

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, April 30, 2025.
9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

PRESENT: Commissioner Danielle Bethell and Commissioner Colm Willis. Also present were Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer, Steve Elzinga as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

ABSENT: Commissioner Kevin Cameron.

Commissioner Bethell called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

David Beem:

- Mr. Beem requested volunteers for the Marion County Fair.

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PRESENTATION

1. Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR) of the Mid-Willamette Valley Quarterly Report. –Sarah Coutley and Kip Morris, SEDCOR

Summary of presentation:

- SEDCOR leverages public and private partnerships for successful high value jobs and capital investment;
- Expansion, Retention & Targeted recruitment of traded sector businesses:
 - Whiskey Hill Smoke House;
 - Accents of Wood/Miller & Sons Nursey;
 - Project 1st Stage:
 - Agricultural projects.
 - Hazelnut Growers of Oregon:
 - Met with Italian company Ferrero;
 - Sales of \$3.2 billion and would like to double that;
 - Want to work with Oregon; and
 - It is potential for farmers to turn their crops to hazelnuts.
 - Happy Curry Foods:

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- Would like to continue business.
 - Pi Fabrication:
 - Parts manufacturer targeting wood products.
 - Natural Plant Products; and
 - Ag Breakfast:
 - There were 157 people in attendance.
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship:
 - Launch Mid-Valley Regional Innovation Hub:
 - Salem, Silverton, and Woodburn;
 - LaunchPad for Non-Techies Start-Up Bootcamp;
 - AI Advantage Webinar Series;
 - Oregon Startup Conference on June 20th; and
 - Open Pop Up & Pitch Marketplace on November 21st in the Grand Hotel lobby.
 - North Marion Business Services Alliance:
 - MWVCOG Regional Economic Development Project Award.
- Infrastructure & Workforce Development:
 - Build Mid-Valley:
 - Day summit about regional workforce.
 - SEDCOR Construction Alliance:
 - Construction Career Day; and
 - SCA members had SCA table toppers and flyers.
 - Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action:
 - Manufacturing Industry Career Pathway Development for Justice Impacted.
- January to March 2025 Metrics:
 - There were 11 community visits;
 - There were 36 business visits;
 - There were 11 SEDCOR events in Marion County;
 - There were 26 partner hosted events; and
 - There were 46 training courses.
- Other Updates:
 - Upcoming SEDCOR events:
 - May 14th - SEDCOR Industry Insights: Business Transitions;
 - May 29th - SEDCOR Economic Outlook with Tim Duy;
 - June 6th - SEDCOR Golf Tournament Battle of the Bands;
 - June 27th - SEDCOR Happy Hour at Crosby Hops; and
 - November 21st - Open Pop Up & Pitch Marketplace in Salem.
- The goal is in five years for the Mid-Willamette valley to be known as:
 - A great place to start or grow a business;
 - An equitable and inclusive business community; and

- A region with unique strengths in agriculture, food production, manufacturing, and technology.

Board discussion:

- None.

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PROCLAMATION

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2. Consider approval of a proclamation designating May 4-10, 2025, as National Corrections Professionals Week in Marion County. –Commander Jacob Ramsey, Shane Anderson, Rick Wagner (Deputies)

Summary of presentation:

- The staff will be provided with a meal celebrating their hard work and efforts;
- A proclamation that was written by the Regan Administration in 1984 regarding correction officers states the following:
 - Difficult and often dangerous assignment of ensuring the custody, safety, and well-being of adults in custody of the nation's prisons and jails;
 - Essential to the day-to-day operations of institutions, and with it would be impossible to achieve the primary goals of security and control;
 - Historically, they were viewed as guards in isolated and misunderstood positions;
 - Their duties have become complex and demanding, requiring them to fill:
 - Custodial roles;
 - Supervisory roles; and
 - Counseling roles.
 - Professionalism, dedication, and courage exhibited by officers throughout their roles deserve utmost respect;
 - The work of correctional officers often does not receive the public recognition it deserves; and
 - It is appropriate to honor the contributions and accomplishments of these men and women who are a vital component of the corrections field.
- Introduced two deputies, Deputy Shan Anderson and Deputy Rick Wagner:
 - Work in the institutions division;
 - Have long-term service; and
 - Dedicated to the profession and community.

Board discussion:

- Commissioner Willis expressed the following:
 - An inspector stated the jail is one of the two tops in the country;
 - Praised the jail's high standards and professional staff;
 - Important to hold people accountable with professionalism; and

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- Expressed pride in the facility's management.
- Commissioner Bethell expressed the following:
 - Recalled first jail tour in 2020:
 - Noted the friendliness of staff and cleanliness of the facility.
 - There professionalism that is felt and seen;
 - Comfort level during visits;
 - Encourage individuals to tour the jail;
 - Has personal experience of having a family member incarcerated; and
 - Expressed gratitude for the public safety system.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve a proclamation designating May 4-10, 2025, as National Corrections Professionals Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

The Commissioners read the proclamation.

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CONSENT

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

3. Approve Amendment #1 to the Contract for Services with James F. Miller to add \$400,000 for a new contract total of \$900,000 to continue to provide mental health assessments and care to Adult Behavioral Health (ABH) clients through June 30, 2027.

4. Approve the Contract for Services with Melody Klug in the amount of \$297,000 to provide psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner services for individuals in the Adult Behavioral Health (ABH) Program through June 30, 2028.

