

County Commissioners
Colm Willis, Chair
Kevin Cameron
Danielle Bethell



Chief Administrative Officer
Jan Fritz

**MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD SESSION**

Minutes

Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
Senator Hearing Room
Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

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PRESENT: Commissioner Colm Willis and Commissioner Danielle Bethell.
Also present were Steve Elzinga as county counsel and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

ABSENT: Commissioner Kevin Cameron and Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer.

Commissioner Willis called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

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MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to remove item #8 under Health and Human Services from the agenda: An Interdepartmental Agreement with the Marion County District Attorney's Office to manage mental health cases including but not limited to aid and assist cases for jail diversion programs. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried with Commissioner Bethell voting aye, Commissioner Willis voting aye, and Commissioner Cameron was absent from the meeting.

Commissioner Bethell expressed for the record that some language in the contract needs to be modified before moving forward.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

One person signed up and provided public comment.

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PROCLAMATIONS

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the month of May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Marion County. –Laura Sprouse, Kelly Martin, and Valerie Geer, Community Outreach Chaplain, Family YMCA of Marion and Polk Counties.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a proclamation designating the month of May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried with Commissioner Bethell voting aye, Commissioner Willis voting aye, and Commissioner Cameron was absent from the meeting.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, JUVENILE DEPARTMENT, AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the week of May 6-12, 2026, as Nurses Week in Marion County. –Carol Heard, Heath Barker, Lauri Beagle, Michael Jackson, Mary Courser, Emily Heleman, Marion County Health and Human Services; Lana Harrington, Marion County Juvenile Department; and Corissa Broadus, Marion County Sheriff's Office

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a proclamation designating the week of May 6-12, 2026, as Nurses Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried with Commissioner Bethell voting aye, Commissioner Willis voting aye, and Commissioner Cameron was absent from the meeting.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

3. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the week of May 3-9, 2026, as National Corrections Professionals Week in Marion County.
–Sheriff Nick Hunter, Commander Jacob Ramsey and Deputy Chris Symington

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a proclamation designating the week of May 3-9, 2026, as National Corrections Professionals Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried with Commissioner Bethell voting aye, Commissioner Willis voting aye, and Commissioner Cameron was absent from the meeting.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

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CONSENT

BUSINESS SERVICES

4. Approve Amendment #5 to the Lease Agreement with Pioneer Trust Bank, N.A., Trustee for the Salem Foundation, to add \$30,784.76 for a new agreement total of \$1,030,290.90 to extend the lease for office space at 3867 Wolverine NE, Building F, in Salem, Oregon, through October 31, 2026.

BUSINESS SERVICES

5. Approve Amendment #5 to the Lease Agreement with Pioneer Trust Bank, N.A., Trustee for the Salem Foundation, to add \$39,149.92 for a new agreement total of \$1,320,582.27 to extend the lease for office space at 3876 Beverly Avenue NE, Building G, in Salem, Oregon, through October 31, 2026.

BUSINESS SERVICES

6. Approve Amendment #5 to the Lease Agreement with Pioneer Trust Bank, N.A., Trustee for the Salem Foundation, to add \$33,555.36 for a new agreement total of \$879,823.84 to extend the lease for office space at 3878 Beverly Avenue NE, Building H, in Salem, Oregon, through October 31, 2026.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

7. Approve the Economic (ECON) – Tourism Marketing and Destination Development Services Grant Agreement with Travel Salem to provide lottery funds in the not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000 to support tourism marketing in Marion County retroactive to July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

8. Approve Amendment #1 to the Interdepartmental Agreement with the Marion County District Attorney's Office to add \$115,000 for a new agreement total of \$219,594 and extend the term date to June 30, 2027, for one 0.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) attorney to manage mental health cases including but not limited to aid and assist cases for jail diversion programs.

Motion made and approved to remove this item from the agenda.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

9. Approve Amendment #1 to the Interdepartmental Agreement with the Marion County Sheriff's Office to add \$200,000 for a new agreement total of \$541,124 and extend the term date to June 30, 2027, for one parole and probation deputy to oversee the community restoration monitoring of individuals who are unable to aid and assist in their own defense.

HUMAN RESOURCES

10. Approve the recommendation to update the classification and uphold the pay grade for class codes #159, Shelter Manager; #163, Communication Coordinator; #165, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program Manager; #314, Engineering Division Manager; #346, Environmental Services Operations Supervisor; #354, Environmental Services Division Manager; #375, Building and Planning Division Manager; #398, Wastewater Operator 1; #399, Wastewater Operator 2; #402, Medium Equipment Operator; #412, Road Operations Supervisor; #422, Public Works Operations Division Manager; #446, Ferry Operator Relief; #447, Ferry Operator; #475, Facilities Analyst; and #665, Administration Division Manager; and update the classification and adjust the pay grade upward for class codes #042, Elections Clerk; #043, Elections Technician; #048, Deputy County Clerk 2; #139, Enforcement Intern; #174, Lieutenant; #268, Division Commander; #269, Division Commander Institution; #401, Maintenance Worker; #404, Heavy Equipment Operator; #414, Crew Leader; #507, Epidemiologist, and #508, Epidemiologist Senior.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

11. Approve the Purchase Order with the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) in the amount of \$2,000,000 to prepay the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) the required local match, over a three-year period, for Behavioral Rehabilitation Services (BRS) reimbursements for eligible youth in the Guaranteed Attendance Program (GAP) retroactive to April 22, 2026, through April 30, 2029.

LEGAL COUNSEL

12. Approve the ratification of board orders 26-058, 26-059, and 26-060 pertaining to Marion County Health and Human Services and signed at a public meeting held on April 29, 2026.

PUBLIC WORKS

13. Approve an order for amendments to the Marion County Parks Fee Schedule.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

14. Approve the Purchase Order with Greystone Tactical in the amount of \$135,000 to replace expired body armor and also equip new sworn personnel through May 1, 2027.

TAX OFFICE

15. Approve an order for a property tax refund for Big Sky Golf, LLC, tax account 527681, in the amount of \$47,933.27

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

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ACTION

PUBLIC WORKS

16. Consider the adoption of an administrative ordinance for Comprehensive Plan Amendment / Zone Change, Case #24-007 / Bruce Ernst.

–Austin Barnes

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to adopt an administrative ordinance for Comprehensive Plan Amendment / Zone Change, Case #24-007 / Bruce Ernst. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried with Commissioner Bethell voting aye, Commissioner Willis voting aye, and Commissioner Cameron was absent from the meeting.

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PUBLIC WORKS

17. Consider approval of the Construction Contract with North Santiam Paving Company in the amount of \$3,685,517.40 to provide services for the asphalt concrete resurfacing of various county roads through September 4, 2027. –Ryan Crowther

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve the Construction Contract with North Santiam Paving Company in the amount of \$3,685,517.40 to provide services for the asphalt concrete resurfacing of various county roads through September 4, 2027. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried with Commissioner Bethell voting aye, Commissioner Willis voting aye, and Commissioner Cameron was absent from the meeting.

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

None.

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.