



MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Emergency BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

March 26, 2025
10:00 am to 11:00 am
Courthouse Square
Commissioner's Boardroom
Salem, Oregon

Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. Welcome

Danielle Bethell, Chair

Chair Bethell called the meeting to order at 10:07AM

Chair Bethell, Commissioner Willis, CAO Fritz, DCAO Eppley were present

2. Public Safety Radio Project CDS Request

Chair Bethell
Commissioner Willis
Commissioner Cameron

- a. Chair Bethell led a discussion regarding the Public Safety Radio Project being delivered by the Marion County Public Works Department. Her question was whether the Board would support a change of direction from the Management Update on March 25th where staff was directed not to submit a federal CDS request to Rep Salinas's and Rep Bynum's offices for a total of \$4,335,000 to purchase mobile radios, pagers, portable radios, and base stations for the member organizations of METCOM-911 to help offset their capital cost for joining the proposed radio system.

Commissioner Willis expressed frustration and that he believes the numbers presented to the Board were inaccurate and confusing and he would like that corrected prior to submitting the CDS request.

Chair Bethell and Commissioner Cameron expressed that they believe it is a complicated project and that a misunderstanding could have occurred but that they are not confused by the numbers presented on the cost of the project and that, to meet the deadline for submitting the CDS, staff should be directed to make the requests immediately.

Action: Commissioner Cameron made a motion and Chair Bethell seconded to direct staff to submit the CDS requests prior to the 2PM PT deadline. Chair Bethell and Commissioner Cameron voted in favor. Commissioner Willis was not present for the vote. The motion was approved with 2-in favor and 1-not present.

DCAO Eppley was directed to contact METCOM 911 and discuss the project budget with them to clear up any confusion that exists regarding the radio units being part of the project costs.

DCAO Eppley was directed to send a letter to all potential METCOM 911 partner agencies and ask them their level of willingness to participate in the new system and ability/willingness to pay for equipment and/or user fees.

3. Adjourn

- a. Chair Bethell adjourned the meeting at 11:00am.