

SPRING 2018

Marion County TODAY



MARION
1843



COUNTY
2018

175 Years of Service

A message from the Board of Commissioners

In 1843 a group of settlers gathered to form Oregon's first Provisional Government. The historic vote was held on May 2, 1843, on the banks of the Willamette River at Champoege. Two months later on July 5, 1843, the Organic Act was formally adopted and the Oregon Country was divided into four districts including Tuality, Yamhill, Clackamas, and Champooick which was later renamed Champoege and finally designated as Marion County in 1849 in honor of Revolutionary War General Francis Marion.

Issues of the day included attacks on livestock by wolves, bears, and cougars, issuing land grants, and settling probate when a wealthy landowner died without a will. While services have changed in the intervening 175 years, Marion County continues to serve its residents by responding to community needs.

Throughout Marion County's existence, new responsibilities have been added as the county has grown and transformed. Today, county government is responsible for public safety services, road and bridge maintenance, public and mental health services, property assessment, elections, and more.



Commissioners Sam Brentano, Janet Carlson, and Kevin Cameron

Like Oregon's early settlers, your participation and opinions are important. Board sessions are held every Wednesday at 9 a.m. at Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE in Salem, and time is set aside at the beginning of each meeting for public comment. If you can't make it in person, board sessions are streamed live on YouTube and Facebook. Our goal is to make it easy for you to know what is happening in Marion County and how to provide feedback on issues that are important to you.

We are honored to serve as your Board of Commissioners and appreciate this opportunity to report back about our progress and challenges on important issues. We hope you take a moment to review this annual report highlighting county programs and services.

For more information about county programs and services or to review upcoming board session agendas, visit www.co.marion.or.us. To contact a commissioner, call **(503) 588-5212** or email commissioners@co.marion.or.us.

Sincerely,

Janet Carlson, *Chair*
Kevin Cameron, *Commissioner*
Sam Brentano, *Commissioner*

Historic County Officials

1845 First County Officers

F.X. Matthieu, *Judge*
Daniel Waldo, *Judge*
E. Parrish, *Judge*
William Morrison, *Sheriff*

1859 County Court at Statehood

Milton Shannon, *Judge*
Robert Newell, *Commissioner*
Oliver Pickard, *Commissioner*
E.J. Harding, *Clerk*
Narciss Conoyer, *Sheriff*

1962 Final County Court

Rex Hartley, *Judge*
Henry Ahrens, *Commissioner*
Pat McCarthy, *Commissioner*
(Established as Board of
Commissioners in 1963)

2018 Elected Officials

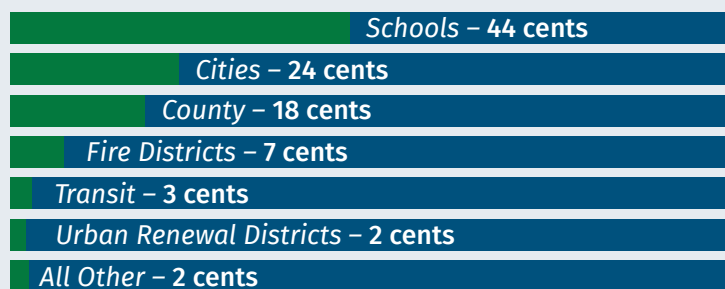
Commissioner Janet Carlson,
Chair
Commissioner Kevin Cameron
Commissioner Sam Brentano
Assessor Tom Rohlfling
Clerk Bill Burgess

District Attorney Walt Beglau
Justice of the Peace
Janice Zyryanoff
Sheriff Jason Myers
Treasurer Laurie Steele

Your Property Tax Dollar

Taxes totaling \$17,692.95, including county, school, and state taxes, were levied by the Marion County Court on October 8, 1859, the first levy under statehood. In fiscal year 2017-18, the Marion County Assessor collected \$393,979,196.08 on behalf of 71 primary taxing districts. While the county no longer collects taxes on behalf of the state, funding for schools, cities, and county government remain primary recipients of property taxes. Other taxing districts now include fire districts, transit, water, library, and lighting districts.

