



MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

October 30, 2025
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Courthouse Square
Commissioner's Boardroom
Salem, Oregon

Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. Welcome

Chair Bethell

Chair Bethell called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

Chair Bethell, Commissioner Cameron (by phone), DCAO Eppley, County Operations Manager Lawyer, Community Services Director Weese, Rick Gaupo, Ian Dixon, and Kendra Alexander were present.

2. Discussion with Marion/Polk Food Share

Chair Bethell

- a. Chris Bethell read a statement regarding the impact of the federal government shutdown on SNAP benefits and the emergency condition that will be created if the shutdown lasts past Saturday, which is when SNAP benefits will begin to be cut off from recipients. This emergency is the reason that standard posting timelines of 24 hours were unable to be met. Chair Bethell expressed that the Board has directed that \$100,000 per week for two weeks, depending on the length of the continued federal government shutdown, will be provided to the Marion/Polk Food Share to augment the amount of food available to Marion County residents that receive SNAP benefits. The members of the Marion/Polk Food Share who were present stated that the funds would be able to provide between 4,000 and \$5,000 shelf stable food boxes per week. They will be distributing the food at 5 or 6 sites around Marion County, will check for SNAP benefits and Marion County residence. The Board determined that the first \$100,000 would be delivered regardless of the federal government shutdown status so that the Food Share can place orders and have the food available by Monday, November 3, 2025. The resources will be delivered through the Community Services Department from Lottery funds.

3. Adjourn

Chair Bethell

- a. Chair Bethell adjourned the meeting at 4:55PM

