



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Summary Minutes

OREGON

March 25, 2025. 9:30 AM

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Danielle Bethell, Kevin Cameron and Colm Willis.

Board's Office: Alvin Klausen, Heather Inyama, Toni Whitler, Trevor Lane, Jon Heynen, Chris Eppley and Matt Lawyer.

Legal Counsel: Steve Elzinga.

Sheriff's Office: Jacob Ramsey,

Business Services: Geoffrey Bonney, Terry Stoner

Public Works: Lani Radtke, Ryan Crowther, Michael Pierce, Carl Lund, Max Hepburn, Brian Nicholas,

Health and Human Services: Ryan Matthews, Tami Cirerol, Wendy Zieker, Carol Heard, Jennifer Chun, Rhett Martin, and Katrina Griffith

Community Services: Kelli Weese

Justice Court: Justin Kidd.

Human Resources: Sherry Linter.

Information Technology: Gary Christofferson

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

1. Canyon Alerts Project – Alternative Procurement Request

-Ryan Crowther

Summary of Presentation:

- Create a comprehensive notification system for natural disasters in canyon areas.
- System Features:
 - Loud sirens with directional capabilities.
 - Audible messages for evacuation guidance.
 - Multiple site coverage.
- Procurement Approach:
 - Proposed Method:
 - Design-Build Procurement.
 - Rationale:
 - Allows flexibility with proprietary notification systems.
 - Enables evaluation of both cost and system functionality.
 - Accelerates project timeline.
- Budget and Constraints:
 - Total Budget: \$1.8 million.

- Funding Deadline: Must spend funds by May 31, 2026.
- Proposed Selection Strategy:
 - Create selection committee with diverse stakeholders.
 - Prioritize sites based on community needs.
- Evaluate proposals on:
 - Coverage area.
 - Technical capabilities.
 - Long-term maintenance potential.
- Timeline:
 - April 2: Request public hearing.
 - April 23: Conduct public hearing.
 - Goal: Approve alternative procurement process.
 - Aim to select design-build contractor quickly.
- Key Considerations:
 - Can adjust number of sites based on budget.
 - Prioritize high-population and high-risk areas.
 - Ensure system meets Sheriff's Office notification priorities.
 - Maintain cost control and project transparency.
- Potential Challenges:
 - Ensuring comprehensive coverage.
 - Managing contractor expectations.
 - Maintaining budget constraints.

Board Direction:

- Requested detailed RFP review before publication.

2. Vision Zero Suite Software

-Carl Lund

Summary of Presentation:

- Removed from the agenda.

Board Direction:

- N/A

3. North Santiam Canyon Sewer Project Permitting

-Chris Einmo

Summary of Presentation:

- DEQ issued new proposed rules for three-basin discharge regulations.
- Proposed regulations require:
 - Limiting discharge to 1% of water body's assimilative capacity.
 - Analyzing combined discharge impact with existing discharges.
 - Detailed hydrogeological modeling and testing.
 - Assimilative capacity calculations.
 - Groundwater and surface water interaction analysis.
- County's Current Position:
 - Extensive groundwater testing completed.
 - Dozen monitoring wells installed.
 - Two years of groundwater data collected.

- Additional groundwater data season planned.
- Permitting Challenges:
 - Regulatory language considered:
 - Unnecessarily complex.
 - Open to multiple interpretations.
 - Potentially increasing project implementation costs.
- Stakeholder Involvement:
 - Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting scheduled.
 - Participants include:
 - Marion County representatives.
 - City of Salem representative.
 - State-level officials.
- Mitigation Strategies:
 - Simplify regulatory language.
 - Reduce interpretation complexity.
 - Minimize potential cost increases.
 - Engage governor's office for support.
- Potential Risks:
 - Increased project implementation costs.
 - Delayed project timeline.
 - Complex regulatory compliance requirements.

Board Direction:

- Attend upcoming RAC meeting.
- Requested invitation of governor's office representative to RAC meeting.
- Directed staff to provide detailed updates on regulatory discussions.
- Clear explanation of proposed regulatory changes.
- Ongoing transparency in permitting process.
- Negotiate regulatory language.

