



Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 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, Chad Ball, Jessica Stanton, Jon Heynen, Tanisha Bush, Kelli Weese, Eli Heindricks, Jennifer Chun, Katrina Rothenberger, Phil Blea, Jeremiah Elliot, Sherry Lintner, Teri Morgan, Colleen Coons-Chaffins, Scott Norris, and Brian Nicholas.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Recommendation to Appoint Eric Razor and Justin Nielsen to the Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee

-Sherry Lintner

Summary of presentation:

- Eric Razor owns two recovery homes, and brings a housing perspective to the committee;
- There are nine voting members on the Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee; and
- Justin Nielsen is the owner and executive director of the Oregon Recovery Treatment Center.

Board discussion:

- Both candidates were recommended by current members of the committee; and
- The Commissioners are fine with the appointments.

Update on Suicide Statistics (youth aged 24 & younger)

-Phil Blea

Summary of presentation:

- Since 2018 there has been a decrease in suicides in individuals aged 24 and younger;
- The county has done a lot of question, persuade, and refer (QPR) suicide prevention training; and
- The pandemic did provide the benefit of parents being home more with their children.

Board discussion:

- Behavioral Health does not know what is more effective, schools providing mental health support vs. community providers:
 - Every school district, and school, does things differently;
 - Within the Salem-Keizer School District Behavioral Health does outreach with school suicide prevention staff and school counselors; and
 - Some school districts do not want to work with the county.
- Mr. Blea does not track how Marion County does compared to other communities in the country, but he will get the Commissioners that information.

Oregon Health Authority Biennium 2021-2023 IGA #169523 (HE-4195-21) for Financing of Public Health Services Amendment Four

-Katrina Rothenberger

Summary of presentation:

- Adds \$46,819 to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program:
 - Redistribution of statewide unspent funds.
- Decreases Program Element 42, home visiting program, by \$113,000 due to a miscalculation.

Board discussion:

- There are currently two nurses in the home visiting program:
 - Only one is full time in the program.
- Babies First! is a home visiting program for children up to age five that provides basic support for new mothers;
- CaCoon is a home visiting program for children with special needs; and
- Commissioner Willis asked if there are other providers in the community that could provide these services.

Oregon Health Authority Biennium 2021-2023 IGA #169523 (HE-4195-21) for Financing of Public Health Services Amendment Five

-Katrina Rothenberger

Summary of presentation:

- Adds \$198,396 to Program Element 51-02, public health modernization:
 - Specifically, the regional partnership with Polk County.

Board discussion:

- Marion County Health and Human Services (HHS) does not provide any services within Polk County.

Board Order for the Financial Administration of Oregon Health Authority 2022 IGA #173144

-Jeremiah Elliot

Summary of presentation:

- HHS would like the Board to consider appointing Ryan Matthews and Jan Fritz as the county financial assistance administrators to administer the 2022

intergovernmental agreement for the financing of community mental health, addiction treatment, recovery and prevention, and problem gambling services.

Board discussion:

- There is a requirement in the contract for the Board to delegate the authority to sign amendments:
 - It reduces the administrative burden of the Board; and
 - The amendments often result in a net zero change.
- Significant changes to the contract would still come before the Board;
- The Commissioners want to see all new program elements, for all departments; and
- This will be presented at tomorrow's Board Session.

Update on Proposed Contract with Magellan Advisors for Broadband Development

-Eli Heindricks

Summary of presentation:

- The county's first contract with Magellan Advisors was in 2017 for the development of the following two strategic plans:
 - Marion County broadband strategic plan; and
 - North Santiam Canyon broadband feasibility study and strategic plan.
- The second contract was in 2020 and focused on implementing the recommendations of the first two plans;
- The scope of work for the current contract includes the following:
 - Use cases for agriculture;
 - Targeted agricultural broadband development; and
 - Development of an updated plan for the North Santiam Canyon:
 - The previous plan was done prior to the wildfires.
- The contract is estimated at \$124,950 and is for 600 hours of work.

Board discussion:

- Staff will work with Magellan Advisors:
 - When Mr. Heindricks leaves the department has requested another AmeriCorps Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) member.
- Magellan will draft the narrative that will be used in grant applications;
- The Commissioners would like documentation on what the county has done since the first contract including:
 - The number of homes that have been connected to broadband.
- The Commissioners are willing to move forward with the contract.

