



MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

October 15, 2025
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Courthouse Square
Commissioner's Boardroom
Salem, Oregon

Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. Welcome

Chair Bethell

Chair Bethell called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

Chair Bethell, Commissioner Willis, CAO Fritz, DCAO Eppley, Legal Counsel Elzinga, Sr. Policy Analyst Lawyer were present.

2. Action Item – Signing Authority for CAO

Steve Elzinga

- a. County Counsel Elzinga requested that the Board provide signing authority for a settlement offer to CAO Fritz and authorize her to approve payment on the settlement for the Gahr case of \$550,000.
Action: Commissioners Bethell and Willis approved a motion to delegate settlement authority to the Chief Administrative Officer related to Case No. 6:22-CV-01188-MK.

3. Legal Representation Policy and Procedure

Steve Elzinga

- a. County Counsel provided updates the County's policy and procedure on providing legal representation of elected and appointed officials who are sued or indicted for actions or decisions made while performing their authorized duties, as long as those actions or decisions are not deemed by County Counsel and the Board to be egregiously unethical or illegal. The Board directed County Counsel to bring the policy and procedure to a future board meeting for approval.

4. Other

All

- a. There were no other items brought up by any parties.

5. Adjourn

Chair Bethell

- a. Chair Bethell adjourned the meeting at 2:50PM