4. Marion County Radio Project – Climate Controlled Radio Equipment Shelter

-Brian Nicholas

Summary of Presentation:

- Project Overview:
 - Install climate-controlled shelters for radio equipment.
 - Critical infrastructure improvement for county communication systems.
 - Aims to enhance radio communication reliability and coverage.
- Procurement Approach:
 - Classified as special procurement.
 - Requires public notice, not a full public hearing.
 - Draft determination and findings memo prepared.
 - Focused on specialized equipment installation.
- Technical Specifications:
 - Climate-controlled shelters to protect radio equipment.
 - Designed to maintain optimal operating conditions.
 - Locations strategically selected for maximum coverage.
 - Addresses environmental challenges in radio communication.
- Project Scope:
 - Upgrade existing radio communication infrastructure.
 - Improve equipment protection and longevity.

- Enhance county-wide communication capabilities.
 - Potentially integrate with existing communication networks.
- Potential Challenges:
 - Ensuring compatibility with existing systems.
 - Managing specialized equipment installation.
 - Maintaining communication continuity during upgrades.
- Technical Evaluation Criteria:
 - Equipment durability.
 - Climate control effectiveness.
 - Signal transmission reliability.
 - Maintenance requirements.
 - Integration with existing systems.
- Risk Mitigation:
 - Comprehensive equipment testing.
 - Phased implementation approach.
 - Backup communication strategies.
 - Vendor performance guarantees.
- Timeline:
 - Draft determination prepared.
 - Public notice issued.
 - Accelerated review by county board.
 - Planned for April 9 board session.
- Future Considerations:
 - Potential for expanding communication infrastructure.
 - Technology upgrade opportunities.
 - Scalability of communication systems.
 - Interoperability with regional communication networks.

Board Direction:

- Requested review of draft determination and findings memo.
- Directed staff to proceed with special procurement process.
- Sought assurance of project's cost-effectiveness.
- Emphasized importance of reliable communication infrastructure.
- Required detailed reporting on project progress.
- Requested comparison with current communication capabilities.

5. Contract Amendment #1 with Professional Therapeutic Community Network for Services

-Jennifer Chun

Summary of Presentation:

- Program Overview:
 - Provides clinical services for individuals under Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB).
 - Serves adults found "guilty except for insanity" on conditional release.
 - Focuses on community safety and individual rehabilitation.
- Contract Details:
 - Extended contract term: June 30, 2027.
 - Added funding: \$200,000.
 - Total contract value: \$350,000.
 - Original contract length: 18 months.

- Client Population:
 - Current active clients: 4 individuals.
 - Service breakdown:
 - 1 client through Adult Behavioral Health.
 - 3 clients through Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD) services.
 - 2 receiving outpatient services.
 - 2 in residential program.
- Service Characteristics:
 - Specialized treatment for those with complex legal and mental health backgrounds.
 - Services not covered by Medicaid or Medicare.
 - Primarily focuses on sex offender treatment.
 - Conduct community risk evaluations.
 - Perform psychosexual evaluations.
 - Determine safe release from state hospital.
 - Provide ongoing monitoring and support.
- Unique Service Challenges:
 - Highly specialized treatment population.
 - Limited insurance coverage.
 - Complex legal and mental health considerations.
 - Focus on community safety and rehabilitation.
 - Limited funding sources.
 - Complex client needs.
 - Stigma associated with services.
 - Balancing individual rehabilitation with community safety.
- Potential Outcomes:
 - Reduce recidivism.
 - Support successful community reintegration.
 - Enhance public safety.
 - Provide specialized mental health interventions.
- Future Considerations:
 - Explore alternative funding mechanisms.
 - Develop more comprehensive tracking of client outcomes.
 - Investigate potential Medicaid/Medicare coverage expansion.
 - Continue specialized treatment model.
- Performance Metrics:
 - Recidivism rates.
 - Client stability in community.
 - Successful treatment completion.
 - Cost-effectiveness of interventions.
- Compliance Considerations:
 - Adherence to PSRB requirements.
 - Maintaining client confidentiality.
 - Meeting state mental health service standards.
 - Documenting treatment progress.