On average, each \$1 paid by a Marion County taxpayer is distributed as follows:



(Includes water, library, lighting, & other districts)

Property tax dollars fund Marion County's general fund – our most flexible revenue source. The general fund operating budget is distributed to the following county programs and services:

2017-18 General Fund Operating Budget

78% Public Safety (\$62,451,316)

Includes Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, Juvenile Department, and Justice Court

14% Operational Efficiency & Quality Service (\$11,720,395)

Includes Assessor's Office, Clerk's Office, & other internal services

7% Health and Community Services (\$5,606,326)

Includes Public Health, Mental Health, & Developmental Disabilities

1% Growth & Infrastructure (\$636,977)

Includes county fair & land use planning

100% (\$80,415,014)

Operating budget excludes contingency, ending fund balance, non-departmental debt service, administrative charges, and capital outlay.

Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget

Preparing an annual budget has been described as both an art and a science. The challenge is identifying priorities and trade-offs, considering the variables, and making informed estimates and good decisions. It is one of the most important responsibilities of county government.

The total fiscal year 2017-2018 budget is \$412,381,377 with a general fund of \$93,738,466 for discretionary spending and \$318,642,911 for all other funds.

Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Total Budget

General Fund	\$93,738,466
Other Funds	\$318,642,911
Total	\$412,381,377

The fiscal year 2017-18 budget provides for investments in major facility upgrades providing safe and efficient spaces for clients and employees for the next thirty years. We have set aside funding for new buildings to add space or replace outdated structures built in the 1970s and 1980s that are no longer functional and difficult to maintain. This year we are adding a new Juvenile Courtroom and have started construction on a Public Safety Building for the Sheriff's Office central command and parole and probation offices. This summer we will break ground on a new Juvenile Administration building.

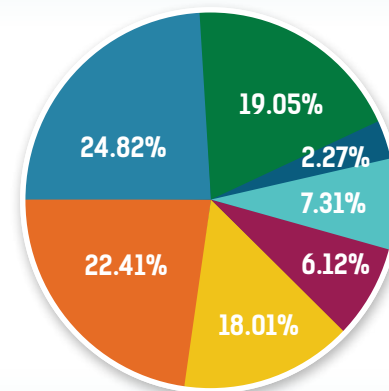
We are also investing in our information technology architecture and security. We are working toward a fiber optic interconnect system to link county campuses for a reliable and efficient IT network.

In 2017, Marion County received the *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the sixteenth consecutive year and received GFOA's prestigious *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award* for the seventh consecutive year.

To view the complete fiscal year 2017-18 adopted budget, visit www.co.marion.or.us.

Where the Money Goes

Marion County FY 2017-18 Requirements All Funds



Transportation & Natural Resources
\$102,372,307 | 24.82%

Public Safety
\$92,422,129 | 22.41%

Health & Community Services
\$78,577,263 | 19.05%

Non-Departmental Operations
\$74,256,405 | 18.01%

Capital Outlay
\$30,134,819 | 7.31%

Central Services
\$25,256,427 | 6.12%

General Government
\$9,362,027 | 2.27%

\$412,381,377
100.00%

Government Finance Officers Association

Distinguished Budget Presentation
Excellence in Financial Reporting
Honorary Life Membership, Jeff White

Law Enforcement Challenge

Individual Awards

- 1st – Crime Scene Investigation
- 2nd – Expert Class Shooting
- 2nd – Obstacle Course

Marion County Bar Association

Carson Award, District Attorney Walt Beglau

Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments

Gwen VanDenBosch Regional Leadership Award,
Commissioner Janet Carlson

North Santiam Chamber of Commerce

President's Choice Award, Board of Commissioners

Northwest Region Crisis Intervention Teams Conference

Agency Executive of the Year,
District Attorney Walt Beglau
Supervisor of the Year, Commander Tad Larson

Oregon Fairs Association

Outstanding Fair Website
Outstanding Youth Project

Oregon State Sheriff's Association

Enforcement Commander of the Year,
Commander Eric Hlad
Jail Supervisor of the Year, Commander Tad Larson
Supervisor of the Year, Allycia Weathers
Volunteer of Year, Tom Hyde

2017 County Awards

CAO TEAMWORK AWARD

Health Department Move-In Team

Brandon Crossley, Business Services
Traci Fiske, Business Services
Caron Galvin-Price, Finance
Alex Johnson, Health Department
John Kubasak, Health Department
Kriss Lawyer, Health Department
Mark Liudahl, Health Department
Ryan Matthews, Health Department
Larry Tilford, Business Services
Barb Young, Board of Commissioners Office
Day CPM
Life North American Moving and Storage
Oregon Lock
Reece Security

Mid-Valley Rural Conference Planning Team

Brandon Reich, Public Works
Sarah Spinks, Community Services
Krista Ulm, Community Services

Passport Processing Team – Clerk's Office

Cindy Ashley
Stephen Craigen
Julie Fuge
Connie Higgins
Neil Holtan
Don Hudgins
Andrew Jones
Jerry Melby
Frank Milton
Linda St. Clair
Cheree Wolf
U.S. Department of State – Seattle Passport Agency

CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

Charley Bay, Dog Shelter
Shirley Gardner, Community Services
Heather Johnson, Dog Shelter
Sharon May, Finance
Sheryl McDonnell, Information Technology
Kristy Petersen, Finance



Brown House, Stayton



Will House, Aurora

VISION AWARD

Bruce Armstrong, Legal Counsel
Jan Fritz, Board of Commissioners Office
Cindy Johnson, Board of Commissioners Office
John Lattimer, Board of Commissioners Office
Sharon May, Finance
Peggy Mitchell, Finance
Kristy Petersen, Finance
Brandon Reich, Public Works
Tiffany Wallace, Dog Shelter
Barb Young, Board of Commissioners Office

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Steve Bergman, Advisory Board Volunteer
Consumer Care Partnership,
Mary Pearmine Outstanding Volunteer Group
Josh Graves, Advisory Board Volunteer
Sheriff's Office Cadet Unit, Program Award
Janie Vohland,
Judge Rex Hartley Volunteer of the Year
Anna Williams, Youth Volunteer
Keegan Shutz-Berry,
Marion County Fair Outstanding Volunteer



2017 Proclamations

March

Intellectual & Developmental
Disabilities Awareness Month

April

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 3

Public Health Week

April 23-29

National Volunteer Week

May 7-13

Corrections Professionals
Recognition Week

May 14-20

Police Recognition Week

July 16-22

National Parole & Probation
Officers Week

October

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October 15-21

Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting



Settlemeier House, Woodburn



Affordable Housing Options

As Marion County continues to find additional ways to support families with affordable housing options, the commissioners approved amendments to the Urban Zone Code to permit accessory dwelling units, or ADUs, within urban growth boundaries outside of city limits.

Small cottage, tiny house, and basement or garage apartments are all commonly used terms to describe an ADU. ADUs are small secondary dwellings on the same property as, or attached to, a single-family residence and are often used as housing for family members or caretakers.

As communities experience affordable housing shortages, this is one way the county can provide residents a convenient, affordable way to maximize housing options on their property without negatively impacting neighbors.

New Youth Crisis Center Opened

Hope is only a phone call away. That is the message of the newly formed Youth and Family Crisis Center. Marion County Health Department recently partnered with numerous community organizations to provide mental health crisis screenings and services to youth and families. The new service opened September 2017.

While the county has operated the adult Psychiatric Crisis Center for many years, the setting is not necessarily friendly for youth and families. Counseling teams now provide school-based, in-home, and telephone consultation 7 days per week. A core component of the program is to keep youth experiencing a mental health crisis out of the emergency department by providing services to meet the immediate crisis, then connect families with local providers. Ongoing support can include in-home family therapy, case management, respite, peer support, and family support.

Economic Development

Marion County has continued to emphasize economic development and increase our capacity to coordinate with key partners and streamline activities that support economic growth. In 2017, the county added an economic development coordinator and is actively developing a strategic plan. To date, five strategic planning goals have been identified including land supply, business opportunity, fostering a great place, capacity building, and natural resources and industry innovation.

We continue to focus on challenges and opportunities in the North Santiam Canyon. There is continued progress on a North Santiam sewer project with the cities of Detroit, Gates, Idanha, and Mill City all approving resolutions requesting Marion County assist in pursuing a North Santiam Joint Sewer District. The county also continues to work with local, state, and federal partners to minimize adverse economic conditions around Detroit Lake. During low water level years at Detroit Lake there is an estimated \$11 million hit to local communities with job losses estimated at 100 or more.

Marion County is in the midst of a countywide broadband assessment that will help identify underserved areas and service gaps. As a result of the assessment, we anticipate enhanced coordination to increase competition and access.

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion

Marion County secured an \$83,103 health transformation grant from Willamette Valley Community Health to launch Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, or LEAD. Developed in Seattle, LEAD combines law enforcement, health care, and social services for people who have multiple arrests, primarily for drug possession and other minor “livability,” but not “victim-related,” crimes. As a “harm reduction model,” LEAD literally meets



clients “where they are” and wraps services around them. As developed locally, LEAD will focus on the top 100 utilizers of jail and emergency room services, focusing on people in downtown Salem and along the Lancaster Drive corridor in East Salem.

