



Marion County

TODAY

SPRING 2016

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION FOR MARION COUNTY RESIDENTS

A Message from the Board of Commissioners

We are honored to serve as your Marion County Board of Commissioners. We appreciate this opportunity to report back to you about our progress and challenges on important issues that affect the lives of Marion County residents. We seek to enhance the health, safety, and livability of Marion County's communities.

Marion County is served by 15 departments with more than 1,300 dedicated full-time and part-time employees. These employees are responsible for delivering essential services such as public safety, road and bridge maintenance, public and mental health services, property assessment, building inspections, and elections.

Each year we review our strategic priorities and assess our performance as a public service provider. In this newsletter you will find examples of how we have worked to meet our priorities and goals. While we cannot include everything, we hope the information here gives you a sense of what Marion County is about.

We encourage participation in the public process and your feedback is always welcome. Board sessions are held every Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Senator Hearing Room at Courthouse Square, 555 Court Street NE, in Salem. Time is set aside for public comment at the beginning of each meeting.

We also look forward to communicating with you on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MarionCountyBoard) and Twitter (@MarionCo_Board). Look for our upcoming community e-newsletter "Marion County TODAY Community Edition." To sign-up email us at commissioners@co.marion.or.us.

For more information about county programs and services or to review upcoming board session agendas, visit www.co.marion.or.us. To contact us, call (503) 588-5212 or email commissioners@co.marion.or.us.

We hope you enjoy this issue of Marion County TODAY.

Sincerely,



Kevin Cameron, Chair



Sam Brentano



Janet Carlson



Commissioners Sam Brentano, Janet Carlson and Kevin Cameron

Commissioners

Position 1— Kevin Cameron

Position 2— Janet Carlson

Position 3— Sam Brentano

Weekly Board Sessions

Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room

555 Court Street NE, Salem

Opportunity for Public Comment

Visit www.co.marion.or.us

for weekly agenda

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Did you Know?

Dog Services

In 2015, the Marion County Dog Shelter reunited 725 lost dogs with their owners, 257 were adopted by new families, and 227 were placed with rescue organizations.



Employee Giving

Marion County employees generously donated \$4,058 to Marion-Polk Food Share, more than \$24,100 to United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley, and provided 375 gifts to local foster children through the *Santa Central* annual toy drive.

Health by the Numbers

- Conducted 3,168 environmental health inspections at licensed facilities, schools, and childcare facilities. This includes 1,956 restaurant inspections.
- 2,855 diseases reported
- 27 outbreaks reported
- 715 animal bites investigated
- 366 food handler cards issued
- 109 food managers trained
- Received 32 Indoor Clean Air Act complaints (smoking)
- Administered 4,679 immunizations.

Public Works

Marion County maintains 1,118 miles of roadway, 147 bridges or large culverts and approximately 28,000 signs.

In 2015, Public Works performed 10.6 miles of pavement overlays, 3.4 miles of slurry seal, 26.3 miles of chip seal with fog seals, of which 12 miles received a double chip seal, resulting in 38.3 miles of chip sealing.

Economic Development

In fiscal year 2014-15 Marion County invested \$165,000 in local businesses and communities through our Business Development and Community Projects grant programs. Annually, the Board of Commissioners designates video lottery funding to promote economic development in Marion County.

During the 5-year period including fiscal years 2010 through 2015, Marion County awarded more than \$1.4 million in economic development grants.

Waste Reduction & Recycling

Marion County remains a national leader in waste reduction and recycling. Including credits we receive for reuse, home composting and waste reduction programs, our communities recycled and composted 59.7% of all waste generated.

BIG TOY at Keizer Rapids Park

On August 29, 2015, the BIG TOY at Keizer Rapids Park launched its grand opening. This 15,000 square foot destination playground moved from being a dream to reality through 800 volunteers contributing at least 10,000 volunteer hours and \$319,000 raised in community donations of cash and materials. School children helped design the playground which sports the Wallace House log cabin, Smith Rock climbing wall, dinosaur dig, Salem-Keizer Volcanoes slide, paddle boat, and fire trucks with misters. Key partners included City of Keizer, Marion County, Keizer Parks Foundation, Keizer Rotary Foundation, and the Oregon Community Foundation.



Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget

Adopting an annual budget is one of the most important financial responsibilities for county government. Marion County's budget serves as a financial plan that demonstrates how we intend to carry out essential public services. It is a translation into dollars and cents the personnel, materials, services, capital outlays, and other items needed to deliver services to our residents.

The fiscal year 2015-16 adopted budget of \$380,098,982 continues Marion County's long-term commitment to sustainable programs. The budget includes a general fund of \$87,432,766 for discretionary spending and \$292,666,216 for all other funds.

As a priority service, the county allocates 77% of its general fund operating revenue to public safety services. This includes support for the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, Juvenile Department, and Justice Courts. The general fund also supports assessment and taxation; community services; licensing, recording, and elections; and the treasury.

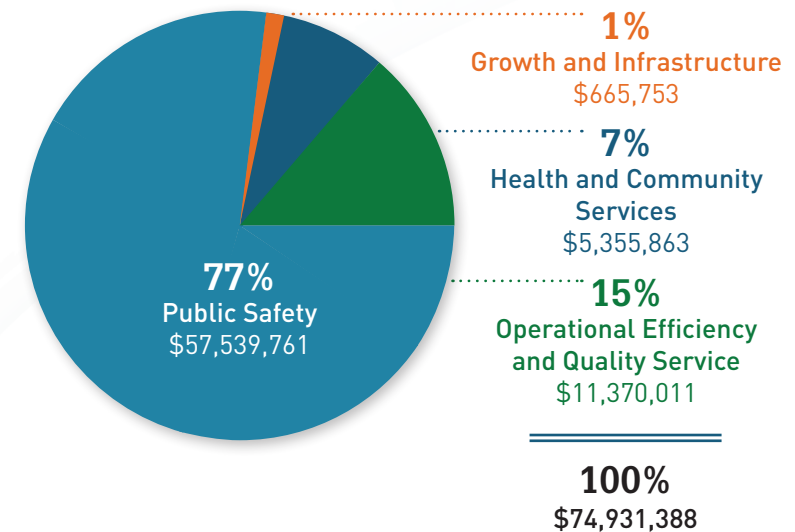
The majority of non-general fund revenues are federal, state, and other agencies' contracts and grants that by law must be spent for specific purposes. Examples include Oregon Health Authority grants and contracts for mental and public health services; gas taxes dedicated to road construction and maintenance; and video lottery funds for economic development purposes.

In 2015, Marion County received the Certificate of Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for excellence in financial reporting for the fourteenth consecutive year and

received GFOA's prestigious Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fourth consecutive year.

For information on Marion County's upcoming fiscal year 2016-17 budget process or to view the complete fiscal year 2015-16 adopted budget visit www.co.marion.or.us. ■

General Fund Operating Budget



Our Mission

We serve the public to protect, promote, and enhance a positive quality of life in Marion County.

2015 Highlights

1. Operational Efficiency and Quality Service

Provide efficient, effective, and responsive government through stewardship and accountability.

Capital projects

The Marion County Health Department building is currently under renovation to replace the building's heating and air conditioning system, add energy efficient windows and lighting, with a remodel to bring the facility up to date with Americans with Disabilities Act standards. This is the first major renovation of the building since it was built in 1974. The refreshed facility will reopen to the public Fall 2016.

The Health Department building renovation is the first in a series of capital projects planned by the county over the next several years. Planning is currently underway for a remodeled Juvenile Administration building, new Juvenile Court facility, and two new public safety buildings.

New website

In September 2015, the county launched a new, updated website. The web redesign includes a contemporary look and feel, along with new features and new ways to find information. The new website features shared meeting/event calendars, shared news display, advanced search functions, easy links to popular programs and services, dedicated alerts and emergencies page, maps to each department, a social media center and more.

The primary goal of the web redesign was to make program and services information easy to locate – especially for customers unfamiliar with the county structure. The new website is also easily accessed on mobile devices. Check us out at www.co.marion.or.us.

2. Growth and Infrastructure

Provide leadership that addresses the continual growth and increasing diversity of Marion County's population and focuses resources on best meeting the needs of residents and supporting business.

