



MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

October 1, 2025
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
Courthouse Square
Commissioner's Boardroom
Salem, Oregon

Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. Welcome

Commissioner Willis

Commissioner Willis called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

Commissioner Willis, Commissioner Cameron, CAO Fritz, DCAO Eppley, DA Clarkson, Chief Deputy DA Murphy, Victim Assistance Manager Guerra, Senior Policy Analyst Lawyer were present.

2. DA Supplemental Budget

Paige Clarkson

- i. DA Clarkson discussed the DA Department's Supplemental Budget request for \$48,199 of General Fund for additional M&S. There was general discussion about the need related to higher than expected travel costs to produce witnesses during trials. The Board approved was in favor of the request.

3. Council of Governments Budget

Commissioner Cameron

- a. Commissioner Cameron discussed concerns regarding the MWVCOG budget. COG appears to have funding constraints and potential errors in their accounting on at least one project. The BOC approved Jan Fritz offering advice to the interim COG Executive Director and seeing how we can support them as they unwind their fiscal concerns.

4. Board Session Materials

Matt Lawyer

- a. Matt lawyer asked the Board their desire for how to produce and post Board Meeting minutes and agenda items. It was decided that that we will create a summarized set of minutes with links to all agenda packet materials and keep the packets online.

5. Other

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- a. Commissioner Willis discussed a bylaws change for SEDCOR. SEDCOR is wanting to remove all government members from their executive board. The Board discussed and decided that they would be interested in considering removing funding from SEDCOR if their seat is eliminated from the Executive Board.
- b. Commissioner Bethell discussed the North Willamette Research and Extension Center (NWREC) as a part of the OSU Extension Service. She would like the County to develop a more direct relationship with NWREC as opposed to going through the broader OSU Extension Service. The Board agreed.
- c. Commissioner Cameron discussed that he met with the director of the Oregon Gardens and wants to connect the Oregon Gardens with NWREC so they can build a relationship. Commissioner Cameron also brought up that he received an email from MRG asking the County for \$100K per year for 3-years of lottery funding for economic development purposes related to recruiting a new airline to the Salem Airport. The Board agreed to provide this funding if the City of Salem follows through on their financial commitment.
- d. Commissioner Bethell explained that she met with Ryan and Katrina from MC Health and Human Services to discuss Medicaid cuts as proposed in the One Big Beautiful Bill. Commissioner Bethell has asked her policy analyst to attend meetings hosted by OHA and DHS on this topic to keep the Board informed. Additionally, she discussed a meeting she wants to have with Pacific Healthcare to discuss the impact of these future cuts. Finally, Commissioner Bethell asked DCAO Eppley to look into a concern a Detroit Citizen is having with COG planning on rebuilding after the fire.
- e. DCAO Eppley provided analysis by the County's Legal Counsel on the Board's role in the development of a new Urban Renewal Plan the City of Hubbard is planning. The Board wants to meet with their consultant to discuss.
- f. CAO Fritz let the Board know that the sole topic for the DHEO meeting tomorrow will be an update on the ERP project.

6. Adjourn

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 P.M.