

MANAGEMENT UPDATE MEETING REPORT  
JUNE 7, 2010

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Brentano, Carlson and Milne

**INFORMATIONAL**

**Valley Mental Health- Notice of Action Letter**

Health Department Director Rod Calkins said that the Department of Human Services, (DHS), Addictions and Mental Health, has determined that the organizational structure of Valley Mental Health, (VMH) and its relationship with practitioners is not compliant with 42 CFR 447.10 and as a result, DHS will terminate the Medicaid mental health vendor number to VMH on June 20, 2010.

More than 600 mental health clients are served by VMH monthly and VMH is the Health Department's single largest contract under the Oregon Health Plan, with a total of about 850 clients enrolled. Rod added that if the DHS terminates VMH, the county will have difficulty in terms of continuing to provide services to these 850 or so clients. The state has been concerned with VMH's structure for a while. VMH has filed an appeal and will be meeting with DHS this Thursday with a request to suspend the termination date for their vendor number. If this happens, Marion County will have more time to orchestrate an orderly transition. If the appeal is denied, the Health Department does have a fallback plan which is to contract with the licensed therapists that VMH employs. This will take care of all but 150 clients.

Rod said that he hoped that the DHS will allow additional time for VMH to make changes, and should this not happen, he will return to the board for additional assistance.

**OSU Extension**

Marion County OSU Extension Staff Chair Director Derek Godwin said that he was here at Commissioner Milne's and John Lattimer's request to discuss the creation of a taxing service district for OSU Extension services in Marion County.

Derek provided an overview of some of the neighboring counties which had successfully passed taxing districts to support their OSU Extension programs such as Polk and Clackamas counties. He said that Lane County put a five year local option tax on the ballot for their Extension services, but it had failed to pass.

County Administrator John Lattimer said that there was a committee put together in Polk County that included the county commissioners, the county administrator as well as staff from OSU Extension that worked on passing the levy.

Derek and the commissioners discussed the merits of the county putting such a measure on the ballot.

Commissioner Carlson said that the educational process for the public was crucial. One advantage of gathering signatures, while time consuming, is that going door to door is where the education occurs. She also suggested that he would need to begin to visit various associations and organizations throughout the county that could offer their support for a potential levy.

Commissioner Milne recommended that Derek start building a marketing plan first for the levy and then work with the Statesman Journal for publicity, since by all measures a successful campaign will take about two years before enough voters are educated enough to support it.

Commissioner Brentano said that (based upon what Derek had described) he was supportive of a levy and would place it on the ballot in Marion County when the time was right.

Derek said that he would first like to develop a business plan for a potential levy, then begin to educate the community. He would also like to conduct a survey to see how much support there was for a levy before actually placing it on the ballot. Should the public be supportive of a levy, he is thinking of asking for 5 cents per \$1,000, but it may not be necessary to levy the full amount initially. He will report back on his progress to the Board in a few weeks.

### **Marion County Parks Master Plan**

Marion County Environmental Services Management Director Jeff Bickford said that the Public Works Department has been working on the County Parks Master Plan over the past few years. At the May 13, 2010 Parks Commission meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the board adopt the plan as it is currently written. The next step is to bring the plan before the board at a public hearing in July.

### **Stayton Riverfront Park Management Plan**

Jeff Bickford and Tanya Beard presented this item. Tanya said that she would like to update the Commissioners on the status of the proposed Stayton Riverfront Park Management plan, provide staff comments on the draft, and to receive guidance from the Board on future needs and actions. She said that the plan is intended to be a guiding document, providing Stayton with information on how to develop the new park. The plan was to have been completed within eighteen months after the signing of the Conservation Easement in December 2003. The easement is held by both Marion County and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, OWEB. However due to several staffing issues at the City of Stayton, the plan was delayed. It is now presented in draft form for comments.

Tanya said that she had generated draft comments as had OWEB and included these in the attachment. The board was welcome to add/delete/edit her comments.

Commissioner Carlson suggested that the document could be improved by:

- Changing the passive voice of the document to an action oriented one
- Clarify who is doing what

- Add times as to when things should be done
- Move some of the positive final comments to the top of the document
- Contact the Watershed Councils for involvement
- Involve other local entities such as the Parks Advisory Commission

Commissioner Brentano said that he thought that the city should not have to restore the native species in the park if they did not want to.