Marijuana

In November 2014, Oregon voters approved Measure 91 which allows for possession and sale of recreational marijuana by and to adults, state licensing, regulation, and taxation. However, Marion County voters voted against Measure 91 by 51.56%. As such, the law allows the county to put the future expansion of marijuana growing, processing, distribution, and sales to a vote.

Ordinance #1358 prohibits the establishment of recreational marijuana operations in the unincorporated area of Marion County, referring the issue to voters. Ordinance #1359 would allow a 3% tax on the sale of marijuana items if the vote allows recreational marijuana operations.

The ordinances do not prevent any incorporated city from allowing these activities. Many cities in Marion County have taken action to allow recreational marijuana businesses. Neither ordinance encroaches on an individual's right to possess, grow or use marijuana under the rules in Measure 91. In addition, existing medical marijuana dispensaries and growers were grandfathered under these ordinances. The November 2016 vote allows residents of Marion County to either confirm their 2014 vote or change direction.

Backyard chickens

In August 2015, the commissioners approved an ordinance allowing backyard chickens within urban growth boundaries in the unincorporated areas of Marion County. The ordinance allows the keeping of



2015 Highlights continued

up to six hens on property inside urban growth boundaries that are zoned Single Family Residential or Urban Development, except in the Woodburn and Silverton UGBs where a maximum of three hens are allowed. The ordinance includes requirements for a chicken run, coop, fenced rear yard, and provisions for storage of food and waste. Roosters and sales of chickens, eggs, or fertilizer are not allowed under the new ordinance.

3. Public Safety

Pursue a safe and secure community by protecting the people, property, and economy of Marion County.

Justice Reinvestment

Marion County was awarded \$3.5 million in funding from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to fund community investments in prisoner diversion, reentry and victim services. These funds target the approximately 3,700 individuals on parole or probation in Marion County. On an annual basis, approximately 600 prison inmates are released into Marion County, one of the highest per capita rates in Oregon.

Community investments recommended in the justice reinvestment plan include:

- Senate Bill 416 Prison Diversion program focused on diverting high and medium-risk property offenders from state prison;
- Jail Reentry Program that provides 90-day treatment and mentoring programs for offenders transitioning from the county jail;
- Student Opportunity for Achieving Results (SOAR), a 12-week intensive reentry program on the Chemeketa Community College campus;
- Housing stipends;
- Mental health and substance abuse treatment services through Bridgeway Recovery Services;
- Family support program at Family Building Blocks relief nursery;
- Victim advocates at Center for Hope & Safety and a mental health therapist at Liberty House; and
- De Muniz Resource Center operated by Community Action Agency.

4. Economic Development

Demonstrate a supportive attitude toward employers, business, and property owners that promotes economic development and high standards of livability in Marion County.

Marion County Extension and 4-H District

In May 2015, voters approved the formation of the Marion County Extension and 4-H Service District. The district serves all 20 incorporated cities, as well as the unincorporated areas of Marion County and works in cooperation with Oregon State University Extension Service to bring important services and supports to local residents. The Board of Commissioners serves as the governing board for the district.

The district's purpose is to build a stronger economy by fostering successful agriculture and forestry businesses; support healthy youth and families; and provide education services such as volunteer led 4-H youth programs, food safety and nutrition programs, community and school gardens, applied research for farmers and nursery growers, and noxious weed management.

Santiam Canyon economic development

In April 2015, the Board of Commissioners initiated economic development conversations in the Santiam Canyon and organized a workshop that brought together local cities with state and federal agencies to prioritize needs and identify funding opportunities. While the economic picture in Marion County has improved in recent years, places such as Idanha, Detroit, Gates and Mill City continue to struggle due to a significant loss of timber jobs and a dwindling tax base. We are working with these communities to address their basic infrastructure needs by collaborating and using the expertise and resources of our local, regional, state and federal partners. Deteriorating infrastructure and expensive maintenance and repairs are cost prohibitive in these cities as the water and sewer needs are complicated by the dynamic geology of the region. The county is committed to working with the Santiam Canyon communities to enhance economic development opportunities and bring relief to these economically distressed communities.

