



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD SESSION

Minutes

Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
Senator Hearing Room
Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301
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PRESENT: Commissioner Colm Willis, Commissioner Kevin Cameron, and Commissioner Danielle Bethell. Also present were Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer, Steve Elzinga as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

Commissioner Cameron called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
Commissioner Willis arrived at 9:06 a.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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CONSENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Approve an order appointing Troy Gregg as the Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) Administrator to include various titles and roles as outlined in the board order effective August 12, 2026.

BUSINESS SERVICES

2. Approve an Invoice with Brown and Brown Insurance Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,002,331.14 for the renewal of a Property Insurance Policy with National Fire and Marine Insurance Company retroactive to July 1, 2026, through July 1, 2027.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

3. Approve an order delegating authority to the Marion County Board of Commissioners (BOC) Chair, the BOC Vice-Chair, or the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to execute and authorize payments under the Marion County Home Buyer Assistance (HBA) Program in the not-to-exceed amount of \$125,000 for each application, retroactive to July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. Approve orders appointing Nai Saechao as the primary Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) manager, and Ricarda Hargrove as the backup IGA manager, authorized to accept Service Element Prior Authorizations (SEPAs) in the Express Payment and Reporting System (eXPRS) for the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) program effective August 12, 2026.

PUBLIC WORKS

5. Approve the Supplemental Project Agreement between the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Marion County, and Polk County, in the amount of \$3,828,500, of which an estimated \$3,435,313.05 will utilize federal funding, an estimated \$393,186.95 will utilize Polk County funding, and zero funds will be provided by Marion County, to deliver the Helmick Road: Luckiamute River Bridge Rehabilitation Project on behalf of Polk County through December 31, 2032.

PUBLIC WORKS

6. Approve the Engineering and Related Services Contract with David Evans and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$399,569.24 to provide land surveying and engineering services for the design of a mitigation plan and robust geotechnical solution for a slow-moving landslide that is occurring at North Fork Park through March 31, 2029.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved for approval of the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried with Commissioner Bethell voting aye; Commissioner Cameron voting aye; and Commissioner Willis voting aye.

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The Commissioners asked Mr. Troy Gregg, the newly appointed Marion County Health and Human Services (MCHHS) Administrator, to come forward and introduce himself.

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ACTION

None.

(Video Time 00:13:56)

PUBLIC HEARING **Starting no earlier than 9:00 a.m.**

PUBLIC WORKS

A. Public hearing to consider an application for Noise Variance, Case #26-002 / Rue 3, LLC. –John Speckman

- Commissioner Willis opened the public hearing;
- The public hearing opening statement was read for the record; and
- No one signed up to provide public comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to close the public hearing and approve the Noise Variance application for Case #26-002 / Rue 3, LLC. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried with Commissioner Bethell voting aye; Commissioner Cameron voting aye; and Commissioner Willis voting aye.

Commissioner Willis closed the public hearing.

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PUBLIC WORKS

B. Public hearing to consider a Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) remand for Partition / Variance, Case #25-013 / Francisco Villalobos. –Austin Barnes.

- Commissioner Willis opened the public hearing;
- Mr. Barnes came forward and expressed that the applicant withdrew their application for Partition / Variance, Case #25-013 / Francisco Villalobos on Monday;
- No one signed up to provide public comment;
- Marion County Counsel, Steve Elzinga, expressed for the record that no code update is needed to move the application forward; and
- Commissioner Willis closed the public hearing with no action taken.

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Mr. Steve Elzinga, County Counsel for Marion County, provided an update for Detroit Lake.

(Video Time 00:34:06)

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.