

County Commissioners
Colm Willis, Chair
Kevin Cameron
Danielle Bethell



Chief Administrative Officer
Jan Fritz

**MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD SESSION**

Minutes

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
Senator Hearing Room
Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

[CCTV Video streaming link:](#)

PRESENT: Commissioner Colm Willis, Commissioner Kevin Cameron, and Commissioner Danielle Bethell. Also present were Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer, Steve Elzinga as county counsel, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

Commissioner Willis called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

(Video Time 00:00:37)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received via an email and submitted into the record for the meeting.

(Video Time 00:18:14)

Commissioner Cameron requested and received unanimous consent to return to public comment to introduce Marion County Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore, Jarrod Howard.

(Video Time 00:01:35)

PRESENTATION

1. Salem Foundation Presentation –Sherry Lintner and Terry Hancock, Salem Foundation Distribution Committee

(Video Time 00:16:19)

CONSENT

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

2. Approve a Sole Source Procurement for ongoing support and maintenance of the Oregon Counties Assessment and Taxation System (ORCATS).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Appointments – Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore

3. Approve orders appointing Rachael Federico and Jarrod Howard as a Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore for the Marion County Justice of the Peace District with terms beginning March 25, 2026, and ending March 25, 2027.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Committee Appointment – Materials Management Advisory Council

4. Approve an order appointing Mark Lowery to the Materials Management Advisory Council (MMAC) as a Community Organization Representative through March 25, 2030.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5. Approve a resolution to establish the Marion County Community and Economic Development Tourism Grant Program for the benefit of residents and the economic development of Marion County.

PUBLIC WORKS

6. Approve the Contract for Services with North Santiam Paving Company in the not-to-exceed amount of \$345,280 for the supply and delivery of aggregate for the 2026 Marion County Chip Seal Program through December 31, 2026.

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

(Video Time 00:18:14)

Commissioner Cameron requested and received unanimous consent to return to public comment to introduce Marion County Justice of the Peace Pro Tempore, Jarrod Howard.

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ACTION

PUBLIC WORKS

7. Consider whether to accept or deny an appeal of the hearings officer's decision denying Administrative Review Case #25-026 / Denise Burnham –Austin Barnes

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to accept an appeal of the hearings officer's decision denying Administrative Review Case #25-026 / Denise Burnham with a public hearing to be set for a later date. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried with Commissioner Bethell voting aye; Commissioner Cameron voting aye; and Commissioner Willis voting aye.

(Video Time 00:28:03)

PUBLIC HEARING **Starting no earlier than 9:00 a.m.**

PUBLIC WORKS

A. Public hearing to consider Comprehensive Plan Amendment / Zone Change Case #24-007 / Bruce Ernst. –Austin Barnes

- Commissioner Willis opened the public hearing;
- The public hearing opening statement was read for the record;
- One person signed up and provided public comment;
- The applicant's attorney provided a printed PowerPoint presentation to the commissioners that was submitted into the record; and
- Commissioner Willis closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to grant the application of Comprehensive Plan Amendment / Zone Change Case #24-007 / Bruce Ernst; to change the zone from Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) to Commercial; and change the comprehensive plan designation from Primary Agriculture to Commercial with an exception to statewide planning Goal 3, on a 1.6-acre section of a 13.85-acre parcel located at 19937 Highway 99E in Aurora, subject to the two conditions recommended by the hearings officer. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried with Commissioner Bethell voting aye; Commissioner Cameron voting aye; and Commissioner Willis voting aye.

(Video Time 00:45:29)

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.