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**MINUTES OF THE  
JOINT WORK SESSION  
WITH NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL  
AND  
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
6:00 PM, FEBRUARY 21, 2018  
NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM A**

Chair Hunt convened the informal meeting at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Commissioner Thompson, County Counsel Wayne Belmont, Public Information Officer Casey Miller, and Recorder Kristi Whitaker. Newport City Council representatives included, Mayor Sandra Roumagoux, Councilors Wendy Engler, David Allen, Dean Sawyer, Mark Saelens, Dean Margoble and, City Attorney, Steve Rich, and City Manager Spencer Nebel.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Marijuana Tax Revenue – Proposed Prevention and Education Programs**

Nicole Fields, Lincoln County Health and Human Services, reviewed data from a survey that was conducted the previous year on statistics of marijuana use and perception of harm among Lincoln County youth.

Wayne Belmont requested the City Council consider using a portion of their marijuana tax proceeds to assist with funding a pilot project to provide education and prevention services across the county to prevent youth from using marijuana at young ages. Wayne inquired as to the city's interest in participating in the project and if there was interest he would draw up a funding proposal to move the project forward.

Newport City Council acknowledged a consensus to conduct dialogue with the county.

**B. Update on Health Department Programs including the Sheriff's Mental Health Program, Children's Dental Health, and other Community Health Program Plans**

Lt Jamie Russell, Chair of the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC), stated the county has created a mobile crisis unit and have hired physicians.

Within the Jail, Dennis Buckmaster, Inmate Counselor, has received community volunteers that help assist with providing programs focusing on substance abuse and PTSD. The jail provides mindfulness classes, parenting classes for men and women,

problem gambling classes, art therapy classes, AA, NA, and church services; all classes focus on improving the quality of individuals once released back into the community.

Rebecca Austen stated the county purchased a duplex on Cottage Street, which is ready for remodeling. This property will offer up to 6 or 7 individuals respite after being released from the state hospital for up to 30 days. The program is projected to be running this fall.

The county does not currently have a dental health program but does provide dental vouchers available at behavioral health and the Community Health Center.

**C. Lincoln County Commons Update**

Wayne Belmont stated he updated the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) at their meeting the previous night. The next Master Plan Vision Committee meeting is scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. David Allen requested the URA be updated at their first meeting in April following the MPVC meeting. David Allen further requested information regarding what property adjacent or near the Commons is subject to the revisionary clause.

**D. NW Spring Street and Jump-Off Joes Road Right of Way**

Wayne stated the issue had been discussed at the Newport City Council meeting; City and County staff will work together on options addressing the issues and will provide recommendations.

**E. Update on Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling – Future Plans for Additional Recycling Opportunities**

Mark Sealens reported that China has made severe restrictions on plastics through its National Sword movement. Mark stated the County's Solid Waste Management Plan is in progress and the County is working with haulers on press releases.

**F. Homeless Shelter**

Dean Sawyer stated the need to address the lack of homeless shelter in Newport as a primary short-term goal. David Allen expressed the need for a potential shelter to be a collaborative effort between the City and County. Spencer Nebel stated that the City plans to invite the City of Lebanon to a discussion about county, city, and state collaborative efforts to address homelessness and invited the County to attend.

**G. Affordable/Workforce Housing Status Report**

Spencer Nebel noted recent legislative efforts on behalf of the city to create incentive for building low-income housing. Spencer stated the City plans to host another affordable/workforce housing meeting with officials and stakeholders throughout the county for an update. Derrick Tokos

updated the efforts of the Lincoln County Land Trust, stating there are three properties of interest in Newport two in Lincoln City.

**H. Oregon Coastal Caucus**

Commissioner Thompson stated he requested an appropriation of \$3 million for a wave energy test site and encouraged council members to contact Senator Roblan to express support.

**I. Update on Consolidation of Health Services**

Wayne Belmont reported that funding streams that were allotted to funding a new Health and Human Services building has become unstable due to legislative changes. In addition, the site has not passed environmental testing; plans for that have been temporarily halted.

**J. Contribution to the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership**

Spencer Nebel stated the Partnership is entering its last phase with a funding gap and will be asking involved entities to contribute to conclude the process.


**K. Pacific Seafood Redevelopment Plans for the former Hallmark/California Shellfish Site**

Commissioner Hunt stated Pacific Seafood is working on grants to develop the site; until the site is development, there may be kiosks and educational displays. Derrik Tokos stated the company is compiling material for the next grant cycle starting in October. David Allen stated the City will have to reconsider the proposal if the grant is awarded.

The joint session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

These meeting minutes are approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018.

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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