassing on private land is a frequent occurrence.
  - A piece of the dam broke off during the 2024 winter season;
  - Many community members have requested a status update for the dam;
  - He feels it would be safer if the dam was destroyed;
  - Removal of the dam may reduce trespassing on private property;
  - The concrete from the dam is breaking off into the pool making it more dangerous; and
  - He would like something to be done with the dam.

(Video Time 00:04:25)

## **CONSENT**

### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

#### **Board Appointment – Mental Health Advisory Committee**

1. Approve orders appointing Teresa Joslin, Karla Hunter, and Maria Torres to the Marion County Mental Health Advisory Committee with terms ending December 31, 2028.

#### **Board Appointment – Marion County Health Insurance Study Committee (HISC)**

2. Approve an order appointing Sherrie Hickam as a management representative to the Marion County Law Enforcement Association (MCLEA) and the Federation of Oregon Parole and Probation Officers (FOPPO) Health Insurance Study Committee (HISC).

### **BUSINESS SERVICES**

3. Approve an order approving payment to Marion County Public Works in the amount of \$217,456.69 for cost associated with repairs from a generator fire in 2023, at the House Mountain Communication Site.

4. Approve an order ratifying the authorization to the Chair of the Marion County Board of Commissioners to sign the back-up offer for real property located in Salem, Oregon.

### **FINANCE**

5. Consider approval of an order to readopt for 2025, Marion County Administrative Policy #496, Investment of Public Funds.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

6. Receive notice of the hearings officer's decision approving Subdivision, Case #24-001/Enchanted Ridge Property Owners Association and Enchanted Ridge II, LLC.

7. Approve an order for vacating a portion of a public alley within the Trullinger Tracts Subdivision in Marion County, Oregon as described in Exhibit A and depicted in Exhibit B.

8. Approve a resolution to authorize acquisition and eminent domain of certain real properties for tax lot 072W31DA05800 as referenced in "Exhibit A", for the Connecticut Avenue: Macleay Road to Rickey Street improvement project.

### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

9. Approve the incoming funds Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) in the amount of \$372,156 for the Jail-Based Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Grant Program through December 31, 2025.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved for approval of the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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## **ACTION**

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

10. Consider approval of Amendment #1 to the Supplemental Project Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to add \$1,757,583.03 for a new contract total of \$7,491,930.78 of which an estimated \$1,577,079.25 will utilize federal funds and an estimated \$180,503.78 will utilize county funds for safety improvements at the intersection of Ehlen Road NE and Butteville Road NE through March 1, 2034. –Ryan Crowther

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

- The project is located north of the City of Donald on Ehlen Road NE and Butteville Road NE;
- The project scope entails constructing a single lane rural roundabout where the two roads intersect;
- A design consultant has drafted three project options for the county to consider;
- Amendment #1 to the contract adds congressionally directed federal funding in the amount of \$1,577,079.25 to the project:
  - The additional funding provides more flexibility to ensure the roundabout can accommodate commercial vehicles and farm traffic.
- The project's preliminary schedule entails the following:
  - Preliminary engineering started in 2024;
  - Right-of-way acquisition in 2025; and
  - Construction will start in 2027.

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

- Outreach for the project includes:
  - A public meeting where multiple projects will be discussed;
  - Posting on the county's website;
  - Posting on social media;
  - A second public meeting will be held during the planning phase so that public comment and feedback can be incorporated into the plans; and
  - An open house with exhibits and timelines will be held.
- The project has been ongoing for a considerable length of time; and
- It will be better for the community once the project is completed.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved to approve Amendment #1 to the Supplemental Project Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to add \$1,757,583.03 for a new contract total of \$7,491,930.78 of which an estimated \$1,577,079.25 will utilize federal funds and an estimated \$180,503.78 will utilize county funds for safety improvements at the intersection of Ehlen Road NE and Butteville Road NE through March 1, 2034. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

*(Video Time 00:11:04)*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9:30 A.M.**

None.

Commissioner Bethell adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

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