



Management Update Summary Minutes

OREGON

January 28, 2025. 9:30 AM

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Board Room

ATTENDANCE:

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

Board's Office: Jan Fritz, Chad Ball, Matt Lawyer, Alvin Klausen, Shawnnell Fuentes, Toni Whitler, Chris Eppley, and Skylar Stangeland.

Legal Counsel: Cody Walterman, and Steve Elzinga.

Sheriff's Office: Nicholas Hunter, Jeremy Landers, and Jacob Ramsey.

Public Works: Greg Walsh, Brandon Reich, Austin Barnes, Kent Inman, Brian May, Roxanne Toepfer, Kevin Thompson, Ryan Crowther, Ryan Wade, Lani Radtke, and Stephanie Pulvers.

Health and Human Services: Debbie Wells, Carol Heard, and Phil Blea.

Community Services: Steve Dickey, and Kelli Weese.

Finance: Jeff White.

Human Resources: Sherry Linter.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

1. Investment Policy Adoption

-Sam Brentano, Jeff White

Summary of Presentation:

- The board is required to review and approve the county's annual investment policy, by state law.
- The policy has not changed since it was last reviewed and adopted in 2023.
- The county currently has \$290 million invested with its investment advisors, GPA.

Board Direction:

- The board approved re-adopting the current investment policy without any changes at the upcoming board meeting.

2. FY 23-25 Jail-Based Medication of Opioid Use Disorder Program Grant Agreement

-Commander Jacob Ramsey

Summary of Presentation:

- \$372,000 in grant funding from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.
- Funds will improve the medication-assisted treatment program for opioid use disorder:
 - Provide injectable medications to inmates that are more difficult to divert than oral medications.

- Will fund an employee to help transition inmates back into the community after receiving treatment.

Board Direction:

- The board would like information regarding the source of the funds and the formula used by the Criminal Justice Commission to allocate the funding.

3. Procedures for Managing Land Use Case Timelines

-Brandon Reich & Steve Elzinga

Summary of Presentation:

- Challenges in managing land use case timelines due to changes in state laws that give applicants certain rights and timelines.
- To give the board an opportunity for a hearing, several procedures are outlined:
 - 30-day initial period before the timeline takes effect, where planning gets land use cases out.
 - The hearings officer must decide within 3 weeks after the record closes.
 - The board has the power to hold a hearing even if the timeline is surpassed, as long as the applicant does not object.

Board Direction:

- Explore the possibility of having a backup hearings officer for land use cases.
- Provide feedback on the draft memo regarding procedures for managing timelines on land use cases.

4. House Bill 3209 – Increase Vehicle Registration Fees

-Dennis Mansfield

Summary of Presentation:

- House Bill 3209 proposes to increase various vehicle registration fees:
 - Create an abandoned RV fund to cover costs of disposing of abandoned RVs.
 - Increase RV registration fees by 50% to support the maintenance of parks.
- Concerns about the equity of the fee, as it places the burden on RV owners rather than all park users.
- The board questioned whether the funding formula adequately accounts for the population of RV users versus the overall population.

Board Direction:

- The board indicated it would wait for further discussion and support from the Association of Oregon Counties before taking a position on the bill

5. Emergency Operations Plan Grant with Oregon Department of Emergency Management for Emergency Operations Planning Services

-Greg Walsh

Summary of Presentation:

- Contract amendment with the state to provide emergency operations planning services for 9 additional cities.
- The original contract was for \$87,000, and the amendment would add additional funding.

Board Direction:

- The board requested to see the original contract to better understand the scope and costs of the services.

6. Alley Vacation – East Side of Trullinger Tracts Subdivision

-Kent Inman

Summary of Presentation:

- Petition to vacate a 20-foot alley on the east side of the Trullinger Tracts subdivision.
- During the utility locates, a PGE line was found in the alley, and a draft easement document has been prepared.
- All abutting landowners have consented to the proposed vacation.

Board Direction:

- The board agrees to proceed with this as a consent item at board session.

7. Mercury Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Construction Site Runoff Control

-Stephanie Pulvers, Brian May

Summary of Presentation:

- Plan to incorporate erosion control requirements into county building permits to comply with mercury TMDL regulations.
- The plan includes three options, with the water quality advisory committee and homebuilders' association preferring the least impactful option:
 - Adds language to building permits referring applicants to educational resources on erosion control, rather than requiring inspections.
- The board emphasized the importance of a complaint-based inspection system and minimizing the impact on development.