5. Transportation

Provide a safe, efficient and reliable transportation system and maintain vital infrastructure in the best condition available resources allow.

The Wipper Bridge replacement project was completed in December 2015. The original timber bridge was constructed in 1961 and crossed the Perrin Irrigation Canal in Turner. The bridge footings were damaged during the January 2012 winter storms, which resulted in load limits of three tons. The county received Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief funds to replace the old timber bridge with a new bridge built to current standards for alignment and width. The new bridge will create less of a backwater during high flows and may help relieve upstream flooding during heavy rains.

6. Health and Community Services

Promote the overall health of people in Marion County by improving the delivery of quality health services and supporting community-based prevention efforts.

Smoke and tobacco free county property

In 2015, the Board of Commissioners approved the Smoke Free/Tobacco Free County Property Ordinance. By July 1, 2016, the county will have phased into fully smoke and tobacco free campuses. Marion County had a long standing prohibition on smoking in county facilities and vehicles. The new ordinance clarified that e-cigarettes are also included in the definition of smoking. During the transition, the Health Department and Wellness programs partnered to provide employees and clients the opportunity to join smoking and tobacco cessation support programs.

Healthy Eating and Living (HEAL) grant

Marion County Health Department Rural and Prevention Services was awarded a \$250,000

Healthy Eating and Living (HEAL) grant from Kaiser Permanente to fund the Woodburn Health Initiative. The Woodburn Health Initiative will partner with local Woodburn governmental agencies and businesses to focus on improving the health of Woodburn citizens. Planned projects include: making a park exercise friendly, work-site wellness initiatives, and referrals for nutrition and exercise programs.

7. Emergency Management

Proactively plan, review, and maintain a comprehensive emergency management program.

Drought emergency declaration

On September 3, the Board of Commissioners declared a drought emergency in Marion County and joined 24 of Oregon's 36 counties receiving an emergency drought declaration from the Governor. In 2015 most of Oregon experienced record breaking heat, little precipitation, and almost no snow pack following an unseasonably warm winter. The commissioners took this action at the urging of local blueberry farmers looking for ways to save newly planted stock.

The emergency declaration granted permission for the Oregon Water Resources Department to exercise emergency water rights authority providing local farmers the flexibility to apply for temporary permits to modify their water rights as needed. Agriculture is important to Marion County's economy with the county leading the state in annual agricultural production with more than \$600 million in annual gross cash income. Non-farm businesses with reduced revenue and economic losses caused by the drought were also eligible for low-interest federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.



2015 Awards

From animals to asphalt, Marion County employees were recognized as among the best at what they do in 2015. In addition to county sponsored awards, numerous employees received individual or team recognition for outstanding service to their professions. These employees represent the county's commitment to customer service, professionalism, integrity, and stewardship.

We appreciate these, and all, Marion County employees who provide quality services to our community every day.



Animal Legal Defense Fund

Top 10 Animal Defenders – Jean Kunkle

Asphalt Pavement Association of Oregon Excellence in Paving Award

Urban Street – Ward Drive Project

Cindy Schmitt, *County Engineer*
Steve Preszler, *Project Engineer*
Ken Crossley, *Project Inspector*

Co-recipient: North Santiam Paving

Governor's Volunteer Award

Marion County Fair Board (*Regional Winner*)

Government Finance Officers Association

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in
Financial Reporting (FY 2013-14)

14th consecutive year

Distinguished Budget Presentation
Award (FY 2014-15)

4th consecutive year

National Association of Counties Achievement Award

Public Safety – Reentry Initiative:
Giving People a Second Chance

Transportation – Over the Shoulder Program

Oregon Building Officials Association

Building Official of the Year – Warren Jackson

Oregon State Sheriff's Association

Parole & Probation Deputy of the Year
Deputy Jordan Juster

Parole & Probation Supervisor of the Year
Sgt. Matt Meier

County Awards

CAO Teamwork Award

County Fair Grounds Team

Don Newell, *Public Works Department*

John McOmber, *Sheriff's Office*

Mathew Paton, *Sheriff's Office*

Community Response Unit – Sheriff's Office

Code Enforcement:

