

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, June 18, 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 Steve Elzinga as county counsel, and Shawnnell Fuentes as recorder.

ABSENT: Commissioner Colm Willis and Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer.

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

(Video Time 00:03:00)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

(Video Time 00:03:53)

CONSENT

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Board Committee Appointment – Public Safety Coordinating Council

1. Approve orders reappointing Colm Willis as the Marion County Commissioner representative and appointing Lieutenant Jamison Goetz as the Oregon State Police representative to the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council with terms ending June 1, 2028.

BUSINESS SERVICES

2. Approve an order adopting revised Marion County Administrative Policy #515, Procedure #515-A and #515-B, Court Facilities Security.

PUBLIC WORKS

3. Receive notice of hearings officer's decision denying Conditional Use Case #25-010/ Susan Maloch.

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

(Video Time 00:05:17)

ACTION

PUBLIC WORKS

4. Consider the adoption of the Marion County Transportation Safety Action Plan. –Carl Lund

Summary of presentation:

- FHA- Federal Highway Administration;
- Identified High-Injury Network Locations:
 - McKay/Yergen/Ehlen Roads:
 - River Road to Main Street.
 - Silverton Road:
 - Fossholm Street to Cordon Road.
 - Corden Road:
 - Hazelgreen Road to Wagon Wheel Drive.
 - North First Avenue:
 - Shaff Road to Water Street.
 - Golf Club Road:
 - Santiam Highway to Shadd Road.
 - River Road:
 - St. Paul City Limits to Brooklake Road.
 - State Street:
 - Cascade Highway to Cordon Road.
 - High-Risk Intersections:
 - Silverton Road at Howell Prairie Road;
 - Silverton Road at 81st Avenue;
 - McKay Road at French Prairie Road; and
 - Brooklake Road at River Road.
- Detailed crash analysis:
 - Lane and roadway departures:
 - Nearly 40 percent of all county crashes;
 - Over 60 percent of fatal and serious injury crashes:
 - Of these, 80 percent of fatal crashes involve vehicles leaving the road and hitting objects (trees, mailboxes, fences).
 - Chevrons, rumble strips, lane widening help prevent these; and
 - Clear zones are for vehicles that have left the road.
- Impaired drivers on rural roads:
 - Harder to address as it depends on individual behavior;
 - 9.3 percent of all Marion County crashes:
 - Of this 36.3 percent are fatal.
 - Funded to do Listen and Learn Session:
 - Related to drunk driving.
- Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Safe Systems Approach:

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- Focus on zero fatal or serious injuries;
- Humans make mistakes;
- Humans are vulnerable;
- Improving driver, pedestrian, and vehicle safety; and
- Have post-crash care, safer speeds and roads.

Board discussion:

- Engineering, education, and enforcement:
 - These are all important components to keep the roads safe.
- This is 3.5 years of work to find the roads that need improvement and systems to do so;
- Plan:
 - Comprehensive project scoping; and
 - Cost estimates for potential safety improvements.
- There are issues with congestion on these roads:
 - As frustration grows, worse decisions are made.
- There is an estimated \$127 million in potential safety improvements:
 - There are other roads and bridges that need improvement that are not included.
- This is the first Transportation Safety Action Plan for Marion County; and
- Transportation System Plan for the rural areas needs to be done next.

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to adopt the Marion County Transportation Safety Action Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 00:21:40)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9:30 A.M.

None.

Commissioner Bethell adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

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