

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room

555 Court Street NE

Salem, OR 97301

CCTV video streaming link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0P1x7iejCo&list=PLSUQ1gg6M78UsBE3q6w4rdf59Z5rXkEi5&index=8>

PRESENT: Commissioner Colm Willis, Commissioner Kevin Cameron, and Commissioner Danielle Bethell. Also present were Steve Elzinga as county counsel and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

ABSENT: Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer.

Commissioner Willis called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

(Video Time 00:23:44)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

(Video Time 00:23:51)

CONSENT

BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Approve an order for the payment of invoices to Brown and Brown Insurance Services, Inc. in the amount of \$954,276.07 for Marion County insurance renewals for excess general liability, excess workers' compensation, medical malpractice for corrections contracted physician, medical malpractice for health and human services contracted physicians, and marine hull and machinery.

FINANCE

2. Approve the Teller Software as a Service (SaaS) Agreement with Can/Am Technologies in the amount of \$408,472 to provide Teller Point of Sale (POS) system support through March 31, 2029.

PUBLIC WORKS

3. Receive notice of the hearings officer’s decision approving Zone Change/Partition Case #25-005 / Roger and Jenny Pena.

PUBLIC WORKS

4. Approve a resolution authorizing Marion County Parks staff to submit a grant application under the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Local Government Grant Program for wildfire restoration at Bear Creek Park and Campground.

PUBLIC WORKS

5. Approve Amendment #1 to the Contract for Services with Garten Services, Inc. to add \$60,000 for a new not-to-exceed contract total of \$160,000 and extend the term date to June 30, 2027, for the transportation and sorting of batteries collected at various Marion County Environmental Services sites.

TAX OFFICE

6. Approve an order for the cancellation of three uncollectible personal property tax accounts as referenced in “Exhibit A”, in the total amount of \$30,411.61, for Tax ID’s 352227, Limitless Lifestyles, LLC; 133251, Kurt and Elizabeth Ream; and 126702, Janice E. Jacobsen.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved for approval of the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried.

ACTION

None.

(Video Time 00:26:34)

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Starting no earlier than 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS

A. Public hearing to consider an appeal of the hearings officer’s decision for Administrative Review Case #25-015 / Remington BESS, LLC, on behalf of the Neils Paul Jensen and Irma L. Jensen Joint Revocable Trust. – Brandon Reich and John Speckman

- Commissioner Willis read the public hearing opening statement;
- Commissioner Bethell declared for the record a conflict of interest as she is a user of the Santiam Water District, and she owns Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) property in Marion County:
 - She reached out to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission and is following the organization’s advice; and

- She expressed that she will not be participating in the discussion or the vote unless it comes down to a split decision.
- Steve Elzinga, Marion County Legal Counsel, expressed for the record that he strongly disagrees with the analysis that was provided, but for today's meeting it makes sense for Commissioner Bethell to follow the advice; and
- Four people signed up and provided public comment during the hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to close the public hearing and deny the application for Administrative Review Case #25-015 / Remington BESS. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried with Commissioner Cameron voting aye; Commissioner Willis voting aye; and Commissioner Bethell abstained from the vote.

Commissioner Willis closed the public hearing.

(Video Time 02:08:02)

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.