Once identified by specially trained local law enforcement officers as a potential LEAD client, a Health Department navigator will assist with immediately connecting those in need with treatment, housing, and health services in lieu of jail.

Waste Reduction and Recycling

Marion County has a long history as a state and national leader in waste reduction and recycling. 2017, however, has proven a challenge not only for Oregon, but much of the West Coast. As a whole, the West Coast has depended on China to buy the lion’s share of our recovered materials, including paper, plastics, metals, and more. However, a significant amount of the recycled material China was getting was contaminated with food waste, garbage, and other unusable materials from wishful recycling.

China has since announced strict requirements on importation of all post-consumer plastic and unsorted paper and other materials. The ban has created a major disruption in recycling and currently there is no excess capacity in recycling markets worldwide to absorb the material China is no longer accepting. That leaves Marion County, and other jurisdictions, with a lot of material and few markets. The county is working closely with local garbage haulers, recyclers, and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality on potential solutions. This is a dynamic issue and changes to county recycling programs will likely be announced in the near future.

In the meantime, residents and businesses can help by reducing and reusing first, then ensuring that commingled recyclables are clean and free from trash. Common blue bin contaminants include glass,

plastic bags, hoses and ropes, diapers, and clothing or other textiles. Watch our website for updates and visit www.mcrecycles.net for the Marion County Recycle Guide.

Total Solar Eclipse

At 10:18 a.m. on August 21, Marion County residents and visitors had the unique opportunity to experience a total solar eclipse. The eclipse made first landfall on the Oregon coast and traveled through the state before crossing the U.S. It generated a great deal of interest from people looking to experience a total solar eclipse first hand. Multiple county departments worked with government and community partners to plan for extra visitors and ensure that the county’s infrastructure and resources were ready to meet the increased demand.



Other than substantially increased traffic following the eclipse, few problems were reported related to eclipse events and activities. Following the eclipse, Marion County sponsored collections sites for gently used eclipse glasses donated to Astronomers Without Borders. More than 3,600 pairs of eclipse glasses were collected to distribute to schools in South America and Asia when an eclipse crosses these continents in 2019.

Veterans Services

As part of a partnership between Marion County, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA), and Mid-Valley Community Action Agency, veterans living in Marion County will be served by a new dedicated veteran services program. In 2016, there were 24,148 veterans living in Marion County. The Veteran Services Officers (VSO) will provide benefits counseling, as well as represent and advocate for veterans, their dependents, and survivors in obtaining benefits for which they are entitled.

Marion County, through the Mid-Valley Community Action Agency, can expect to serve about 3,000 veterans and their dependents each year. As services transition from ODVA, VSOs are receiving comprehensive training in navigating the federal VA process to ensure claims are submitted accurately and efficiently. There are no fees to the veteran for services. The program will be co-located with Community Action’s ARCHES program and is expected to open in April 2018.

Women’s Reentry Program

In partnership with Oregon Department of Corrections, Bridgeway Recovery Services, and the DeMuniz Resource Center, Marion County Parole & Probation launched the Women’s Accelerated Reentry Program in January 2017. The program is a 90-day intensive treatment program for drug-addicted offenders.

The target population is medium to high-risk female inmates who are within 180 days of release from prison and have a history of substance abuse and are diagnosed with a co-occurring mental health disorder. Inmates are housed at the Marion County Transition Center to serve the remainder of their sentences, where they are provided support services including stable housing, employment opportunities, and continued aftercare to prepare them for successful reentry into our community.

Marion County Historical Timeline

1840

Methodist Minister Jason Lee establishes the Oregon Mission just north of what is today downtown Salem

1842

Founding of Willamette University as the Oregon Institute

1843

Oregon Territory Provisional Government is established and divided into four districts including Tuality, Yamhill, Clackamas, and Champooick (later named Champoeg and finally Marion County)

1845

Legislative Assembly of the Provisional Government meets in Oregon City and elects officers for each of the four counties

1847

The first store is established in Salem in October 1847

1849

Champoe County is renamed as Marion County after Revolutionary War General Francis Marion who was nicknamed “Swamp Fox”