Art Stinson, Laura Pekarek,
and Barbara Dickson

Crime Prevention: Shawn Bush

Volunteer Coordinator: Dale Bradley

Administration: Janet Paul

Web Redesign Steering Committee

Janet Carlson, *Commissioner*

John Lattimer, *Chief Administrative Officer*

Jan Fritz, *Deputy County Administrative Officer*

Jolene Kelley, *Board of Commissioners Office*

Tamra Goettsch, *Community Services Department*

Jean Kunkle, *District Attorney's Office*

Cindy Johnson, *Finance Department*

Sara Campos, *Health Department*

Lyndsie Schwarz, *Health Department*

Robert Betagh, *Information Technology*

Gary Christofferson, *Information Technology*

Jim Kitterman, *Information Technology*

Morgan La France, *Information Technology*

Jolene Bray, *Public Works Department*

Alan Haley, *Public Works Department*

Sara Zavala, *Sheriff's Office*

Sunshine Committee

Mary Boettcher, *Business Services*

Traci Fiske, *Business Services*

Jennifer Lang, *Business Services*

Brenda Phillips, *Business Services*

Stacy Vrooman, *Business Services*

Vicki Thaler, *Information Technology*

Customer Service Award

Mark Heath, *Assessor's Office*

Jodi Field, *Business Services*

Justice Court Staff

Marta Bedolla, Judy Dunn, Janie Hanson,

Nancy Hernandez, Carmen Mejia, Ed

Quintero, and Katie Reynolds

Special Award of Merit

Steve Everts, *Public Works Department*

Jim Guenther, *Public Works Department*

2015

Proclamations

Child Abuse

Prevention Month

April 2015

National Service

Recognition Day

April 7, 2015

Volunteer Week

April 12-18, 2015

Intellectual & Developmental

Disability Awareness Week

June 14-20, 2015

National Parole &

Probation Officer Week

July 12-18, 2015

Childhood Cancer

Awareness Month

September 2015

Constitution Week

September 17-23, 2015

Domestic Violence

Awareness Month

October 2015

Hands and Words are not for Hurting Week

October 8-15, 2015

2016 County Calendar

Dog Shelter Orientation

First Saturday of every month

For more information: www.mcdogs.net

All are welcome to come in and walk a dog, work with a dog, or simply spend some time snuggling up to an adoptable dog.

March

March 12

Mid-Valley Green Awards

Historic Elsinore Theatre

7:00 p.m.

Tickets: www.midvalleygreenawards.org

Repair Fair & Share

Willamette University campus

www.repairfair.net

April

April 16

Earth Day Fair

The Oregon Garden

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

April 29 – May 1

Spring Plant Sale

Fresh Start Market

May

May 17

Primary Election

Drop Box Locator:

www.sos.state.or.us/dropbox/

May 22

Bark for Life

Keizer Rapids Park

12:00 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Free rabies vaccine with a purchase of a secondary vaccine.

June

June 2 & 6

Marion County Budget

Committee meets

www.co.marion.or.us/FIN/budget

June 7-10

Cascadia Rising

Catastrophic Earthquake & Tsunami

Functional Exercise

www.fema.gov

July

July 1-7

St. Paul Rodeo

www.stpaulrodeo.com

July 7-10

Marion County Fair

Oregon State Fairgrounds

www.mcfair.net

July 9

Donald Hazelnut Festival

www.donaldhazelnutfestival.com

August

August 2

National Night Out

August 6

Santiam Canyon Youth Benefit

Golf Tournament

www.ybgolf.com

September

National Preparedness Month

www.ready.gov

September 15-18

Mt. Angel Oktoberfest

www.oktoberfest.org

October

Art Calendar Contest

Entries due Friday, October 14, 2016,

by 5:00 p.m.

www.mcrecycles.net

Giving People a Second Chance
Community Breakfast

Marion County Reentry Initiative

www.co.marion.or.us/CS/Pages/Annual-Breakfast-Fundraising-Event.aspx

October 20

Great Oregon ShakeOut

10:20 a.m.

<http://shakeout.org/oregon>

November

November 8

General Election

Drop Box Locator:

www.sos.state.or.us/dropbox/

December

Holiday Toy Swap

www.ReduceReuse.net





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