



**MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD SESSION**

Minutes

Wednesday, April 1, 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, Commissioner Kevin Cameron, and Commissioner Danielle Bethell. Also present were Steve Elzinga as county counsel and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

ABSENT: Jan Fritz, chief administrative officer.

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

(Video Time 00:00:41)

PUBLIC COMMENT

One person signed up and provided public comment.

(Video Time 00:04:43)

PROCLAMATIONS

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the month of April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Marion County. –Sid Venkatachalam and Peter Carrillo, Liberty House

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve a proclamation designating the month of April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried with Commissioner Bethell voting aye; Commissioner Cameron voting aye; and Commissioner Willis voting aye.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

(Video Time 00:24:19)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

2. Consider approval of a proclamation designating the week of April 6-12, 2026, as National Public Health Week in Marion County. –Kailey Knospe and Katie Rude

MOTION: Commissioner Cameron moved to approve a proclamation designating the week of April 6-12, 2026, as National Public Health Week in Marion County. Seconded by Commissioner Bethell; motion carried with Commissioner Cameron voting aye; Commissioner Bethell voting aye; and Commissioner Willis voting aye.

The commissioners read the proclamation.

(Video Time 00:38:52)

CONSENT

FINANCE

3. Approve an order for the delegation of authority to execute the U.S. Bank Multi-Service Agreement (MSA) and related appendices.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. Approve Amendment #1 to the Contract for Services with Kay L. Dieter, MD, to add \$800,000 for a new not-to-exceed contract total of \$1,550,000 to continue to provide medical assessment and supervision for adult mental health clients in accordance with the individual’s personal care plan through May 31, 2028.

PUBLIC WORKS

5. Receive notice of the hearings officer’s decision approving Administrative Review Case #25-049 / Brian and Stephanie Traeger.

PUBLIC WORKS

6. Approve a quitclaim deed to grantee CVP – Lancaster T5, LLC, to extinguish the Utility/Vision Easement described as Tract 2, in Reel 2010, Page 415, of the Marion County Deed Records.

PUBLIC WORKS

7. Approve the Engineering and Related Services Contract with Sno-Engineering, Inc., dba, SE Group that utilizes federal funding in the amount of \$242,300 for the development of a comprehensive Recreation Management Plan (RMP) for the Little North Fork, Santiam River Corridor through December 30, 2028.

PUBLIC WORKS

8. Approve the Construction Contract with North Santiam Paving Company in the amount of \$560,233 of which an estimated \$502,697 will utilize federal funding and an estimated \$57,536 will utilize county funding to provide construction services including landscaping, electrical, asphalt paving, and temporary traffic control for the North Fork Road Improvements Project through March 31, 2027.

PUBLIC WORKS

9. Approve an incoming funds State Funds Grant Agreement for Technical Assistance with the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to accept grant funding in the amount of \$142,888 to be utilized for a streamside evaluation and countywide assessment of riparian shade conditions through March 31, 2029.

(Motion made and approved to remove this item from the Consent Agenda)

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved for approval of the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron. There was further discussion with Commissioner Willis requesting that the motion be amended to remove item number nine.

AMENDED MOTION: Commissioner Bethell amended her motion to remove item number nine from the Consent Agenda and approve item numbers one through eight as presented. Commissioner Cameron seconded the amended motion; the amended motion carried with Commissioner Bethell voting aye; Commissioner Cameron voting aye; and Commissioner Willis voting aye.

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ACTION

PUBLIC WORKS

9. Approve an incoming funds State Funds Grant Agreement for Technical Assistance with the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to accept grant funding in the amount of \$142,888 to be utilized for a streamside evaluation and countywide assessment of riparian shade conditions through March 31, 2029.

(Motion made and approved to remove this item from the Consent Agenda)

- Commissioner Willis expressed for the record that he is concerned with what the state is going to do with the evaluation:
 - The state is giving the county money to perform an evaluation;

- He is concerned that this may result in potential mandates from the state that add cost to homeowners and developers;
- This may not necessarily be the case;
- There have been robust conversations regarding the grant funding; but
- His concerns have not been answered to a level where he feels confident in voting for this at this time.

MOTION: Commissioner Bethell moved to approve an incoming funds State Funds Grant Agreement for Technical Assistance with the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to accept grant funding in the amount of \$142,888 to be utilized for a streamside evaluation and countywide assessment of riparian shade conditions through March 31, 2029. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron; motion carried two to one with Commissioner Bethell voting aye; Commissioner Cameron voting aye; and Commissioner Willis voted “no”.

(Video Time 00:43:36)

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

None.

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.