



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Summary Minutes

O R E G O N

July 8, 2025. 9:30 AM

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Board Room

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Kevin Cameron, and Colm Willis.

Board's Office: Jan Fritz, Chad Ball, Trevor Lane, Alvin Klausen, Matt Lawyer, Toni Whitler, Heather Inyama, Chris Eppley, Rand Freres, and Jon Heynen.

Sheriff's Office: Nick Hunter, Kate Abraham, and Jay Bergmann.

Legal Counsel: Steven Elzinga, and Scott Norris.

Public Works: Kevin Thompson, and Brian Nicholas.

Health and Human Services: Phil Blea, Naomi Hudkins, Rhett Martian, Ryan Matthews, Karin Perkins, Carol Heard, Wendy Zieker, Diana Dickey, and Christina Bertschi.

Human Resources: Sherry Linter.

Finance: Toby Giddings.

Community Services: Steve Dickey, and Kelli Weese.

Salem Reporter: Madeline Moore.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

1. Contract Amendment #1 with Salem Health for Hospital Services for Adults in Custody

-Commander Jacob Ramsey

Summary of Presentation:

- Requesting additional funds of \$250,000 to increase total contract to \$850,000.
- Covers hospital services for adults in custody.
- Extension to cover 2024-2025 existing and upcoming bills.
- Pending negotiations for a new contract for 2025-2026.
- Approximately \$97,000 in pending bills for Salem Health.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

2. Sunset the Justice Reinvestment Council/Transfer Marion County Reentry Initiative (MCRI) Oversight

-Undersheriff Jay Bergmann

Summary of Presentation:

- Proposing dissolution of the Justice Reinvestment Council.
- All previous grant opportunities now managed by other entities.
- Oversight to be transferred to community corrections board.

- Client fund for breakfast programs to be supervised by sheriff's office.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

3. Contract Amendment #2 with Slayden for Brooks-Hopmire Water Improvements Project

-Brian Nicholas

Summary of Presentation:

- A \$151,000 amendment for utility location work.
- Includes locating unknown pipes and high points.
- Will use ground penetrating radar and potholing.
- Covers cutting and patching asphalt.
- Aims to clarify utility and water line locations.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

4. Contract with Trail Keepers of Oregon for On-Call Repairs on Park Trails in the Canyon

-Kevin Thompson

Summary of Presentation:

- Not to exceed \$160,000 over three years.
- Focuses on repair of trails and development in parks.
- Emphasizes use of volunteers in trail maintenance.
- Specifically targets parks damaged by wildfires.
- Includes flexibility for project execution.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

5. Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Amendment #4 with Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to Provide Housing Placement Services to Families Referred by ODHS

-Christina Bertschi

Summary of Presentation:

- Increased contract by \$134,099.
- Covers administrative costs and supervision.
- Capped caseload at 10 families.
- Families served for approximately six months.
- Includes barrier removal funds for self-sufficiency and child welfare.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

6. Request for Special Procurement for Non-Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Community Development Disabilities Program Services

-Karin Perkins

Summary of Presentation:

- Seeking contracts for room and board services.
- Focuses on those ineligible for Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- Aims to maintain continuity of care for long-term residents.
- Prevents disruption of existing living arrangements.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

7. Request for Special Procurement for Rental Assistance Program Services

- Naomi Hudkins, Christina Bertschi, Rhett Martin

Summary of Presentation:

- Allows direct payment to landlords and utility companies.
- Eliminates \$45 per transaction fee to the third-party processor.
- Currently processes 60-80 payments monthly.
- Will be managed in-house.
- Funded by mix of state and federal funds.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

8. IGA with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for Public Health Services for Biennium 2025-2027

-Wendy Zieker

Summary of Presentation:

- Provides funding for critical public health services.
- No significant changes from previous year.
- Reflects quarter of total expected funding.
- Previous biennium total was \$20.8 million.
- Expected to be slightly less in current agreement.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

9. IGA with OHA for Financing of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Adult Residential Treatment and Problem Gambling Services

-Carol Heard

Summary of Presentation:

- Retroactive intergovernmental agreement with Oregon Health Authority.
- Total funds is \$140,116
- The timeline is from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027.
- Funds dedicated to intoxicated driver program.
- Provides financial assistance for:
 - Substance use treatment for DUI services.
 - DUI education services for veterans.
 - Targets individuals not Medicaid-eligible.
 - Focuses on households below 225% of federal poverty level.
- Shift from previous funding model of contracting through county to direct contracts with treatment providers.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

