



MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

April 16, 2025
12.45 pm to 2:45 pm
Courthouse Square
Commissioner's Boardroom
Salem, Oregon

Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. Welcome

Danielle Bethell, Chair

Chair Bethell called the meeting to order at 1:18 pm

Chair Bethell, Commissioner Willis, CAO Fritz, DCAO Eppley, Steve Elzinga, Sheriff Hunter, Chief DDA Murphy, Senior Policy Analyst Lawyer, Salem Health representatives Michael Gay and Lalani Salama were present.

2. Roadside vendor discussion

Chris Eppley
Steve Elzinga

- a. Chris Eppley and Steve Elzinga led a discussion of options for creating a new County ordinance to address people illegally selling produce and other items in the County rights of way, on private property, and/or on private property open to the public like shopping center parking lots. Staff were directed to draft an ordinance to provide greater authority for the County HHS and Sheriff's Office to address this issue and, potentially confiscate these vendor carts if not properly licensed and if without written permission from private property owners for them to operate there. Once the ordinance is approved, staff will develop procedures for handling these vendor issues.

3. Discussion on right-of-way case

Steve Elzinga

- a. County Counsel Elzinga led a discussion on a current case that was presented through the Oregon County Counsel Association Executive Committee to petition Amicus Curiae in Roberts v. City of Cannon Beach, which is before the Oregon Supreme Court. The case regards whether ORS 187A.400(1) limits a local government to apply only clear and objective standards, conditions, and procedures to public right-of-way improvements, when the local government requires the improvements for housing development. The Board decided not to intervene in this matter.

4. 2025 Group Outing at Volcano Stadium

Chair Bethell

- a. Staff were directed to ask HR to coordinate with Volcano Stadium to develop a special group pricing day at Volcano Stadium that employees can then purchase tickets to on their own.

5. HB 3499

Chair Bethell

- a. Chair Bethell discussed HB 3499, which would require Urban Renewal Districts to obtain consent from at least 3 of the 4 most impacted taxing districts for the creation or amendment of a new or existing urban renewal district. The Board directed staff to write a letter of support for this effort and submit it as written testimony on the Bill.

6. Discussion with Salem Health on gun violence

Michael Gay
Lalani Salama

- a. Michael Gay and Lalani Salama from Salem Health had a discussion with the Board regarding the coordinating efforts to address gun violence in Marion County. The Commissioners stated they are passionate about the topic and will be involved in creating solutions but are not sure if the effort Salem Health is talking about is the right one for what needs to be accomplished. More discussion is to come.

7. Other

All

- a. Commissioner Willis led a discussion about public facing communications coming out of County departments being routed through the Board's Office for review and approval before being released for public consumption. Staff were directed to update County policy/procedure or create a new one to accomplish the goal.

8. Adjourn

- a. Chair Bethell adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm.