



Management Update Summary Minutes

OREGON

February 04, 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: Matt Lawyer, Skylar Stangeland, Chris Eppley, Toni Whitler, Heather Inyama, Trevor Lane, Shawnnell Fuentes, and Alvin Klausen.

Legal Counsel: Steve Elzinga.

Public Works: Lani Radtke, Kent Inman, Carl Lund, Ryan Crowther, Scott Wilson and Brian Nicholas.

Business Services: Tamra Goettsch.

Health and Human Services: Christina Bertschi.

Commissioner Danielle Bethell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

1. McKay Road Traffic Safety Improvements

-Ryan Crowther

Summary of Presentation:

- Construction contract for the safety median project on the west side of McKay Road.
- Awarded to the low bidder, Roy Houck Construction, for \$2,049,281:
 - Bid was significantly under the engineer's estimate.
- The contract will be presented to the board in two weeks.
- The project is expected to be completed by October 2025.
- A proposal will also be brought to the board to lower the speed limit to 45 mph during the construction period.
- Importance of a strong public communication strategy to avoid confusion and complaints from the public about the temporary speed reduction.

Board Direction:

- The board is good to proceed.
- Have strong public communication to avoid confusion and complaints from the public about the temporary speed reduction.

2. Vacation of Public Right-of-Way Plat C of the Willamette Valley Irrigated Land Co

-Kent Inman

Summary of Presentation:

- Request to vacate an unimproved public right-of-way that was created by the Willamette Valley Irrigated Land Company plat.

- No utilities or other encumbrances in the affected area.
- The adjacent landowners, the Lucas family, have consented to the vacation.
- Vacating the unused right-of-way will eliminate the encumbrance on the Lucas family's farm property.

Board Direction:

- The board is good to proceed.

3. Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with City of Salem

-Carl Lund

Summary of Presentation:

- Proposal made to renew the traffic signal maintenance agreement with the City of Salem for up to \$500,000 over the next five years.
- The current agreement is expiring this month:
 - The new contract maintains the same rate structure without any increases.
- Under this agreement, the City of Salem effectively becomes Marion County employees during the time they are performing maintenance work on the County's traffic signals.

Board Direction:

- The board is good to proceed with the proposal on the consent agenda.

4. Supply and Delivery of Aggregate Rock Products for 2025 Seal Program

-Scott Wilson

Summary of Presentation:

- Knife River Corporation Northwest was selected as the lowest responsible bidder to provide the chip seal aggregate needed for the 2025 chip seal program.
- The one-year, \$493,580 contract will cover the delivery of aggregate for approximately 52 miles of road treatments in the southwest area of Marion County this summer.
- The budget allocation for this expense was increased slightly from the previous year to account for the added delivery costs.

Board Direction:

- The board is good to proceed.

5. Canyon Alert System

-Brian Nicholas

Summary of Presentation:

- A proposal to offer individual sirens to cities and fire departments:
 - Rather than implementing a centralized canyon alert system.
- Concerns were raised about the logistics of coordinating emergency notifications through multiple local entities versus the Sheriff's Office.

Board Direction:

- Schedule a deeper conversation to determine the best approach.

6. Health and Human Services (HHS) Residential Treatment Facility Respite Care Model Property

-Christina Bertschi

Summary of Presentation:

- Potential property identified as a new hybrid respite care model facility.
- It includes a home and a 1,400 square foot shop, totaling approximately 925,000 acres, with a nearby bus stop for accessibility.

- The location is generally suitable:
 - Discussed the property's proximity to a waterway.
 - Potential flooding risks need to be carefully considered.

Board Direction:

- The board agrees to proceed with a full-price offer on the property, contingent on receiving the necessary approvals and funding.

7. Guaranteed Detention Beds for Washington County

-Troy Gregg

Summary of Presentation:

- Ongoing discussions are taking place to finalize agreements.
- Establish a timeline for implementing a program to provide guaranteed detention beds for Washington County.
- The goal is to align implementation with the early part of the next fiscal budget cycle.

Board Direction:

- The board is good to proceed.

8. Storage Units for the New Evidence Building

-Tamra Goettsch

Summary of Presentation:

- Approval was requested to include the installation of space-saving storage units in the new evidence-building construction project.
- These units, similar to those used by the City of Salem, will help condense and efficiently organize the storage of evidence.
- Overall status of the evidence building project:
 - Landscaping efforts are underway with modifications made based on City of Salem's feedback.
 - The project team is working to keep the construction on track and within the allocated budget:
 - Learning from the cost overruns experienced by the City of Salem on their evidence facility.
 - Careful planning around construction materials and timing given the impacts of the recent wildfires on building supply chains and costs.

Board Direction:

- The board is good to proceed.
- The board suggested visiting with the City of Salem's project manager regarding the challenges they faced with their project.

9. PGE Utility Easement

-Tamra Goettsch

Summary of Presentation:

- Removed from the agenda.

Board Direction:

- N/A

10. Marion County Law Enforcement Association (MCLEA)/Federation of Oregon Parole and Probation Officers (FOPPO) Health Insurance Study Committee Member Recommendation

-Lori Klemsen

Summary of Presentation:

- Add Sherrier Hickam, Administrative Services Manager, at the Sheriff's Office, as a new management representative on the committee.
- Ms. Hickam will be replacing Allycia Weathers.

Board Direction:

- The board is good to proceed.

11. Legislative Update

-Alvin Klausen

Summary of Presentation:

- Public Works Testimony Requests:
 - Public Land Corner Preservation Fund Modernization:
 - Bill proposes to increase the allowable corner fee from \$10 to \$20.
 - Safety Corridors:
 - The bill is related to the existing safety corridors program.
- Bill Tracking System:
 - The improved bill tracking system will allow better monitoring and notification of upcoming hearings.
- Access to Bill Tracker:
 - Provide access to policy analysts and department heads.
 - Enhance internal communication and efficiency around tracking legislation.
- Senator Girod has requested support for the designation of Aurora Airport as an emergency airport facility.

Board Direction:

- Public Land Corner Preservation Fund Modernization:
 - County Surveyor to potentially provide neutral testimony on this bill:
 - Focus on the flexibility for counties to set their own fees.
- Safety Corridors Bill:
 - The group planned to have staff provide testimony on this bill.

12. Board Session Agenda

-Commissioner Bethell

- Overview the agenda.

Board Direction:

- The board is good to proceed.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE

Commissioner Danielle Bethell

- Request from Vanessa Nordyke of Court Appointed special Advocates (CASA):
 - Proclamation in May for Foster Care Awareness Month.
 - Suggest combining with the April proclamation for Child Abuse Awareness Month instead.
 - Tasked Ms. Whitler and Ms. Inyama to work out the best approach for this.
- E-mail from Community Services stating they can't support the annual child abuse awareness parade in April:

- Reached out to Ms. Fritz and Mr. Matthews, to have Children's Behavioral Health take over the coordination of the parade.
- Met with the superintendent and assistant superintendent of the Willamette Education Service District (WESD) about the new recovery high school:
 - School may only operate for 5 months due to the governor's budget cuts from the governor.
 - Will notify the legislator who wrote the bill to address the funding issues.
- Attended a special board meeting of the Homeless Alliance:
 - Ratify decisions and hire a new executive director, Misty.
 - Connect Misty with Commissioner Willis to provide history and perspective.
- Met with Representative Bobby Levy:
 - Discuss civil commitment bills, specifically "Casey's Law" from Kentucky.

Commissioner Kevin Cameron

- Update regarding Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study (SKATS) meeting:
 - Nominated Commissioner Lyle Mordhorst, Polk County, as SKATS chair:
 - Approved 5-3.
 - SKATS voted 5-3 to change the tax rating system criteria:
 - Commissioner Cameron opposed.

Commissioner Colm Willis

- Will meet with the new Executive Director of the Homeless Alliance.

OTHER

Adjourned – time: 10:31 a.m.

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Gary L. White