Board Direction:

- Requested detailed breakdown of individuals served.
- Sought clarification on funding sources.

- Directed staff to provide more context about service delivery.
- Asked for individual case progression information.
- Emphasized need for transparency in service provision.

6. Contract Amendment #1 with Carroll Group Care Home, INC. for Residential Treatment Facility

-Jennifer Chun

Summary of Presentation:

- Program Overview:
 - Provides residential treatment for individuals with serious mental illnesses.
 - Offers 24-hour staffed residential care.
 - Supports individuals transitioning from various institutional settings.
- Contract Details:
 - Extended contract term: June 30, 2027.
 - Added funding: \$300,000.
 - Total contract value: \$525,000.
 - Supports individuals with complex mental health needs.
- Facility Characteristics:
 - Two residential treatment facilities.
 - 24-hour awake staff.
 - In-house service provisions.
 - Comprehensive care model.
- Current active clients: 13 individuals.
- Funding breakdown:
 - Majority unfunded or lacking Medicaid coverage.
 - Some with no personal income.
- Sources of client referrals:
 - State hospital (370 assist program).
 - Civil commitments.
 - Voluntary psychiatric unit placements.
- Client Placement Details:
 - Typical placement duration: 6-18 months.
 - Goal: Transition to lowest level of care possible.
 - Focus on community reintegration.
- Funding Characteristics:
 - Covers room and board payments.
 - Supports service payments.
 - Addresses gaps in traditional insurance coverage.
- Challenges in Client Support:
 - Increasing number of uninsured/low-income clients.
 - Difficulties initiating benefits before discharge.
 - Complex medical and social support needs.
 - Limited Medicaid/Medicare coverage.
 - Challenges in benefit initiation.
 - Short hospital stays preventing benefit processing.
 - Complex re-entry processes.
- Service Intervention Strategies:
 - Individualized treatment planning.
 - Comprehensive medical and social support.
 - Gradual independence skill building.

- Continuous progress monitoring.

Board Direction:

- Comprehensive information about individuals in care.
- Sought understanding of placement and treatment goals.
- Explore potential cost-saving measures.
- Detailed individual circumstance breakdown.
- Need for clear reintegration strategies.

7. Contract Amendment #1 with Marimea Bodunov for Adult Foster Care Services

-Jennifer Chun

Summary of Presentation:

- Program Overview:
 - Adult foster care services for individuals with serious mental illnesses.
 - Offers supportive living environment for vulnerable populations.
 - Focuses on community-based care and individual support.
- Contract Details:
 - Extended contract term: June 30, 2027.
 - Added funding: \$300,000.
 - Total contract value: \$500,000.
 - Supports individuals with complex mental health needs.
- Facility Characteristics:
 - Two adult foster care homes.
 - 24-hour staffing with non-awake night staff.
 - Lower level of support compared to residential treatment facilities.
 - Provides alternative to more intensive care settings.
- Currently 5 active clients.
- Care Model:
 - Lower-intensity support compared to residential treatment.
 - Focus on maintaining independent living skills.
 - Transitional support for individuals with mental health challenges.
- Funding Characteristics:
 - Covers room and board payments.
 - Supports service-specific interventions.
 - Addresses gaps in traditional insurance coverage.
- Insurance and Benefit Challenges:
 - Limited Medicaid/Medicare coverage.
 - Complications with benefit transitions.
 - Challenges in maintaining continuous coverage.
 - Social Security benefit complexities.
 - Increasing number of uninsured individuals.
 - Complex benefit navigation.
 - Limited funding mechanisms.
 - Gaps in mental health support systems.
- Performance Metrics:
 - Independent living skill acquisition.
 - Reduced hospitalization rates.
 - Community reintegration success.
 - Cost-effectiveness of interventions.

Board Direction:

- Detailed service breakdown.
- Clarification on Medicaid/Medicare coverage.
- Explore alternative funding mechanisms.
- Individual circumstance details.
- Need for clear progression pathways.

