



Management Update summary Minutes

OREGON

September 26, 2023. 9:30 AM

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Colm Willis, Danielle Bethell, and Kevin Cameron Staff: Jan Fritz, Alvin Klausen, Shawnnell Fuentes, Gary White, Jon Heynen, Matt Lawyer, Brian May, Dennis Mansfield, Rhett Martin, Justine Flora, Tamra Goettsch, Carl Lund, Austin Barnes, Ryan Mottau, Brandon Reich, Scott Norris, and Chad Ball.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Grant Application for Salmon Falls Park

-Brian May

Summary of presentation:

- Currently in park restoration phase following the 2020 wildfires:
 - The priority focus is Bear Creek and Salmon Falls;
 - Day use opening May 15, 2024; and
 - Camping to be restored or expanded in the two parks.
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) awarded three grants:
 - Totaling over \$1.5 million:
 - \$1 million for park restoration; and
 - \$500,000 for road right-of-way restoration.
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Land and Opportunity Grant for Parkdale Park:
 - This doubled the \$364,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.
- There are other grants that are being applied for:
 - OPRD County Opportunity Grant:
 - This is for day-use and camping Salmon Falls design work and expansion into the camping area; and
 - The grant total is \$200,000.
- Many OPRD grants are offered annually;
- OWEB has taken care of some of the restoration;
- This requires a board order and needs to be submitted by October 1, 2023:
 - This will come to board session September 27, 2023, on consent.

Board Direction:

- The Board of Commissioners (BOC) is good to proceed.

Sedan Purchase Plan for Health and Human Services

-Dennis Mansfield

Summary of presentation:

- July of 2023 the Department of Administrative Services ended their vehicle rental program:
 - Marion County Health and Human Services Department relied on this program; and
 - MCHHS purchased all 36 vehicles they were utilizing.
- Currently looking at replacing some of the older vehicles with high mileage:
 - Average mileage being 129,000 per vehicle.
- A three-year replacement plan needs to be created:
 - This would replace 12 vehicles a year.
- Chevrolet has been difficult in notifying when ordering banks are open:
 - They are one of few manufacturers making sedans in America;
 - Hyundai's ordering bank opens in November:
 - Their sedans are \$1,000 less than Chevrolet.
- Chevrolet is not consistent in communicating regarding their ordering banks;
- Sedans are usually the cheapest option;
- Buying vehicles off the lot has two issues:
 - The cost increases by 10 percent as there are several fees involved; and
 - There is no guarantee of the vehicles needed being available.
- Local vendors on state price agreements can't quote lower than the agreement:
 - When previously asked vendors were not interested in pursuing this as the margins are slim; and
 - Vendors are not on the state price agreement because the profit margin is too low.
- The Hyundai contract is under state price agreement;
- Capitol Auto Group is not on the state price agreement;
- Vendors have gone back to regular ordering cycles and there is hope Chevrolet also will;
- 12 of the vehicles need repairs beyond oil changes; and
- Current vehicles will be repaired.

Board Direction:

- The BOC would like to check their sources and have this presented next week:
 - If needed a quicker Purchase Order (PO) process can take place.
- Mr. Mansfield to send the specific PO information to the BOC.

Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) Consultant and Community Engagement Plan

-Austin Barnes, Brandon Reich, Carl Lund

Summary of presentation:

- Ryan Mottau is the community engagement consultant from MIG Consultant:
 - Mr. Mottau has consulted all over the US for 20 years; and
 - Community engagement is approached by using various options.
- When reaching communities there are various tools to answer various questions;
- The outreach plan is being developed as this is about reaching out concerning CFEC requirements:
 - This is a State of Oregon mandated engagement plan.
- The team has been building a list of contacts and techniques;
- There will be regular management update meetings to keep the BOC informed:
 - This will allow for the BOC to give recommendations and make changes.
- This plan is to inform the public what the proposed changes to the area and the effects;

- There is the opportunity to take community feedback and give it to the state;
- The plan is how best to approach telling the community about these changes:
 - Need to make sure everyone participates and is aware.
- The basic changes will not happen for another year, currently things are behind schedule, and it may take longer;
- The consultant is committed to getting a county result not a state result:
 - The number one goal is community participation.
- Messaging and tone suggestions will be taken from the BOC;
- Community feedback may not be completed until next summer/fall;
- In the next meeting the following items will be brought forward:
 - Who will be reached;
 - How will they be reached;
 - How things will be set up;
 - What the tone of the message be; and
 - Will contact a few groups.
- Oregon Department of Transportation is planning on doing outreach;
- There may be climate activists attending meetings and will need to decide how to properly handle this; and
- The outreach plan covers the land use and transportation components.

Board Direction:

- The community needs to be aware this is something the State of Oregon requires;
- Every department has specific groups they know and work with;
- Information needs to be spread in various languages as the area is a multilingual;
- Commissioner Cameron to give contact information for the Spanish community;
- Contact Katrina Griffith as she has community-based organization contact serving the Lancaster and East Salem area;
- Contact People’s Church to host a town hall as they have large outreach in East Salem;
- Representative Ed Diehl, Tracy Cramer, Senator Kim Thatcher, and Senator Deb Patterson should be asked to advocate at the state level:
 - They need to be part of every town hall and listen to their citizens.
- The community needs to be informed far in advance;
- Community feedback is needed in case of future legal action being taken;
- Matt Lawyer to be informed of every step forward taken;
- Contact the Homebuilder’s Association, and
- The county needs to be present and prepared.

