



MARION COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

April 30, 2025  
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm  
Courthouse Square  
Commissioner's Boardroom  
Salem, Oregon

**Meeting Minutes**

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome**

Danielle Bethell, Chair

Chair Bethell called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm

Chair Bethell, Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Cameron, CAO Fritz, County Counsel Elzinga, Senior Policy Analyst Lawyer were present

**2. Immigration Lawyer Fraud Media Inquiry**

BOC

- a. The Board discussed a media inquiry about immigration lawyer fraud. The Board decided that the issue was not related to County business and that individual commissioners would decide how to respond personally. They also discussed the importance of maintaining a clear distinction between personal and official communications.

**3. Economic Development Manager Interview**

Chair Bethell  
Commissioner Willis  
Commissioner Cameron  
CAO Fritz

- a. The Board discussed the upcoming interview for the Economic Development Manager position, which will involve Kelli Weese, Community Services Department Director, and the three Commissioners. The Interview will be held on May 6, 2025. CAO Fritz discussed a list of possible interview questions with them.
- b. The Board and CAO Fritz discussed the potential interview questions for the Economic Development Manager position interview. They agreed to include a question about why the candidate applied for this specific role. Other questions were explored, and it was decided to include questions regarding past experience and management of conflict.

#### **4. Economic Development and Juvenile Budget**

CAO Fritz

- a. CAO Fritz discussed wanting to evaluate the economic development function for Marion County and potentially change wording used to describe the activity so as to better understand its function.
- b. CAO Fritz brought up wanting to fund a management analyst position in the Juvenile Department budget and suggested the current position, which is funded by grants, should be paid for by the contract with Clackamas and Washington Counties, since they are the driving factor behind the work the position performs.
- c. CAO Fritz also discussed the need to separate travel expenses for witnesses and employees in the DA's Office in the FY 2025-26 Budget. She suggested not increasing M&S at this time but analyzing it for the first quarter of the new fiscal year and then addressing it within 1<sup>st</sup> Supplemental.

#### **5. Community Survey**

Commissioner Willis

- a. Commissioner Willis led a discussion on the RFQ Results for the 2025 Community Survey. He would like to re-evaluate the results and focus on data collection methods with a second review process. CAO Fritz said she would orchestrate a process to re-evaluate the RFQ responses with more narrow criteria that better evaluate areas of interest for the BOC.

#### **6. Adjourn**

- a. Chair Bethell adjourned the meeting at 2:10 pm.