

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: Commissioner Danielle Bethell and Commissioner Kevin Cameron. Also present were Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer, Scott Norris as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

ABSENT: Commissioner Colm Willis

Commissioner Bethell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

(Video Time 00:00:40)

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Beem:

- Mr. Beem expressed the following:
 - He is a spokesman for individuals with disabilities;
 - He suggested a pedestrian bridge be constructed between Courthouse Square and the Marion County Circuit Court Building:
 - Crossing the street is not always safe.
 - He suggested requesting funding from the state; and
 - He is working with the City of Salem Mayor on the issue.

(Video Time 00:02:14)

Commissioner Kevin Cameron:

- Commissioner Cameron expressed the following:
 - He welcomed Commissioner Bethell on her 2025 Chair appointment for the Marion County Board of Commissioners;
 - He thanked Commissioner Bethell for everything she did in 2024 as President of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC); and
 - He is looking forward to 2025.

(Video Time 00:02:51)

CONSENT

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Board Committee Appointment – Fair Board

1. Approve orders reappointing Dana Castano, Amy Goulter-Allen, and Shannon Gubbels to the Marion County Fair Board with terms ending December 31, 2027.

PUBLIC WORKS

2. Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation for right-of-way services as referenced in Exhibit A, and a resolution authorizing acquisition and eminent domain of certain real properties for the Scotts Mills Road NE: Butte Creek Bridge Replacement project through September 30, 2026.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved for approval of the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:04:10)

ACTION

PUBLIC WORKS

3. Consider approval of the incoming funds Local Government Grant Program Agreement with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) in the amount of \$711,646 in which an estimated \$355,823 will utilize OPRD funding and an estimated \$355,823 will utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Parkdale Park Development Project through December 31, 2026. –Dennis Mansfield

Summary of presentation:

- The grant brings funding in for Marion County Parks;
- The agreement with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is part of the Local Government Grant Program;
- Funding will be utilized for projects at Parkdale Park:
 - The park is located in the East Salem Service District (ESSD) on Hayesville Drive.
- The grant requires a 50 percent match:
 - The county will utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the match.
- No county funds will be used for the project;
- Park amenities will include the following:
 - Walking paths;
 - Improved parking;
 - Picnic tables;
 - Barbecues;

- Lighting; and
- A playground.
- The grant has a stipulation that requires Parkdale Park to remain a park for 25 years;
- There are no impacts to the county;
- A Federal Land and Water Grant was used when the county initially acquired the park:
 - The initial grant required the park to remain a park in perpetuity.
- Staff recommended the grant for \$355,823 be approved.

Board discussion:

- Construction will begin in late spring when the land is drier;
- Staff anticipate the park will open in the summer with the new amenities; and
- There should be no traffic impact on Hayesville Drive during the construction phase.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the incoming funds Local Government Grant Program Agreement with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) in the amount of \$711,646 in which an estimated \$355,823 will utilize OPRD funding and an estimated \$355,823 will utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Parkdale Park Development Project through December 31, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:07:25)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS
9:30 A.M.**

None.

Commissioner Bethell adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

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