Recommended Revisions to Policy 508 Employee Exposure Control of Bloodborne Pathogens

-Justice Flora

Summary of presentation:

- This is a policy and procedure;
- Changes reflect Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OHSA) requirements;
- Annual review of the policy is a requirement:
 - This policy was adopted in 1992 and the last revision was done in 1996.
- Internally a review can be done every year and brought to the BOC every three to five years for formal review:
 - This process can be added to the policy.

- Most of the policy portion has been rewritten with many things moved into the procedure section;
- Many specific departmental operations were removed:
 - The plan is to have a template where departmental plans can be updated and revised yearly.
- Not all jobs in the county fall into these OSHA standards:
 - Each position is reviewed to ensure standards are applied to required jobs.
- There is updated training;
- This will come to board session October 4, 2023;
- The template aligns with OSHA's template allowing the compliance officer to follow it easily; and
- Risk Management will work with departments to review and make updates, annually.

Board Direction:

- The BOC will review the policy.

Veteran Service Office Contract Updates

-Matt Lawyer, Gary White

Summary of presentation:

- A contract extension was brought to the BOC two months ago;
- The 2023-2024 budget is now being added to the contract.
 - \$318,000 has been budgeted for the current fiscal year.
- This will be presented at the board session on September 27, 2023.

Board Direction:

- The BOC is good with the update.

Behavioral Health Hearings Update

-Commissioner Danielle Bethell

Summary of presentation:

- Received a call from Representative Rob Nosse;
 - Notified by the Governor's office that Marion County is suing the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Oregon State Hospital; and
 - OHA stated they can't present at the hearing as it can be used against them in court.
- The county has the right to educate the legislature on behalf of systems of care in Oregon effecting the county;
- Rep. Nosse stated it is a right to sue;
- The county would like to provide an educational format showing where counties are in the current system of care:
 - Rep. Nosse asked to see this.
- The BOC's team worked on the information and Commissioner Bethell sent it to Rep. Nosse;
- Rep. Nosse's response was as follows:
 - The problem is described well but the lawsuit makes things awkward;
 - There are certain things needed for the hearing to be successful:
 - Talk to the speaker and OHA; and
 - Around the November legislative session.
 - Nothing wrong was done by Marion County; and
 - Will speak with Representative Ed Diehl.
- There is a team meeting to reevaluate and look at the presentation, tomorrow:

- Strategize next steps if unable to be in front of the legislature in November.
- Commissioner Bethell spoke to various individuals, separately, including:
 - District Attorney Paige Clarkson;
 - Undersheriff Jeff Wood; and
 - Sheriff Nick Hunter.
- Ready for the next step and having an educational piece;
- Discussed various options with Sheriff Hunter such as:
 - Visiting each person on the legislature:
 - Work to have them understand that the county wants to be heard.
 - Create a video of the presentation and email it to the legislature.
- Rep. Nosse made it clear he wants the education and will try to work together;
- Spoke to Representative Ed Diehl who spoke to OHA:
 - Did not want to speak with him as he represents Marion County.
- Rep. Nosse stated that he needs to keep the Governor happy:
 - Commissioner Bethell let him know the citizens of the county need to be supported.
- Commissioner Bethell is meeting with the Governor in October:
 - This is not to discuss the lawsuit.
- Legislatures are different from the state executive branch.

Board Direction:

- Add the team meeting to the schedule;
- Scott Norris to be at the team meeting; and
- The BOC to be at the team meeting.

Legislative Update:

-Alvin Klausen

Summary of presentation:

- United States Army Corps of Engineers considering ending hydropower in the Willamette River basin dams:
 - The hydropower tubes will be turned into fish ladders; and
 - This was included in the water bill.
- This week is September legislative days:
 - Will watch for any impacts on Marion County.
- Michael Burdick of Association of Oregon Counties (AOC):
 - Asking a commissioner to testify on state and local taxes and how measures five and 50 impact local governments abilities; and
 - On September 28, 2023.

Board Direction:

- Michael Burdick of Association of Oregon Counties:
 - Commissioner Colm Willis can testify not to remove measure 5;
 - Ask what the position of AOC is; and
 - Will inform that the BOC is not interested in testifying against the measures.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

-Jon Heynen

Summary of presentation:

- Marion County Survey:
 - Met with Michelle Neiss of DHM research;
 - The price is around \$36,000;
 - Have used this organization before;

- If Request for Quote (RFQ) is used the cheapest option needs to be chosen;
- Request for Procurement (RFP) is a long process but is locked in for longer:
 - More control on who is chosen.

Board Direction:

- Marion County Survey:
 - Go with the RFP option;
 - Do a survey every two years;
 - Find out what years this survey was done; and
 - For three years with an option to extend.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE

Commissioner Danielle Bethell

- N/A

Commissioner Kevin Cameron

- N/A

Commissioner Colm Willis

- N/A

OTHER

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Adjourned – time: 10:30 am

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Gary L. White