

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL (MCPSCC)

Full Council Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners Boardroom, Courthouse Square, Salem, Oregon

MCPSCC: Colm Willis, Nick Hunter, Jonathan Bauer Mike Hartford, Elizabeth Infante, Ryan Matthews, Chris Baldridge, Paige Clarkson, Jay Bergmann, Olcott Thompson, Pete McCallum, Alison Kelley, Tracy Prall, and Julie Hoy.

Guests: Trevor Lane.

Commissioner Colm Willis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

-Commissioner Colm Willis

Announcements

- None

2. APPROVE OCTOBER 14, 2025, MCPSCC MEETING MINUTES (ACTION)

MOTION: A motion was made to approve October 14, 2025, MCPSCC meeting minutes. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. 2023-2025 JUSTICE REINVESTMENT PROGRAM CLOSE

-Commander Mike Hartford

- Close-out report reviewed delivery of 10 justice reinvestment programs during biennium.
- Over 2,500 unduplicated clients were served supporting:
 - Substance use treatment.
 - Housing subsidies.
 - Peer support.
 - Mentoring.
- 10% of grant funding was allocated to victim services:
 - Liberty House.
 - Center for Hope and Safety.
- Closure of Transition Center in 2024 required adjustments:
 - Moving some programs to jail and transferring contracts to new providers.
- Challenges:
 - Increased costs due to inflation.
 - Staffing changes.
 - Reduce number of programs for budget alignment.
- Underperforming services eliminated to provide better services for upcoming biennium:
 - Such as the Link Up Program.

4. 2025-2027 JUSTICE REINVESTMENT PROGRAM SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

- Commander Mike Hartford

Summary of presentation:

- Introduces benchmarks and outcome measures as a result of recent legislative changes:
 - House and Senate Bill 3069.
- 15% hold-back requirement on grant funds will be tied to achieving specific outcomes:
 - Focus on recidivism and probation revocation reductions.
- Establish realistic baseline benchmarks for biennium and detail strategies:
 - Improve identification, referral, and engagement for eligible clients.
- Goals:
 - Realistic improvements in client screening.
 - Resource engagement.
 - Reduction of avoidable revocations.
- Evaluation and adjustment in data collection and service provision:
 - For future effectiveness and eligibility for grant funding.

5. DEFENSE ATTORNEY UPDATE

-Judge James Edmonds/Olcott Thompson

Summary of presentation:

- Public Defense Services contract expected to increase available defense attorneys.
- Staffing changes shifted four experienced attorneys to newly independent firm:
 - Increase capacity to handle unrepresented cases.
- Court working with appointed attorneys and providers for better managing:
 - Sign-up slots.
 - Scheduling.
 - Obligations:
 - Aim to reduce service gaps and case appointment refusals.
- Court ruling emphasized ethical capacity limits cannot trigger contractual penalties:
 - Attorneys and providers are expected to fulfill their obligations and coverage.
- Upcoming meetings to refine court appointment process:
 - Avoid adding individuals to the unrepresented list.

6. VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PRESENTATION

- District Attorney Victim Assistance Pami Guerra/Janice Thompson

-Alison Kelley – Liberty House, Ashley Carson – Center for Hope and Safety

Summary of presentation:

- Victim Assistance Division in the District Attorney's office:
 - Mandate to support crime victims.
 - Including constitutional and statutory requirements.
- Services:
 - Crisis intervention.
 - Court accompaniment.
 - Safety planning.
 - Information sharing.
 - Ongoing emotional support.
- Specialized advocates support adult and juvenile victims:
 - Handle cases across all crime types.

- Provide 24/7 responses to homicide and sexual assault needs.
- Strong reliance on interns and volunteers:
 - Enables the office to meet high caseloads and round-the-clock crisis response.
- Community partners critical role:
 - Provide shelter.
 - Counseling.
 - Legal aid.
 - Emergency resources:
 - Especially for underserved and non-English-speaking populations.
- Center for Hope and Safety:
 - Decades-long work supporting victims:
 - Domestic violence, trafficking, and sexual assault.
 - Hotlines, bilingual staff, shelter, legal advocacy, and intensive case management.
- Liberty House:
 - Children's Advocacy Center.
 - Medically and psychologically support abused children.
 - Use multidisciplinary, trauma-informed model:
 - Provide assessment, family support, prevention education, and therapy.
- Collaboration, confidentiality requirements, and need continual state and community funding.

7. WALLACE MARINE PARK

-Commissioner Colm Willis

Summary of presentation:

- Concern about criminal activity and victimization relating to the park:
 - Drug dealing, physical and sexual assaults, trafficking, and unsafe living conditions.
- Many living in the camp have criminal histories, and outstanding warrants:
 - Prevalence of out-of-state offenders.
- Law enforcement and service providers accounts:
 - Daily assaults.
 - Severe neglect.
 - Unreported overdoses.
 - Challenges serving individuals with mental health and addiction needs.
- Collaboration among city, county, and nonprofit partners to address safety and service gaps:
 - Focus on navigation, shelter placement, and wrap-around services.
- Challenges:
 - Limited behavioral health provider capacity.
 - Resource constraints for intensive intervention.
 - Difficulty of safely sheltering individuals with co-occurring addictions or psychosis.
- Enhanced cross-jurisdictional cooperation.
- Stakeholder meetings for sustainable solutions, improved outreach, and holding perpetrators accountable.

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting.