Marion County Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Title	Members	Term	Authority / Staff	Meetings	Purpose
Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee	Eleven members consisting of one 911 rep., one emergency physician, one public advanced life support, one private advanced life support, one public first response provider, medical director/physician advisor, one public EMT/paramedic, one private EMT/paramedic, one public member, one emergency department nurse, and one health care facility administrator.	Three years	ORS 682.205 Health	Meets as needed	To review and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding the selection criteria for determining a franchise to provide emergency ambulance service and to periodically review the Ambulance Service Area plan.
Board of Property Tax Appeals	Three members consisting of one commissioner designee or a member of the county governing body and two non-office holding residents.	One year	ORS 309.020(1) Clerk	February through April 15	To consider the appeals of the real market value or assessed value of property for the current year.
Budget Committee	Three commissioners and three appointed citizens.	Three years	ORS 294.336 Finance	Meets two to three times per year and convenes in May for 8 to10 half-day work sessions to adopt a budget for the next fiscal year.	To prepare an operating budget for Marion County considering all expenses.
Children and Families Commission	Thirty-nine members appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The majority must be lay members.	Four years	ORS 417.705 CFC	Monthly, fourth Thursday from 1 – 2:30 p.m.	To promote wellness for children of all ages and their families in the county, to mobilize communities and to develop policies and oversee the implementation of a local coordinated comprehensive plan.
Compensation Board	Three to five members who are knowledgeable in personnel and compensation management.	One year	ORS 204.005 Bus. Svcs.	Annually as called by the Human Resources Division	To determine the compensation schedule for county elected officials
Council of Economic Advisors	Fourteen members of business, finance and government who are knowledgeable in revenue forecasting and predicting trends.	Two years	Board of Commissioners Finance	Twice a year: once in mid-January and once in mid-April	To meet semi-annually to review Marion County's major revenue sources, predict trends, develop preliminary revenue forecasts in January and a final forecast in April for integration into the county's annual budget process.
Economic Development Advisory Board	Thirteen members representing business, government, economic development appointed by the Board of Commissioners based on their ability to foster economic development.	Two years	Board of Commissioners	Monthly, second Wednesday, 3:30 to 5 p.m.	To assist with economic development and to recommend grant awards of Video Lottery Grant monies and other economic development funding streams.
Fair Board	Seven citizen members appointed by Board of Commissioners.	Three years	ORS 565.210 Public Works	Monthly, first Wednesday, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	To organize the Marion County Fair and support various local community fairs and the Marion County booth at the State Fair.

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Farm Advisory Board	Five members consisting of two members appointed by the Board of Commissioners, two appointed by the Assessor and one member appointed by the above four members.	Four members serve two years and the fifth member serves one year.	ORS 308A.095 Assessor	Late January, then as needed	To review and recommend rents to Assessor to be used for farm use evaluation for each tax year.
Food Service Advisory Committee	Five members representing the food service industry, six public members, and advisory groups as needed.	Three years	Health	Monthly, second Wednesday of the month	To analyze and submit a recommendation to Marion County Environmental Health and the food industry pertaining to concerns in this area.
Health Advisory Board	Twelve members appointed by the Board of Commissioners.	Three years	Health	Monthly, third Tuesday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., except July & August	To advise the Board of Commissioners and Health Department of all issues relating to the public and mental health services offered by Marion County.
Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee	Twelve members composed of one member selected by A/D sub-contractor providers and no more than five members from local government.	Two years	ORS 430.342 Health	Monthly, fourth Thursday, 8 – 9:30 a.m., except July & August	To identify needs and establish priorities for alcoholism services while coordinating LADPC activities with existing community mental health planning bodies.
Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation	One elected official and one private sector representative appointed by the commissioners serve on the commission for Marion County.	Two years	Oregon Transportation Commission	Monthly, first Thursday	To provide a forum for the discussion and coordination of long range transportation issues affecting the mid-Willamette valley's livability.
Mid-Willamette Valley Cable Regulatory Commission Budget Committee	It is desired that three public members are appointed to the budget committee by the Cable Regulatory Commission. When possible, at least one member lives in Comcast's service area within the City of Salem and at least one member lives outside the city limits of Salem, but within Comcast's service area.	Two years	Cable Regulatory Commission	Once a year	The CRC monitors the performance of Comcast cable television services to ensure compliance with franchise provisions. Members of the budget committee attend one meeting a year to review the CRC's operating budget and CCTV contract. Special service government set up by the City of Salem and Marion County.
Mid-Willamette Valley Community Development Partnership Board	Twenty-seven members, fourteen elected officials and thirteen from the private sector serve on the board. Marion County appoints representatives for Spanish-speaking persons, agriculture, unemployed/under-employed, and financial institutions.	Four years	ORS 190.010 Council of Governments	Quarterly	To help local governments and small businesses access federal and state economic development finance programs, provide regional economic development planning, and to provide a political forum on regional economic development issues.
North Santiam Watershed Council	Commissioners appoint one Marion County representative with consideration of recommendations from the Watershed Forum.	Two years	A voluntary local watershed council consistent with the provisions of ORS 541.388	Monthly	To provide opportunities for stakeholders in Marion and Linn counties to cooperate in promoting and sustaining the health of the watershed and its communities.

