



Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Kevin Cameron, Danielle Bethell, and Colm Willis, Jan Fritz, Chad Ball, Jessica Stanton, Matt Lawyer, Tanisha Bush, Brian Nicholas, Teri Morgan, Ryan Matthews, Katie Henry, Colleen Coons-Chaffins, Justine Flora, Amanda Horn, Kyle Wonderly, Stephanie Rosentrater, Matt Knudsen, Brian May, Carl Lund, Lani Radtke, Jane Vetto, and Shawnnell Fuentes as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Public Works UHF Radio Replacement Project

-Brian Nicholas

Summary of presentation:

- The Public Works and Sheriff radio systems need to be replaced:
 - Public Works has a fairly simple UHF radio system;
 - Public Works does not need the coverage that public safety requires; and
 - It is more cost-effective to replace the Public Works UHF radio system than to add them to the public safety system:
 - The radios will not need to be upgraded.
- Public Works is suggesting that an alternative contracting procedure be utilized for this project:
 - Under county rules it requires preauthorization by the Contract Review Board; and
 - It is a two-step contracting process.

Board discussion:

- The total cost of the project will be approximately \$800,000; and
- Every Public Works vehicle is equipped with a radio.

Pedestrian Crossing Over OR22

-Brian Nicholas, Lani Radtke

Summary of presentation:

- Local citizens have been asking the county and the City of Salem for a pedestrian crossing over OR22 near Gaffin Road.

Board discussion:

- This is not the county’s jurisdiction; and
- Commissioner Bethell would like Public Works to respond in writing to the group to explain that the county does not have jurisdictional authority.

Letter – Renewable Energy Credits

-Brian May, Tanisha Bush

Summary of presentation:

- Covanta is continuing to pursue equal treatment for regulations for waste to energy compared to landfills:
 - This is related to the Renewable Fuel Standard;
 - Covanta is requesting that the Commissioners sign a letter to Senator Wyden to ask for a meeting; and
 - Landfills are allowed to recognize their biogenic portion of what they generate from landfill gas and convert it to energy as renewable.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners are fine with signing the letter.

Draft Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan

-Matt Knudsen

Summary of presentation:

- This is related to the water quality of rivers and streams;
- The Department of Environmental Quality’s (DEQ) Total Maximum Daily Load Program targets specific pollutants that enter rivers and streams:
 - There is a total maximum daily load (TMDL) for mercury:
 - Mercury is regulated by regulating erosion.
- Staff has prepared a TMDL implementation plan based on DEQ’s requirements:
 - The plan has to be submitted by September 3, 2022:
 - The county asked for and received approval for an extension to submit the plan in November, but there is the possibility that the approval is taken back; and
 - If the county does not meet the basic requirements of the TMDL there is a potential that they could be fined.

Board discussion:

- The county is responsible for implementing best practices:
 - DEQ is not going to collect samples.
- Following are the four best practices:
 - Pollution prevention and good housekeeping:
 - The county meets these requirements.
 - Public education and outreach:
 - The county meets these requirements.
 - Enforcement on prohibited pollutants; and
 - Construction site erosion:
 - This applies to larger commercial and industrial construction sites.
- The implementation plan does not require Board approval.

McKay Road NE Traffic Safety Improvements

-Carl Lund

Summary of presentation:

- Safety medians will be installed and if there are sufficient funding safety barriers will also be installed.

Board discussion:

- Instead of a centerline a safety median placed approximately six feet between the two opposing lanes of traffic, and includes the addition of rumble strips;
- Additional space is required for a safety barrier:
 - There is a sufficient right of way for safety barriers in this area.
- This will be coming to Board Session for approval in one week.

Potential I/DD Infrastructure Grant Project Proposal

-Corissa Neufeldt

Summary of presentation:

- The Oregon Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services has received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds;
- They have released a grant opportunity for building infrastructure;
- The county has a fair number of child foster homes, adult foster homes, residential providers, and other specialty services that work with the county's intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) population;
- New providers sometimes do not know how to navigate the county's case management services, and how to successfully obtain a license;
- Health and Human Services (HHS) would like to use the grant opportunity to hire an individual who could assist with provider relations, and who could help new providers learn the system; and
- The goal is to ensure that the county's providers are able to meet the needs of the IDD population.

Board discussion:

- HHS would ask for funds to cover the position for 20 months.

Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee Appointment

-Teri Morgan

Summary of presentation:

- Laura Allen would like to be appointed to the Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee;
- She is currently the executive director of the Salem Comprehensive Treatment Center;
- She has approximately 30 years of experience in addiction treatment;
- She attended the last committee meeting; and
- She would fill the ninth seat on the committee.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners are fine with the appointment.

2021 Risk Management Annual Report

-Justine Flora, Kyle Wonderly, Amanda Horn

Summary of presentation:

- The report will be posted on the county's intranet page and the external website; and
- A large portion of the claims expense listed on the report are legal charges.

Board discussion:

- There are reserves listed in the report that have been set aside, but they have not actually been paid out:
 - The Commissioners would like more detail.
- The Commissioners do not want the report shared with the public:
 - It is too hard to understand.
- The Commissioners do not want specific departments highlighted in the report.

External Meeting Schedule

-Jessica Stanton

Summary of presentation:

- Ms. Stanton presented options for town hall meetings for the remainder of the year:
 - The Commissioners had previously stated that they would like to keep town hall meetings to one per month.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners discussed various options for city meetings; and
- The Commissioners would like Ms. Stanton to give them a yearly calendar that only lists city meetings and town halls.

Communications Update

-Jon Heynen

Summary of presentation:

- Mr. Heynen gave the Commissioners the latest proof of *Marion County Today*;
- He has been communicating with Garten regarding the printing; and
- He needs the Commissioners to approve the proof.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners suggested a few edits; and
- The Commissioners will review and get back to Mr. Heynen.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATES:

Colm Willis:

- Commissioner Willis discussed the possibility of the county fixing and maintaining a park in Stayton that is on land owned by the water control district:
 - The park is currently closed:

- The water control district does not want to maintain a park.
- Ms. Vetto would like to review any contract or lease that is developed; and
- If an agreement is reached with the water control district
Commissioner Willis wants to ensure that the water control district cannot shut down the park.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Betsy Orr**
Reviewed by: Shawnnell Fuentes