

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room

555 Court Street NE

Salem, OR 97301

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PRESENT: Commissioner Danielle Bethell, Commissioner Colm Willis, and Commissioner Kevin Cameron. Also present were Scott Norris as county counsel and Brenda Koenig as recorder

ABSENT: Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer

Commissioner Bethell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- One person signed up and provided public comment.

(Video Time 00:03:16)

PROCLAMATIONS

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1. Consider approval of a proclamation declaring October 19-25, 2025, as National Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting® Week in Marion County. –Ann Kelly and Ariana Jahanshir, Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project and Nicole Utz, Salem Housing Authority.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved to approve a proclamation declaring October 19-25, 2025, as National Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting® Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried with Commissioner Willis voting aye; Commissioner Cameron voting aye; and Commissioner Bethell voting aye.

The Commissioners read the proclamation; and
The Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting® Pledge was recited.

(Video Time 00:32:22)

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

2. Consider approval of a proclamation declaring the month of October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Marion County. –Brendan Murphy and Pami Guerra

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a proclamation declaring the month of October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried with Commissioner Willis voting aye; Commissioner Cameron voting aye; and Commissioner Bethell voting aye.

The Commissioners read the proclamation.

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CONSENT

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3. Approve the Contract for Services with CFM Strategic Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$349,920 to provide federal lobbying services for Marion County's Legislative Program, federal grants, and long-term economic development strategies retroactive to September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2028.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

4. Approve Amendment #2 to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments to add federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the amount of \$283,677 for a new IGA total of \$2,172,824 for reimbursement of notarization and travel expenses to help support the management of the Homeowner Residential Rehabilitation Program through May 30, 2027.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

5. Approve Amendment #2 to the Contract for Services with DevNW to add federal Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) grant funding in the amount \$62,500 for a new contract total of \$142,500 to update language related to compensation and extend the term of the agreement to December 31, 2026, for management of Marion County's Home Buyer Assistance Program.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

6. Approve the Contract for Services with BH-OR Opco Salem SRTF1, LLC, dba, Jory Behavioral Health that utilizes pass-through state funding in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,000,000 to provide client services for MHS 28, Inpatient or Residential Treatment Services, and MHS 30, Monitoring, Security, and Supervision Services through June 30, 2027.

HUMAN RESOURCES

7. Approve the recommendation to reactivate classification code #177, Assistant Building Official; Update the classification and adjust the pay grade upward for class codes #035, Accountant 2; #052, Records Coordinator; #066, Adult Abuse Investigator; #124, Dog Control Officer; #126, Shelter Operations Manager; #130, Records Specialist; #177, Assistant Building Official; #250, Family Support Specialist; #484, Maintenance Control Clerk; #501, Licensed Practical Nurse; #584, Nutrition Specialist; #601, Assistant Legal Counsel; #603, Assistant Legal Counsel, Senior; and update the classification and uphold the pay grade for class codes #063, Mail Courier; #127, Veterinary Technician; #162, Controller; #186, Accountant 1; #254, Education Services Advocate; and #582, Nutritionist.

HUMAN RESOURCES

8. Approve the health insurance plan renewal rate recommendations for the Marion County Law Enforcement Association (MCLEA) and the Federation of Oregon Parole and Probation Officers (FOPPO) employee group; and the Marion County (MC) employee group for Calendar Year (CY) 2026.

LEGAL COUNSEL

9. Approve an order that authorizes Marion County to participate in a national opioid settlement with Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus, and grant authority to Steve Elzinga, Marion County Legal Counsel, to sign the participation form on behalf of the county.

PUBLIC WORKS

10. Approve Amendment #2 to the Construction Contract with Farline Bridge, Inc. to add \$189,007.89 of which an estimated \$169,596.78 will utilize federal funds and an estimated \$19,411.11 will utilize county funds, for a new contract total of \$3,731,417.62, for costs associated with two change orders for timber stringers, contaminated material testing, modifications to the bridge steel paving dam, and timber decking for the Rambler Drive SE: Little Pudding River Bridge Project through September 30, 2025.

PUBLIC WORKS

11. Approve the Purchase Order with True North Steel, Inc. that utilizes state funding in the amount of \$116,139, with no county match required, for the purchase of a prefabricated steel superstructure and prefabricated foundation forms to replace the Sinker Creek Bridge that was damaged by the 2020 Beachie Creek wildfire.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

12. Approve Amendment #1 to the Contract for Services with Salem Health to add \$250,000 for outstanding invoices for services already rendered to Adults-in-Custody (AIC) for a new not-to-exceed contract amount of \$850,000 and extend the term date to October 31, 2025, for administrative services only.

- Commissioner Cameron expressed that all the Consent items were discussed in detail at a prior Management Update meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Willis moved for approval of the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried with Commissioner Willis voting aye; Commissioner Cameron voting aye; and Commissioner Bethell voting aye.

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ACTION

COMMUNITY SERVICES

13. Consider approval of the Emergent Economic Opportunity Program Agreement with Capital Fútbol Club to provide economic development lottery funds in the amount of \$749,999 to support the addition of a turn lane on State Street to improve municipally owned land and aid in traffic flow through September 30, 2028. –Kelli Weese and Collin Box, Executive Director, Capital Fútbol Club

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the Emergent Economic Opportunity Program Agreement with Capital Fútbol Club to provide economic development lottery funds in the amount of \$749,999 to support the addition of a turn lane on State Street to improve municipally owned land and aid in traffic flow through September 30, 2028. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried with Commissioner Willis voting aye; Commissioner Cameron voting aye; and Commissioner Bethell voting aye.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

Starting no earlier than 9:30 a.m.

None.

Commissioner Bethell adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.