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Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Advisory Council	Thirteen members represent local government and persons who have an interest in the Opal Creek area. Marion County has one representative position on the council that is first designated by the Board of Commissioners and appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.	Three years	An advisory council pursuant to Section 1023 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996.	No regular schedule, meetings are held as often as needed to complete business.	To advise the Secretary of Agriculture on a regular or periodic basis on matters relating to management of the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area.
Parks Commission	Seven members appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Director of Public Works serves as non-voting staff liaison.	Four years	Public Works	Meeting schedule is adopted each January for the year	To advise the Board of Commissioners in matters pertaining to the county parks and recreation facilities.
Planning Commission	Nine members appointed by the Board of Commissioners, the Chief Planner serves as the non-voting secretary.	Four years	ORS 215.020 Public Works	First and third Tuesday evenings, if needed	To act as a citizen review of conditional uses, zone changes, and overall planning for the county.
Public Defender of Marion County, Inc.	Seven member board of trustees filled by appointment of the Chief Justice, Oregon State Bar, MC BOC and4 appointments by the community at large by the board itself.	Three years	Public Defender of Marion County DA		To act as a citizen guidance board of trustees to the Public Defender of Marion County.
Public Safety Coordinating Council	Membership consists of one police chief; sheriff; district attorney; state court judge and public defender or defense attorney; directors of corrections, juvenile, health, and Children and Families Commission; county commissioner; city councilor or mayor; City of Salem Municipal Court Judge; representatives of the Or. St. Police and the Or. Youth Auth.; and lay citizens.	Three years	ORS 423.560 Board of Commissioners	Monthly, second Tuesday, 4 to 6 p.m.	To achieve public safety by increasing efficiency and reducing crime through coordination of local adult criminal justice and juvenile justice policy and through developing resources and intervention strategies aimed at crime prevention.
Salem Foundation	Board of Commissioners chair appoints a Marion County representative to the Salem Foundation Distribution Committee.	Five years	Charitable Trust Pioneer Bank	N/A	The Salem Foundation is a charitable trust administered by the Pioneer Trust Bank. The trust instrument provides that a member of the Distribution Committee is to be appointed by the County Judge, which has been replaced by the chair of the county board of commissioners.
Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee	Two Marion County representatives who live north of the Santiam Basin area.	Three years	Intergovernmental agreement pursuant to ORS Chapter 190	Quarterly, but additional meetings may be called.	To advise and make recommendations to the Chemeketa Area Regional Transportation System on new programs or changes to existing programs.
Solid Waste Management Advisory Council	Sixteen members appointed by the Board of Commissioners representing various organizations in the community and lay members.	Four years	Public Works	Monthly, fourth Tuesday, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.	To develop and recommend policy addressing solid waste issues to the Board of Commissioners.

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Water Quality Advisory Committee	Eleven members consisting of five at large and one each: Marion Soil and Water Conservation District, Salem-Keizer Home Builders Association, Agricultural Industry, a land developer, and a local watershed council.	Four years	Public Works	TBD	To provide Public Works staff with feedback and oversight of the Water Quality Program, including proposed ordinances, program plans and reports, education and outreach efforts, and other water quality issues.
Weed Advisory Committee	Two members from industry, one from Oregonians for Food and Shelter, one small woodlot representative, one urban representative, and two at large members.	Four years	ORS Chapter 570 Public Works	Monthly, second Saturday, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	To serve the interests of the citizens of Marion County by providing direction to Marion County staff with regard to education about and treatment of noxious weeds in the county.

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