Wildfire Update

- All

Summary of presentation:

Chad Ball:

- The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) is trying to get the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to reimburse them for six properties that were denied reimbursement:
 - The state cleaned up the properties and FEMA denied reimbursement; and
 - OEM asked the county to sign an affidavit that describes what happened during the fires, including the economic impact.

Board discussion:

- Once reviewed, Commissioner Bethell will sign the affidavit.

Danielle Bethell:

- Met with the new Oregon Housing and Community Services disaster recovery manager:
 - Showed him the Mill City temporary RV site that is expiring next week; and
 - Showed him where the tiny homes are being placed in Gates and at North Santiam State Park:
 - The Housing Authority will be managing the tiny homes; and
 - The tiny homes are not meant to be permanent housing.

Legislative Update

-Tanisha Bush

Summary of presentation:

- The Commissioners were provided with a draft letter of support for the airport:
 - The letter is addressed to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) asking them to accelerate providing their services.
- The Commissioners were provided with a draft letter of support for the state to get the remaining federal funds for Opal Creek; and
- The Commissioners were provided with a draft letter regarding the North Santiam Canyon wastewater improvement project:
 - The county is considering asking the federal government for \$5 million to complete the funding for the project:
 - If the funding is received, it would federalize the project making it subject to federal requirements.
 - The county would ask for letters of support from local governments.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners are fine with sending the letter to TSA:
 - A copy needs to go to Travel Salem, the county's federal delegation, and local legislators.
- Commissioners Bethell and Cameron are fine with sending the Opal Creek letter, with the edits discussed;
- The county may be able to get the \$5 million for the North Santiam Canyon wastewater improvement project from the state;
- The Detroit Lake Marina dredging project is already federalized, so it may be a better project to ask for the \$5 million; and

- The Commissioners and staff agree that the county should ask for the \$5 million for the marina dredging project:
 - The Commissioners will provide Ms. Bush with three agencies or contacts that would be willing to provide the county with letters of support.

OTHER:

Colleen Coons-Chaffins:

- Update on His Place:
 - Met with neighbors of the new site regarding the easements;
 - Have another meeting this Thursday; and
 - If the neighbors do not sign the easements Ms. Coons-Chaffins would like to proceed with closing on the property.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners support closing on the property even if the easements are not acquired.

Colm Willis:

- The county received a request for \$50,000 from the Saint Paul Fire District to help build a fuel storage facility:
 - They ran out of fuel during the ice storm.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Bethell would like more information; and
- Commissioner Cameron would like emergency management funding sources explored.

Jessica Stanton:

- Received a request from Jimmy Jones for the Board's approval of the Emergency Solutions Grant:
 - The grant must be reauthorized every two years; and
 - The county's regional approval is required for the grant money to be received from the state:
 - The Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (MWVCAA) is the primary recipient.

Board discussion:

- The Board would like representation on the MWVCAA Board of Directors; and
- Commissioner Bethell would like to know who these services support outside of the City of Salem.

Chad Ball:

- Regarding the road in East Salem that is filled with potholes a work session could be held with the residents attending, or a town hall style meeting could be held.

Board discussion:

- It can be explained to the residents what it takes to become a county road:
 - Through a Local Improvement District, the residents pay to bring the road up to county standards, and then the county adopts the road.
- Public Works will work on the options available, and those can be presented to the residents.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATES:

Kevin Cameron:

- Met with the Little North Fork Recreational Group, the Bureau of Land Management, the US Forest Service, the Marion County Parks Department, and the Marion County Sheriff's Office to discuss what roads are opening in the canyon, and what work is being done to get roads open:
 - Need to let the public know what recreational areas are opening this year.
- Gave the Commissioners a rough draft of the schedule for the reentry breakfast:
 - Would like Commissioner Willis to introduce the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program;
 - Would like Commissioner Bethell to do the close; and
 - The breakfast is on April 28, 2022, at 7 a.m.
- Leadership Salem has requested that the Commissioners participate in Government Day:
 - All the Commissioners are willing to participate.
- Interested in sending a letter signed by all three Commissioners to the county's federal delegation, and others, requesting an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed casino.

Danielle Bethell:

- Attended the Breaking Bread, Breaking Barriers luncheon hosted by the Church @ the Park through the Salem Leadership Foundation;
- Toured the micro-shelters on Portland Road:
 - They are looking for partners.
- Toured Cornerstone Apartments.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Young**

Reviewed by: Shawnnell Fuentes