



Work Session Summary Minutes

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Public Works Project Discussion

October 24, 2024. 11:00 AM
Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Board Room

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Kevin Cameron, Colm Willis, and Danielle Bethell.

Board's Office: Jan Fritz, Matt Lawyer, and Trevor Lane.

Legal Counsel: Steve Elzinga.

Public Works: Dennis Mansfield, Chris Einmo, and Brian Nicholas.

Finance: Jeff White.

Sheriff's Office: Nick Hunter.

Kevin Cameron called the meeting to order at 11:15 p.m.

Summary

The Marion County Board of Commissioners discussed prioritizing ARPA-funded projects, focusing on a \$12.5 million five-channel radio system and a \$14.2 million Brooks water project. The radio system faces a \$4 million funding gap, with potential contributions from Metcom and other agencies. The water project, which includes a \$14 million treatment facility, requires additional funding to address contaminants like PFAs. The board emphasized the importance of securing long-term water sources and ensuring project completion by December 31, 2026. They also discussed the feasibility of connecting Salem's water system and leveraging future grants for growth. The meeting discussed the Brooks water campus expansion, requiring a second reservoir due to current water constraints. The project, including engineering design contracts, must adhere to deadlines. The Fargo project bid is \$380,000, with \$220,000 reallocated from ARPA. Parkdale and Mill City projects are on track for 2026 completion. The Hope Pregnancy Clinic's \$5 million expansion was highlighted, with a need for \$2.5 million more. The sheriff's office drug issue on Lancaster was addressed, suggesting potential reallocation of resources. The meeting concluded with plans to finalize ARPA fund obligations by December 24.

- ARPA Funded Projects Discussion:
 - Radio Project:
 - Update on contract negotiations with Tate.
 - Review of financial projections for 5-channel and 3-channel system scenarios.
 - Potential revenue sources, including Metcom funds and firefighter grants, to address funding gap
 - Negotiation strategy with Metcom and other agencies to secure additional contributions

- Brooks Water Project:
 - Potential bulk water purchase agreement with Chemeketa.
 - Concerns around water source feasibility and treatment costs to address contaminants.
 - Importance of securing a long-term water source by 2026.
- Canyon Sewer Project:
 - Funding and obligation timeline to meet 2026 deadline.
 - Potential reallocation of funds from other projects to cover gap.
- Other:
 - Hope Pregnancy Clinic expansion project and challenges with CDBG funding & BOLI requirements.
 - Sheriff's office and public safety concerns, including drug-related issues on Lancaster and Sunnyview.
- Next Steps:
 - Brian Nicholas to negotiate with Metcom agencies to try to get additional funding contributions to close the \$4 million gap for the radio project.
 - Provide the group with the spreadsheet showing the cash flow and ability to obligate the ARPA funds by the 2026 deadline.
 - Reach out to Chemeketa to get an update on the water source feasibility and any potential contract terms.
 - Prepare a comprehensive spreadsheet consolidating all the ARPA-funded projects, including any reallocations or funds being "bought back", for further discussion.
 - Schedule a follow-up meeting next week to continue the discussion on ARPA fund allocation and obligations.

Adjourned – time: 2:11 p.m.

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Gary White