### **Land Sale Contract Tax Foreclosed Property**

Property Specialist Caron Galvin-Price said that the county held a property auction at the end of April. One property in Hubbard was offered for sale. The county received a high bid of \$102,250 and is now finalizing the sale of the property. The buyers put 20% down as required and elected to sign a contract for the remaining balance of \$81,800. Caron said that she had placed this on Wednesday's agenda.

Caron said that the county has about eight contracts of which half were challenging.

John Lattimer said that he thought these type of property contracts were now becoming problematic and that the Commissioners may want to schedule a work session in the future to discuss them.

### **Aurora Airport**

Commissioner Milne said that in March she presented the Intergovernmental Agreement, (IGA) between Marion County, the City of Aurora, and the Oregon Department of Aviation, (ODA) to the board of commissioners. She said she will be meeting tomorrow with the Aurora mayor and the new Oregon Department of Aviation Director for the purpose of obtaining their signatures on the IGA. The signed IGA will be sent with a cover letter to the City of Wilsonville and to Clackamas County for their review.

Commissioner Milne said it is unfortunate that there is not a way Marion County can protect its own interests and follow land use planning guidelines and at the same time make Wilsonville and Clackamas County signing partners with equal standing to the IGA. The Department of Aviation and the City of Aurora came to the same conclusion. Although Wilsonville and Clackamas County are not signing partners in the IGA, it is our intention to share information with them and maintain open and clear lines of communication as outlined in the IGA.

Legal Counsel Gloria Roy said that normally this agreement would go through the regular contract review process, or the chair of the Board could authorize the board to sign it today if it was turned into an action item.

Commissioner Milne made a motion to move the Aurora IGA to an action item.  
 Commissioner Brentano seconded the motion.  
 Motion passed unanimously.

## ACTION ITEM

### Aurora Airport

Commissioner Milne then made a motion to approve the board chair signing on behalf of Marion County the IGA between the county, City of Aurora and the ODA, pending a few minor corrections.

Commissioner Brentano seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

### Commissioners' Updates

- Commissioner Carlson said that the commissioners have been receiving a few e-mails and letters about the Cascade Crossing Transmission Project. Portland General Electric is proposing to build the Cascade Crossing Transmission Project to connect new and existing energy generating resources east of the Cascades to the Willamette Valley. The project includes 22 miles of single circuit and 187 miles of double circuit, 500 kilovolt transmission line running from Boardman to Salem, Oregon.

Commissioner Carlson said that some additional research was needed to be done on the project, and in particular how it could affect Marion County, and asked the policy advisors to provide this information to the board.

- Commissioner Carlson added that Commissioner Brentano had also made a request to the Fair Board to consider individuals bringing their cars onto the state fair grounds to pack or unpack before and after the Marion County Fair events. She said that the Marion County Fair Board discussed this at their last meeting and anyone who wanted to do anything besides what the policy stated needed to make prior arrangements with 4-H . The real issue is safety when trying to let people out of the fairgrounds with cars driving around. The Fair Board was pretty strict about this but willing to help people, if prior arrangements were made. The Board also wanted to remind people that they can bring cars onto the fairgrounds until 9:00 AM every morning if they are hauling things for events.
- Commissioner Brentano said that the Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation had prioritized two projects to be on the top of the list for the Connect Oregon project: the Salem Airport for construction to allow connecting flights, and the Aurora Airport for constructing a tower.
- Commissioner Milne said that she offered to the *Positive Aurora Airport Management committee* that if it was helpful she would request a letter of support for the Aurora Airport project from the board of commissioners.

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## **WORK SESSIONS AND OTHER MEETINGS**

**JUNE 14 - JUNE 25, 2010**

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6/14	Mon	8:30-9:00	BOC Calendar Review	Swamp Fox Conf. Rm.
		11:45-1:00	Chamber Annual Luncheon	Salem Conf. Center

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6/16	Wed	9:00-1:00	Board Session	Senator Hearing Room
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6/21	Mon	8:30-9:00	BOC Calendar Review	Swamp Fox Conf. Rm.
		9:00-11:00	Management Update	Swamp Fox Conf. Rm.
		11:00-12:00	Health Department - All Staff	Health Department

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6/22	Tues	8:30-10:00	Community Corrections Board	Swamp Fox Conf. Rm.
		10:15-11:15	Service District Meeting	Swamp Fox Conf. Rm.

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6/23	Wed	9:00-1:00	Board Session	Senator Hearing Room
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6/24	Thurs	1:30-2:30	NW Senior & Disability Service	NWSDS
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