8. Contract Amendment #2 with Kaios Northwest for Services to Youth and Young Adults in Transition with Mental Health Services

-Rhett Martin

Summary of Presentation:

- Program Overview:
 - Provides residential treatment for youth and young adults.
 - Focuses on mental health services for transitional age populations.
 - Serves individuals aged 17-24 years old.
- Contract Details:
 - Extended contract term: June 30, 2027.
 - Added funding: \$85,000.
 - Total contract value: \$185,000.
 - Serves youth in transition with mental health challenges.
- Facility Characteristics:
 - Single residential treatment facility in Marion County.
 - Located in Sunnyview area.
 - Specialized in youth and young adult mental health support.
- Placement mechanism:
 - Entirely managed by Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS).
 - Primarily involves child welfare placements.
 - County serves as fiscal intermediary.
- Recommendations:
 - Develop comprehensive reporting requirements.
 - Request detailed placement and outcome documentation.
 - Establish clear performance metrics.
 - Create mechanism for direct communication with facility.
 - Review contract terms for increased transparency.
- Future Considerations:
 - Evaluate long-term contract effectiveness.
 - Explore more direct county involvement.
 - Develop more transparent reporting mechanisms.
 - Assess youth outcomes and service impact.
- Challenges:
 - Limited information about service delivery.
 - Lack of direct county control.
 - Complex inter-agency coordination.
 - Unclear performance measurement.
- Potential Benefits:
 - Support for vulnerable youth populations.
 - Potential prevention of long-term institutional care.
 - Mental health intervention for transitional age groups.
 - Support for child welfare system.

Board Direction:

- Concern about contract's transparency.
- Requested detailed information about placement process.
- Directed staff to investigate state's role in youth placements.
- Comprehensive understanding of service model.
- Emphasized need for clearer accountability.

9. Legislative Update

-Alvin Klausen

Summary of Presentation:

- North Santiam Sewer Bill:
 - Gained momentum with Senator Deb Patterson as co-sponsor.
 - Active legislative tracking.
 - Potential for expedited processing.
 - Critical for public works construction timeline.
- Oregon State Hospital Expansion Bill (HB 2470):
 - Directs Oregon Health Authority to expand hospital capacity.
 - Introduced by Oregon District Attorneys Association.
 - Public hearing scheduled for March 27.
 - Potential to address ongoing hospital capacity challenges.
- Flow Control Bill (SB 1067):
 - Specifically targets Marion County waste management.
 - Potential implications for regional waste management.
 - Involves multiple stakeholders:
 - Marion County.
 - Surrounding counties (Benton, Linn, Polk).
 - Metro representatives.
- Civil Rights Litigation Bill (SB 65):
 - Allows civil action for rights deprivation.
 - Potential financial impact on counties.
 - Estimated additional county costs is approximately \$100,000 annually.
 - Opposed by Association of Oregon Counties (AOC).
 - Enables civil action for constitutional or statutory rights violations.
 - Potential for broader attorney fee awards.
 - Concerns about government entity financial implications.
 - Possible inter-governmental litigation impacts.
- Potential Testimony Opportunities:
 - OSH Expansion Bill.
 - Flow Control Bill.
 - Civil Rights Litigation Bill.
- Prenatal Care and Community Health Bill (SB 690):
 - Focuses on vulnerable population services.
 - Includes study on kratom impacts on unborn children.
 - Potential public health policy implications.
- Recommended Legislative Engagement Strategies:
 - Maintain active communication with state representatives.
 - Provide detailed fiscal impact analyses.
 - Develop targeted testimony approaches.
 - Collaborate with Association of Oregon Counties.

- Monitor bills with potential county-level implications.

Board Direction:

- Directed staff to prepare testimony for key bills.
- Requested ongoing legislative tracking.
- Sought strategic approach to bill support/opposition.

10. Board Session

-Commissioner Danielle Bethell

Summary of Presentation:

- Overview of agenda

Board Direction:

- Agreeable with the agenda.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE

Commissioner Danielle Bethell

- Institute of Technology event.

Commissioner Kevin Cameron

- Parks Commission meeting:
 - Help with foundation.
- City of Salem - Solid Waste Committee.

Commissioner Colm Willis

- N/A

Other

Adjourned – time: 10:52 a.m.

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Gary L. White