



OREGON

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Minutes

Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Danielle Bethell, Kevin Cameron, and Colm Willis, Jan Fritz, Chad Ball, Matt Lawyer, Tamra Goettsch, Camber Schlag, John Carlson, Sherry Lintner, Tom Rohlring, Katrina Rothenberger, Michelle Shelton, Ryan Matthews, Brian May, Jane Vetto, Janet Carlson, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Senecal Estates Subdivision II Property Update

- John Carlson, Camber Schlag, Jeff White

Summary of presentation:

- 11 lots:
 - 5 lots were put up for sale at a public auction, and all 5 sold; and
 - Remaining 6 lots were put up for private sale due to their sizes and locations:
 - Received bids on all 6 properties:
 - Most bids received were very low; and
 - If sold, the properties would be back on the tax rolls.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners are okay with accepting the offers and selling the 6 lots.

Review Recommendations for Appointments to the Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee

- Sherry Lintner, Katrina Rothenberger

Summary of presentation:

- Staff recommends the appointment of three new members to the Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Advisory Committee;
- The commissioners were provided with the candidate applications and the committee's bylaws;
- Members serve three year terms; and
- Staff would like to bring this to board session next week for approval.

Board discussion:

- There are ten ASA's in Marion County:
 - Currently only six are being represented on the committee.

- The commissioners are fine with the recommendations.

Discuss the City of Salem Climate Action Plan

- Brian May

Summary of presentation:

- A draft plan has been developed:
 - Public comment is due by November 5, 2021.
- Goals of the plan:
 - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent by 2035; and
 - Be carbon neutral by 2050.
- The county is focusing on the plan strategies that deal with solid waste issues:
 - Interested in what data Salem is using to support solid waste being taken to a landfill over being burned at a facility like Covanta's.
- Three options for providing input to the City of Salem on the plan:
 - The Solid Waste Management Advisory Council (SWMAC) can comment;
 - The board can comment based on suggestions from SWMAC; or
 - The county does not provide any comment.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners would like to review SWMAC's suggestions;
- The commissioners would like to provide comment, especially in regards to Covanta; and
- The commissioners would like to see the disposition of construction materials addressed by the plan.

2021 Commissioners' Day

- Jan Fritz

Summary of presentation:

- Current regular employees will be granted a day off to be taken between November 15, 2021 and January 31, 2021; and
- The commissioners were provided a copy of the letter that will go out to employees.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners approve having the letter sent to employees.

Wildfire Update

- All

Summary of presentation:

Brian Nicholas:

- K & E Excavating will be removing hazard trees along county roads;
- K & E Excavating continues to schedule work on private properties; and
- County hazard trees are in the process of being marked.

Kevin Cameron:

- Would like the county to look at waiving septic and building permit fees for commercial properties affected by the wildfires; and
- Would like to have a meeting to discuss possible locations for a community septic system in downtown Detroit:
 - Several properties on Main Street are for sale; and
 - A community septic system could possibly help attract a hotel or a restaurant to Main Street.

Jan Fritz:

- Attended a meeting that discussed the \$10 million in grants funded by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for counties affected by the wildfires, and the \$10 million that was given to the Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD);
- DLCD is working on fire hardening grants; and
- 92 percent of homes that burned throughout the state were manufactured homes:
 - DEQ is considering using some of the grant funds to upgrade manufactured home heating systems to make them more energy efficient.

Tamra Goettsch:

- The Service Integration Team is still looking to hire an additional case manager;
- There are currently 258 cases under case management;
- There are 91 cases awaiting assignment of a case manager;
- 10 cases have been closed; and
- A mental health counselor has been hired.

Matt Lawyer:

- Meeting with the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department to discuss the short term housing projects; and
- Continuing to work with Public Works on the cabins going into the North Santiam State Park.

HHS/COVID-19 Update

- All

Summary of presentation:

Ryan Matthews:

- The number of COVID cases continues to fall;
- There are going to be two employee vaccine clinics at Center Street from 9 a.m. to noon:
 - November 10, 2021; and
 - November 19, 2021.
- The pediatric doses of COVID vaccine should arrive this week:
 - For ages 5 through 11; and
 - 12,400 doses will go to providers throughout the county.

Cydney Nestor:

- The legislature is allocating funds to support the behavioral health workforce crisis:
 - The first priority is residential programs;
 - Allocating up to \$15 million to support mental health residential providers;
 - During the pandemic a large percentage of mental health residential capacity has been lost due to a shortage of workers;
 - The county can apply for these funds; and
 - Staff identified the following areas that could benefit from additional funding:
 - His Place improvements if the Woodburn property is acquired; and
 - Benedictine improvements:
 - Acquisition of a wheelchair accessible van;
 - Outdoor heating;
 - Equipment for a laundry training facility;
 - Equipment for a kitchen training facility; and
 - Staffing of a Clinical Supervisor 1 who would provide treatment services and on-site supervision.

OTHER:

Janet Carlson:

- Certify that Continuum of Care (CoC) Project applications are consistent with Marion County's Consolidated Plan:
 - The CoC program is required annually to do a notice of funding opportunity that includes project applications:
 - Due to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on November 12, 2021.
 - The two largest jurisdictions covered by the program must certify that the project applications are consistent with their consolidated plan:
 - The City of Salem; and
 - Marion County.

Board discussion:

- Marion County is working on their first consolidated plan:
 - They do not have an adopted consolidated plan.
- Ms. Fritz will check on the progress of the consolidated plan; and
- Ms. Carlson will check with HUD to see if Marion County needs to sign off since they do not have an approved consolidated plan.

Tom Rohlfig:

- House Bill 5006 that allocates funds to counties affected by the wildfires has passed:
 - Counties need to pass a resolution on how they will distribute the funds:
 - Could be used to reimburse taxing districts for loss of property tax revenue; and

- Mr. Rohlfing will bring options to the board.

Tamra Goettsch:

- Submissions are being accepted for the Workforce Partnership business grants.

Melissa Rounds, Robert Manier:

- Emergency Rental Assistance update:
 - As of today, \$422,000 in funding has been approved;
 - Working with utility companies to get information on the program out to their customers;
 - Will not meet the Treasury goal of 30 percent of funds spent by November 15, 2021; and
 - Working with Yardi on a performance improvement plan that will be submitted to Treasury.

Jan Fritz:

- \$2 million has been funded by the federal government for economic development in the Opal Creek Wilderness.

COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATES:

Danielle Bethell:

- Met with Liberty House to discuss their expansion into Woodburn:
 - They are opening a prevention center at the Woodburn Family Resource Center; and
 - They are working with Salem Health to open a clinic in Woodburn:
 - Would require approximately \$50,000 of equipment:
 - Mr. Matthews is looking into possible funding sources.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**

Reviewed by: