



Management Update Minutes

OREGON

Tuesday, November 22, 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, Chad Ball, Shawnnell Fuentes, Tanisha Rosas, Jessica Stanton, Matt Lawyer, Chris Eppley, Brandon Reich, Scott Norris, and Brian Nicholas.

Chad Ball called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Santiam Sewer Contract Update

-Brian Nicholas

Summary of presentation:

- There are upcoming amendments to the consulting agreement with Keller Associates for the North Santiam Sewer Project;
- Staff has the target of getting a large amendment on the November 30, 2022, Board Session agenda;
- Letters have been sent to every commercial property owner in the area to let them know about the project; and
- There will be a public information campaign later.

Climate-Friendly Rules Discussion

-Brandon Reich

Summary of presentation:

- The county is at the table, but they are not taking action;
- Mr. Reich is looking for feedback from the Board on next steps;
- Salem and the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) are frustrated that the county is not taking action;
- Salem has started outreach to underrepresented groups that do not normally get included in the planning process;
- The county will be asking DLCD for an extension of deadlines; and
- Staff will bring a proposal to the Board of what would work for Marion County.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Bethell does not believe in only densifying east Salem;
- The county can look at Salem's process and plan, determine where there are deficiencies from the county's perspective, and then the county can explain why they want to do a supplemental outreach; and
- The Commissioners would like the county to hire their own consultant to work on their own process.

Taylor's Grove Community Well Update

-Chris Eppley

Summary of presentation:

- Taylor's Grove is a small community of 16 to 17 homes in unincorporated Marion County;
- Prior to the wildfires the homes were attached to a community water well;
- The fire damaged primarily the distribution system and some of the seals on the well;
- The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant program is going to be used for the repairs:
 - The program will pay one hundred percent of the repair costs, including engineering and consulting services;
 - The downside of the program is that it is a long process with extensive reporting requirements; and
 - Taylor's Grove has submitted their application, and they hired an engineer to work with them to develop engineering and environmental studies that were required by USDA:
 - USDA has deemed the application sufficient.
- The Long-Term Recovery Group has been delivering emergency water to the community since the fire, and they have run out of emergency water; and
- There was \$30,000 for the Taylor's Grove engineering study in the wildfire assistance grant that was not needed, so it will be used to purchase emergency water.

Board discussion:

- A couple of the homeowners have dug their own wells:
 - There are probably 13 homes that need to use the community well.
- The total cost of the system will be approximately \$350,000; and
- Commissioner Bethell is going to continue to pursue other funding.

Code Amendments in response to Putnam v. Marion County LUBA Appeal

-Scott Norris

Summary of presentation:

- The case involved the application made by the Friends of Historic Butteville to install a gangway and dock on Marion County right of way in Butteville;
- One of the issues on remand is the ability of Friends of Historic Butteville to be an applicant under the terms of the county's existing code:
 - It has been determined that the existing code language will not allow this.
- Mr. Norris' recommendation is for the Board to amend the code:
 - Included in today's packet is draft language for the amendment; and
 - The amendment incorporates language from the section that identifies who can sign an application into the section that identifies who can be an applicant.

Board discussion:

- The code amendment impact is broader than this one case.

Lane County Legislative Concept

-Danielle Bethell

Summary of presentation:

- Lane County is being sued due to an individual being released from care too soon; and
- Lane County would like Marion County to sign on to a legislative concept to get the issue broader attention at the legislature.

Board discussion:

- The legislative concept keeps the liability with the state; and
- The Commissioners are okay with supporting this.

Communications Update

-Jon Heynen

Summary of presentation:

- Mr. Heynen has been promoting the canyon town hall;
- He would like to do a quick Thanksgiving video with the Commissioners today;
- He is also going to do a mental health video highlighting the Mobile Crisis Response Teams; and
- He is compiling topics for the next edition of *Marion County Today*.

Board discussion:

- The Commissioners are fine with doing a Thanksgiving video today; and
- Commissioner Bethell, or one of the other Commissioners, will participate in the mental health video.

Legislative Update

-Tanisha Rosas

Summary of presentation:

- Received a draft of the legislation that would require patients being released from the State Hospital to be returned to their originating county.

Board discussion:

- There is legislation being drafted that would codify the Mosman ruling:
 - For aid and assist patients there would be a six-month time limit for a stay in the State Hospital, with the possibility for an additional six months for the most dangerous offenders.

OTHER:

Danielle Bethell:

- The Commissioners continue to receive a lot of emails regarding cats;
- She feels that the Board may have to make another, more specific statement regarding why the county is not signing the memorandum of understanding with the Oregon Humane Society;
- Under current rule the Oregon Humane Society should be able to continue to operate as they have in the past; and
- The Commissioners will discuss this with Ms. Vetto next week.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATES:

Colm Willis:

- Met with Pat Allen and Steve Allen regarding the four aid and assist individuals:

- Meeting again tomorrow with additional individuals joining the discussion.

Danielle Bethell:

- Met with Michael Gay of Salem Health:
 - They do not use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) at the hospital:
 - They are interested in figuring out if they can interact with it.
 - They will not be involved in the Point in Time Count; and
 - Commissioner Bethell asked whether Salem Health would consider utilizing their inpatient psychiatric unit for some of the county's aid and assist clients:
 - Salem Health would like the Commissioners to take a tour of the facility, and then have a conversation with their inpatient psychiatric team.
- Met with Commissioner Farr:
 - The Commissioners are going to take a tour of their jail, and their version of a navigation center.
- Meeting with Commissioner Kramer from Wasco County:
 - He is the co-chair of the Association of Oregon Counties Health & Human Services Committee, along with Jessica Vega Pederson:
 - Commissioner Bethell is meeting with both, to learn what their priorities are for this committee.
- Meeting with Judge Broyles regarding the aid and assist population:
 - Commissioner Farr and Clackamas County Commissioner elect Ben West will be joining the meeting.
- The county is experiencing a delay with Oregon Housing and Community Services on the temporary housing projects;
- Tonight, an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to oversee the final six Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) trailers is going to Mill City for approval:
 - The county will have to enter into an IGA with FEMA because Mill City no longer wants to be in partnership with FEMA; and
 - The goal is to keep the six individuals in the FEMA trailers until the end of March.
- Met with Stan Thomas from the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, and Lane and Lincoln counties last week regarding the challenges the counties are experiencing with wildfire recovery.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

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