Board Direction:

- Move forward to try to implement a plan by September 2025.

8. Request for Approval to Pursue NOAA Fishing Passage Grant

-Ryan Crowther & Ryan Wade

Summary of Presentation:

- Assesses and classifies 13 culverts and 2 bridges for fish passage.
- Covers 100% of the planning and assessment costs, with the county only forfeiting its indirect rate as a match.
- Board concerned of potential enforcing fish passage regulations and the impact on the county's ability to make emergency culvert repairs.

Board Direction:

- Schedule a follow-up discussion to address concerns and decide.

9. Right-of-Way Acquisition at 1023 Connecticut Ave, Salem

-Ryan Crowther

Summary of Presentation:

- Strip of right-of-way from an owner for a sidewalk project on Connecticut Ave.
- The property owner has not been responsive to negotiations, despite attempts by public works to reach an agreement.
- Requesting authorization to proceed with a resolution of eminent domain to acquire the necessary right-of-way.

Board Direction:

- The board agreed to proceed with notice provided to the owner ahead of time

10. Amendment #1 to Supplemental Project Agreement with ODOT to for Ehlen Road and Butteville NE Roundabout Project

-Ryan Crowther

Summary of Presentation:

- Add \$1.75 million in congressionally directed spending to the Ehlen and Butteville Roads roundabout project.
- Funding will be used for preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the roundabout project.
- Currently scheduled for construction in 2027.

Board Direction:

- Keep the congressional representative's office informed of the progress.
- The board is good with the update.

11. Behavior Health Customer Satisfaction Survey Review

-Carol Heard, Phil Blea, Debbie Wells

Summary of Presentation:

- The survey was conducted in late 2024, which had a 20% response rate.
- Included feedback on services provided by staff across all client-facing positions:
 - Reception, therapists, case managers, skills trainers, and prescribers.
- The results showed high satisfaction levels, with median scores ranging from 4.75 to 4.47 for all provider roles.
- The open-ended comments highlighted positive feedback about staff supports and a welcoming environment.
- Some concerns about staff workload and emotional support.

Board Direction:

- Need to address issues around translation services and new appointment scheduling system impacts.

12. Mental Health Advisory Committee Appointments, Teresa Joslin, Kara Hunter, and Maria Torres

-Phil Blea

Summary of Presentation:

- Theresa Jocelyn has experience with the persistently mentally ill population and community outreach.
- Kara Hunter has lived experience with mental health challenges and has worked on committees for the last 20 years.
- The board stated the importance of members understanding the committee's role and for the work not being disrupted.

Board Direction:

- The board approves all three committee appointments.

13. Mobile Crisis Services

-Debbie Wells, Rhett Martin

Summary of Presentation:

- Removed from the agenda

Board Direction:

- N/A

14. Contract Amendments #1, #2 with Peace of Mind Cleaning, LLC for Cleaning Services with HHS

-Debbie Wells

Summary of Presentation:

- This is for cleaning and waste removal services at behavioral health facilities.
- The first amendment extended the contract by one year to February 2025 and updated service rates and locations.
- The second amendment proposes extending the contract by an additional two years to February 2027 and increasing the maximum compensation from \$99,000 to \$149,000.

Board Direction:

- The board requested that the next contract be put out for an RFP to ensure competitive pricing and market rates.
- The board is good to proceed.

15. IGA Amendment #15 with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for Decrease of Program Elements Public Health Services for CARES, and OIP Bridge COVID

- Ryan Matthews

Summary of Presentation:

- Decrease funding for certain public health program elements in the 2023-2024 contract with OHA.
- This reflects a reconciliation of unspent funds from the 2017-2019 biennium, which the county will pay back to OHA in the amount of \$299,650.
- The board discussed the state's delayed reconciliation process:
 - Impacts fund availability for future use.
 - The county had \$808,000 in unspent funds set aside.

Board Direction:

- The board is good with the update.

16. 2017-2019 IGA with OHA Settlement Summary Report Preliminary Settlement Figures

-Ryan Matthews

Summary of Presentation:

- Update on the reconciliation of the 2017-2019 biennium contract with OHA.
- The state determined the county owes \$299,650:
 - Will be paid from the \$808,000 in unspent funds the county had set aside.
- State's delayed reconciliation process:
 - Leaves funds tied up for multiple biennia.
 - It is important to resolve these contracts to free up funds for future use.

