



MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

December 10, 2025
1:30pm to 2:30pm
Courthouse Square
Commissioners Boardroom
Salem, Oregon

Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. Welcome

Chair Bethell

Chair Bethell called the meeting to order at 1:38PM

Chair Bethell, Commissioner Cameron, CAO Fritz, DCAO Eppley, County Operations Manager Lawyer, and County Counsel Elzinga were present

2. County Financial Assistance Agreement Negotiation

Steve Elzinga

- a. County Counsel Steve Elzinga gave an update on the status of the negotiations with the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) over the current proposed contract for the County Financial Assistance Agreement (CFAA), which is a grant agreement between the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHA) to provide financial assistance to operate Community mental Health Programs. Steve explained that the DOJ had agreed to language that states a local plan is valid and continues to operate unless changes are mutually agreed upon by the LMHA and the OHA. They had added language, however, that would require counties to contract away their statutory local authority in certain circumstances, which is not acceptable to the County. The Current contract expires on December 31. He will keep the Board updated as the negotiations continue.

3. The Truth about Meth Addiction

Chair Bethell

- a. Chair Bethell discussed a flyer she asked HHS to produce regarding a new health campaign to educate people on the effects of methamphetamine on your body and mind. Commissioner Cameron stated that he would review the flyer and give approval to staff to let it be distributed to the public.

4. Other

All

- a.** Commissioner Cameron provided an update that the County's Materials Management Advisory Group is working well together and they had agreed on a plan where Salem and Keizer will provide the County their allocation of funding to consolidate it with the County to perform the Recycling Contamination Reduction work directed by DEQ. The County will work with the local haulers to coordinate the contamination reduction activities.
- b.** DCAO Eppley provided an update that Brian Nicholas, Marion County Public Works Director has received notification from the City of Woodburn that they will waive all fees and electricity costs associated with the County locating part of the new Public Safety Radio System on the City's property.
- c.** County Operations Manager Lawyer identified that there is a work session scheduled next week with Chemeketa Community College regarding a proposed local baseball complex at Chemeketa.

5. Adjourn

- a.** Chair Bethell adjourned the meeting at 1:54PM