10. Reappointment of Micheal Mann to the Mental Health Advisory Committee

-Phil Blea

Summary of Presentation:

- Proposed reappointment to Mental Health Advisory Committee.
- Positive sentiment about the candidate.
- Long-standing committee member.
- Described as a great guy.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

11. Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Education Program and Opioid Prevention Program Update

-Diana Dickey

Summary of Presentation:

- Reached over 4,000 people with prevention resources.
- Provided prevention education to over 1,000 students.
- Focused on rural school districts such as Mt. Angel.
- Trained 100 Boys and Girls Club staff on drug prevention.
- Collaborated with Dr. Jill Pearson for healthcare provider education.
- Trained over 100 healthcare providers.
- Focus areas:
 - Youth opioid prevention; and
 - Pregnancy-related risks.
- Created multilingual materials:
 - English.
 - Spanish.
 - Russian.
 - Chuukese.
 - Marshallese.
- Conducted comprehensive student survey with 100% district participation.
- Developed an opioid information web page.
- Launching parent education program called "Guiding Good Choices".
- Planning fentanyl prevention activities with youth development coordinator.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

12. Contract with Sierra-Cedar for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Implementation

-Jeff White

Summary of Presentation:

- The total contract value is \$6.7 million.
- Implementation planned for November 2026.
- 16-month implementation with 2-month follow-up.
- Five major milestone phases:
 - Initial conference and scheduling.

- Chart of accounts design.
- Conference room pilot sessions.
- System integration testing.
- User acceptance testing.
- "Big Bang" implementation approach (full system change).
- Estimated total 10-year cost around \$17 million.
- Additional costs expected for:
 - Licensing.
 - System interfaces.
 - Potential change orders.
- Involves significant staff coordination across departments.
- Focuses on minimizing disruption and change orders.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

13. Board Order to Authorize Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to Approve Down Payment Assistance and Recapture/Resale Policy

-Steve Dickey

Summary of Presentation:

- Annual authorization for housing assistance program.
- Maximum home price is \$401,000.
- Funds available for:
 - Down payments.
 - Closing costs.
 - Point buydown.
- Currently limited funding for 4-5 down payments.
- Challenges with housing market and interest rates.
- No new payments in last quarter.
- Working with DoveNW for upcoming funding.
- Interest rates significantly impact housing affordability.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

14. Community Services Department Name Change

-Kelli Weese

Summary of Presentation:

- Proposed name change to Community and Economic Development.
- Reflects current departmental activities:
 - Community development block grants.
 - Home programs.
 - Economic development projects.
- Aims to reduce constituent confusion.
- Currently receive calls about community service hours.
- Planned phased implementation.
- Coordination with ERP system implementation.
- Timing aligned with new financial systems.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

15. Legislative Update

-Alvin Klausen

Summary of Presentation:

- Transportation package did not pass:
- Potential special legislative session in fall
 - Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) issued 500 layoff notices:
 - Approximately 10% of workforce.
 - Layoffs primarily in rural areas.
 - Vacant positions being considered for elimination.
- Capital building under renovation.
- Potential delay in special session until September.

Board Direction:

- Good with the update.

13. Board Session Agenda Review

-Commissioner Danielle Bethell

Summary of Presentation:

- Overview of board session agenda.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE

Commissioner Danielle Bethell

- N/A

Commissioner Kevin Cameron

- N/A

Commissioner Colm Willis

- N/A

Other

Downtown Parking

Commissioner Kevin Cameron

Summary of Presentation:

- Parking downtown will be paid beginning July 10.
- Staff coming in for meetings can use parking in the parking garage.

Board Direction:

- Staff coming in for meetings can use parking in the parking garage.

Community Survey

Commissioner Colm Willis and Jon Heynen

Summary of Presentation:

- Some questions must be eliminated to fit in with the contract.
- Remove the following as they have been previously asked:

- How do you like to receive your news.
 - Social media questions.
 - Types of information questions.
- Ready to begin surveying on Sunday.

Board Direction:

- Agreed questions should be removed.
- Find out how long it will take to get initial results.

Adjourned – time: 10:39 a.m.

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Gary L. White