



MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

July 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, Senior Policy Analyst Lawyer, Brent DeHart Fly Salem were present

2. Fly Salem

Steve Elzinga

Brent DeHart, Fly Salem, provided a presentation to the Board about the loss of Avelo as an air service carrier to Salem. Mr. DeHart discussed the economic benefit of the air service. That Board asked to schedule a follow-up work session with the Mayor and Interim City Manager.

3. Detroit Marinas

Danielle Bethell

The Board voiced ongoing frustration over miscommunication and delays surrounding the Detroit Lake Marina excavation project, which was mistakenly believed to begin this year but has been postponed due to permit issues. They discussed the need for clearer planning, direct communication with marina owners, and inclusion of commissioners in updates to rebuild trust. The Board emphasized the importance of a designated owner's representative, better coordination between contractors and agencies, and a revised timeline targeting fall 2025 to April 2026. Additionally, the Board discussed advocated for expedited permitting in the canyon project, legal review of drainage decisions, and strategic engagement with local officials and the governor's office to ensure progress and accountability.

4. Other

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The Board discussed the legal and operational challenges of running a dog shelter in Marion County, expressing concerns about losing control while maintaining liability if a nonprofit takes over. The Board discussed the need for better staffing, services, and community support, noting that the shelter's current state is inadequate and has been exacerbated by post-COVID issues and the homeless crisis.

5. Adjourn

- a. Chair Bethell adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.