5. Approve the Purchase Order with Cardinal Health 110, LLC in the not-to-exceed amount of \$1,500,000 for the purchase of opioid treatment medications for a five-year period for Marion County Health and Human Services Alcohol and Drug Program clients.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

6. Approve the Purchase Order with Mythics, LLC in the amount of \$278,744.40 to provide Oracle licensing, software, and hardware support through June 30, 2026.

PUBLIC WORKS

7. Approve Amendment #1 to the incoming funds Site Lease With Option agreement with T-Mobile West Tower, LLC to add \$374,597.40 for a new contract total of \$613,265.70 for the lease of space for a communications tower and related equipment at the Marion County Public Works campus through May 31, 2028.

TAX OFFICE

8. Approve an order for a property tax refund for State Investments, LLC, tax account 573567, in the amount of \$49,774.54.

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

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ACTION

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

9. Consider a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2025-26 County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant application. –Tom Rohlffing

Summary of presentation:

- The county has been utilizing the County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant for 30 years;
- The grant assists with funding for the following:
 - Assessor's office;
 - Tax office;
 - Board of property tax appeals;
 - Portion of IT support; and
 - Tax distribution.
- Funding sources are as follows:
 - Interest from delinquent property tax payments; and
 - Small recording fees from clerk's office.
- Statewide CAFFA funds projected \$16.8 million for 2025-2026:
 - Certified grant expenditures for Marion County is \$10,081,319.
- Estimated grant revenue for Marion County is \$1,083,607;
- Represents 10.7% of county expenditure:
 - This is 11.2% of assessor's office budget.
- Related legislative bill being considered:
 - It is being supported by Association of Oregon Counties (AOC);
 - Potentially important for county funding; and
 - Without funding some counties will not be able to function.

Board discussion:

- None.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2025-26 County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant application. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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PUBLIC WORKS

10. Consider approval of the Construction Contract with Siegmund Excavation and Construction, Inc. that utilizes Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) grant funding in the amount of \$116,350 for the construction and reestablishment of native wetlands at Salmon Falls Park through September 30, 2025. –Kevin Thompson

Summary of presentation:

- Salmon Falls Park is located 14 miles up North Fork Road in the Santiam Canyon;
- The Salmon Falls Park wetland was destroyed in the 2020 wildfires;
- Project scope includes the following:
 - Removal of wood debris within project boundary;
 - General excavation and regrading of wetland;
 - Placing habitat logs within waterways; and
 - Hydro mulching and erosion control measures.
- Project Budget and Schedule is as follows:
 - Siegmund Excavation & Construction Inc. was the lowest bidder;
 - Fully funded by the OWEB grant;
 - No county funds will be used; and
 - Project completion date is June 30, 2025.

Board discussion:

- The OWEB total grant funding will be utilized for some of the following:
 - Total for three OWEB grants is \$349,000;
 - Specific project allocation is \$240,000;
 - Anticipated savings are approximately \$120,000:
 - Design and pre-construction tasks can use these funds; and
 - This is about \$120,000.
 - There are three related post-fire restoration grants covering:
 - Wetland restoration;
 - Park replanting; and
 - Roadside erosion control.

Motion: Commissioner Willis moved to approve the Construction Contract with Siegmund Excavation and Construction, Inc. that utilizes Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) grant funding in the amount of \$116,350 for the construction and reestablishment of native wetlands at Salmon Falls Park through September 30, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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11. Consider the acceptance of a Warranty Deed to Marion County from grantors Donna J. Berning, Trustee of the Lucas Joint Revocable Living Trust, and Scott J. Baughman and Shelly J. Baughman conveying real property located in Linn County, Oregon, as referenced in Exhibit A and Exhibit B, for the purchase price of \$1,639,000 for the North Santiam Canyon Sewer Project and authorize the Chair to sign closing documents on behalf of Marion County. –Chris Einmo

Summary of presentation:

- Business Oregon Grant SR2240 - \$50M:
 - Includes \$40M for new treatment facility in Mill City/Gates; and
 - Eligible expenses include planning, design, permitting, construction and property acquisition.
- Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to be expended by December 2026:
 - There is no county match.
- The site is outside of Mill City:
 - Part of a larger piece of land owned by the grantors;
 - The dead would create a new parcel of land; and
 - The parcel will be 10.15 acres.
- The purpose is constructing a wastewater treatment plant and to allow future space planning:
 - If it goes beyond the projected 20-year growth.
- Excludes a strip of land adjacent to Fairview Street:
 - Grantors will dedicate an additional 2.1 acres for the realignment of Fairview Street.
- The area is necessary and sufficient for the following:
 - Wastewater treatment plant;
 - Infiltration basins; and
 - Space planning for future expansion.
- Project Plan Layout:
 - Wastewater plant on the southern portion of the area;
 - Rapid infiltration basins on northern portion of the area; and
 - Potential future westward expansion.
- Project Context:
 - Part of \$50 million ARPA funding allocation; and
 - Eligible for property acquisition expenses.

Board discussion:

- The bill allows for construction to proceed:
 - Waiting for the governor's signature.
- This project has been discussed for 10 years; and
- Commissioner Bethell expressed for the record that she has a potential conflict of interest.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve a Warranty Deed to Marion County from grantors Donna J. Berning, Trustee of the Lucas Joint Revocable Living Trust, and Scott J. Baughman and Shelly J. Baughman conveying real property located in Linn County, Oregon, as referenced in Exhibit A and Exhibit B, for the purchase price of \$1,639,000 for the North Santiam Canyon Sewer Project and authorize the Chair to sign closing documents on behalf of Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

9:30 A.M.

None.

Commissioner Bethell adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

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