



MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

June 13, 2025
10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Courthouse Square
Commissioner's Boardroom
Salem, Oregon

Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. Welcome

Commissioner Willis

Commissioner Willis called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. The meeting was recessed at 10:35 am to enter into executive session. The meeting resumed at 11:52 am.

Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Cameron, Commissioner Bethell, CAO Fritz, DCAO Eppley, Sr. Policy Analyst Lawyer, County Counsel Elzinga, Assistant Legal Counsel Waltermann, HR Director Llerenas, Sheriff Hunter, Under Sheriff Bergman, Commander Landers were present

2. Chief Administrative Officer Updates on County Operations

Jan Fritz

- a. There were no items to discuss

3. Marion County Intern program

Commissioner Willis

- a. Commissioner Willis discussed the special project he has in mind for a summer intern in the Board's Office. The intern will collect information on policies and positions by Oregon Counties on use of natural resources, timber lands, etc. They will then research federal programs and policies where advocacy might be helpful and provide the research project to the Board so they can coordinate future advocacy or activities. He also explained that there were several good intern candidates this round and would like to hire two. The other members of the board were fine hiring one now and one in the Fall, but not two at the same time.

4. MC Jail and Behavioral health

Commissioner Bethell

- a. Commissioner Bethell led a discussion about patient management in the jails and the challenges around having a lack of Wi-Fi service available for telehealth options, creating and updating electronic medical records, etc. The Board wants to fix the Wi-

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Fi situation at the jail and look for an enterprise-wide solution to electronic medical records that can be used between Health, Jail, and Juvenile. Heather Inyama was assigned as Board Staff to orchestrate the discussion and work on this topic.

5. Parks

Commissioner Cameron

- a. Commissioner Cameron led a discussion on the reconstruction of Salmon Falls and Bear Creek Parks. He is concerned that the funding designated to do the work to bring these parks back into operation is federal and, therefore, requires a NEPA Environmental process to take place before any work that could push work back a full year. Staff were directed to find \$500K of other funding to get Salmon Falls park completed and trade the federal funding with it so that work can start right away.

6. Kroc Center and Highland Elementary School

Commissioner Bethell

- a. Commissioner Bethell led a discussion about the fact that Highland Elementary has been identified as a super school site with the lowest family income averages and poorest attendance records in the Salem Keizer School District system. She would like to provide the Kroc Center with \$50K in grant funds from the MCE4H program to provide scholarships to Highland Elementary School kids to attend Kroc Center summer camps this summer so they have activities keeping them engaged and learning through the summer. The other commissioners agreed and staff were directed to make it happen.

7. Adjourn

- a. Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.