Salem is designated as the county seat by the Territorial Legislature

First meeting of the Marion County Court, under the Territorial Government, is held November 19, 1849

The first meeting is held in the Judson-McLain Building in Salem, the home of Jason Lee and the second oldest building in Oregon

1850

The Wheatland Ferry is established; the ferry is one of three Oregon ferries still in operation today

1851

The present site of the Marion County Courthouse is donated to Marion County by Dr. William H. Willson

1852

The Buena Vista Ferry is established; the ferry is still in operation today connecting Marion and Polk counties

1854

First Marion County Courthouse opens

1856

Present-day Marion County boundaries are established

1857

The Marion County Courthouse hosts the Oregon Constitutional Convention

1859

Oregon is admitted to statehood on February 14, 1859, the 33rd state of the Union

On April 4, 1859, the first recorded session of the Marion County Court under statehood is held

1862

Oregon State Fair is moved to Marion County after its first year in Oregon City

1864

On July 7, 1864, Marion County deeds land to the Oregon State Agriculture Society to hold the annual state fair



1873

Second Marion County Courthouse opens

1884

The first telephone is installed in the Marion County Courthouse

1901

President William McKinley visits Salem

1914

Marion County appoints its first County Engineer and Roadmaster

1930

Marion County appoints its first Health Officer

1938

Present-day Oregon State Capitol is dedicated

1954

Third, and current, Marion County Courthouse opened

- Designed to be modern and in harmony with the Capitol and Post Office buildings
- Statue of Justice is removed from the second Courthouse and moved to Willamette University

1956

The Marionberry, a hybrid blackberry, is released and named for Marion County where it was developed by Oregon State University Extension Service

Gordon House, Oregon Garden, Silverton

1963

After 120 years, the County Court ends and is reorganized as a Board of Commissioners

1991

Mary Pearmine is elected as the county's first female commissioner

1993

The March 25 "Spring Break Quake" rocks the Mid-Willamette Valley with a 5.6 magnitude earthquake and an epicenter just east of Scotts Mills; the earthquake caused approximately \$28 million in damages and six injuries

Marion County launches its first all-department email system

1995

First Marion County internet site is launched

1999

Community Corrections Department (parole & probation) is moved to the Marion County Sheriff's Office

2000

Courthouse Square, Marion County office building and Salem-Keizer Transit bus mall, opens

2002

Commissioner Janet Carlson is elected to the Board of Commissioners

2003

Commissioner Sam Brentano is appointed and elected to the Board of Commissioners

Capital Community Television (CCTV) begins video streaming Marion County board sessions

2006

The Marion County Courthouse reopens after a man crashed his truck into and set fire to the building in 2005

Fresh Start Market opens as part of the Juvenile Department's alternative programs

2009

Marion County celebrates Oregon's sesquicentennial with the "150 Miles for 150 Years" historical tour through each of the county's 20 incorporated cities

2012

Marion County Community Services Department is created to consolidate the county's community-based programs, including dog services, children and families, economic development, annual Marion County Fair, and the Extension and 4-H Service District, following its approval in 2015

2014

Commissioner Kevin Cameron is appointed and elected to the Board of Commissioners following the retirement of Commissioner Patti Milne

Courthouse Square is rededicated and reopened following extensive repairs

New Marion County Justice Court opens following the consolidation of the East and North Marion Justice Courts

2015

Marion County voters approve the formation of the Marion County Extension and 4-H Service District

2016

Marion County Health Department reopens following its first major renovation since opening in 1974

2017

On August 21, Marion County is in the path of totality for Oregon's first total solar eclipse since 1979

30th anniversary of the Covanta Marion Energy-from-Waste facility is celebrated; the facility processes approximately 550 tons of municipal solid waste per day and has generated more than 2.5 million megawatt hours of electricity since opening

2018

The Marion County Juvenile Department opens its second juvenile courtroom in Spring 2018 and breaks ground on a new Juvenile Administration Building Summer 2018

New Public Safety Building to house Marion County Sheriff's Office Enforcement and Parole & Probation divisions is set to open Summer 2018

Marion County commemorates 175 years of history: 1843-2018



Our Mission

*We serve the public
to protect, promote,
and enhance a
positive quality of life
in Marion County.*

Our Values

*Customer Service,
Professionalism,
Integrity, and
Stewardship*

Weekly Board Sessions

Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room
Courthouse Square
555 Court Street NE, Salem

Opportunity for Public Comment
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