Board Direction:

- The board is good to proceed.

17. CDBG/HOME Consolidated Plan RFP Review and Funding Options

-Steve Dickey

Summary of Presentation:

- RFP for the next five-year CDBG/HOME Consolidated Plan focus:
 - Affordable housing
 - Infrastructure
 - Social services
 - Economic development

- It is important that the needs of the community, not just bureaucratic expectations, are met.
- Must avoid the issues experienced with the previous consultant.
- The estimated cost of the consultant is \$65,000 to \$85,000.
- Potential funding sources:
 - General fund, lottery funds, and HOME funds.

Board Direction:

- The board requested more time to review the RFP and provide feedback before it is released.

18. Appointment of Joseph Billington to Marion County Fair Board

-Kelli Weese

Summary of Presentation:

- Mr. Billington participates on the Fair Board as the Future Farmers of America (FFA) liaison and applied to continue serving on the board.
- Mr. Billington declined the offer to introduce himself at board session.

Board Direction:

- The board approved the appointment of Mr. Billington to the Marion County Fair Board.

19. Self-Insurance Fund Payment to Public Works for House Mountain Generator Fire

-Tamra Goettsch

Summary of Presentation:

- Marion County Public works requested reimbursement from the self-insurance fund for \$217,456.69 in costs associated with repairs from a fire on House Mountain.
- The fire damaged generators and other operations on House Mountain:
 - The costs have been documented and vetted.

Board Direction:

- The board authorized the reimbursement to be processed, with the understanding that the county is still waiting for the insurance claim to be settled.

20. Update Public Hearing Procedure – Land Use

-Cody Walterman

Summary of Presentation:

- The focus was on the opening statement the board provides at the beginning of the land use public hearings.
- The opening statement has been updated to reflect the requirements in the county code and state statute.
- The updated opening statement acknowledges there is no ex parte communications and that the board will be reviewing the applicable criteria.
- Planning staff will clearly state the applicable criteria at the start of the hearing, in addition to the board reading the updated opening statement.
- The goal of the updated procedure is to provide the board with better control over witness testimony and ensure proper appeals if necessary.
- The board was assured that planning staff are managing the workload and communicating with the hearings officer to prevent delays in decisions.

Board Direction:

- The board is good to proceed.

21. Legislative Update

-Alvin Klausen

Summary of Presentation:

- House Bill 3119:
 - Prohibits the Department of Environmental Quality from implementing or enforcing the Advanced Clean Trucks regulations before January 1, 2027.
 - Would delay the implementation of the California Advanced Clean Trucks regulation in Oregon.
- Reviewed draft talking points and a one-pager on the benefits of waste energy, which will be used for upcoming legislative hearings.
- The board was updated on the status of federal funding for county projects, including the potential freeze on COPS and other grant funds.
- The board directed staff to coordinate access to the legislative tracking tool with relevant department heads.

Board Direction:

- Provide a fiscal analysis on the impact of House Bill 3119 (the California Advanced Clean Trucks regulation) on Marion County's fleet.
- Coordinate with other departments and organizations to have representatives testify at the upcoming hearing on the waste energy bill.
- Request that the draft materials be reviewed by staff before dissemination.
- Provide the board with a list of staff who should have access to the legislative tracking tool.

22. Board Session Agenda

-Commissioner Bethell

- Overview the agenda.

Board Direction:

- The board is good to proceed.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE

Commissioner Danielle Bethell

- Met with Siletz Tribal Chairwoman Dee Pigsley:
 - Discussed natural resources.
- Reached out to Grand Ronde to restart regular meetings:
 - Have not occurred for almost a decade.

Commissioner Kevin Cameron

- City of Salem meeting:
 - Memorandum of understanding with the Grand Ronde Tribe for payment in lieu of taxes.
- Solid Waste Management Advisory Council (SWMAC) meeting.
- Aviation Grant Review meeting.
- City Club:
 - Presentation on the city's budget.

Commissioner Colm Willis

- N/A

OTHER

Adjourned – time: 11:46 a.m.

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova
Reviewed by: Gary L. White