



MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Emergency BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

August 19, 2026
1:30PM to 2:30PM
Courthouse Square
Commissioner's Boardroom
Salem, Oregon

Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. Welcome

Chair Willis

Chair Willis called the meeting to order at 3:00PM

Chair Willis, Commissioner Bethell, CAO Fritz, DCAO Eppley, County Ops Manager Lawyer, were present.

2. HR Discussion

Jan Fritz

- a. It was determined that this topic did not need to be discussed.

3. CFAA Contract

Commissioner Bethell

- a. Commissioner Bethell discussed the CFAA funding through Health and Human Services. She explained that it is new funding and that she would like to get the contract to the Board for approval ASAP. She directed DCAO Eppley to relay the message to Troy Gregg, HHS Director and also ask him to route the contract to Trevor Lane for review before it gets to a Board Session. She would like to see it with any flagged comments prior to it being placed on a Board Meeting Agenda.
- b. Discussion from a previous BOC CAO was brought back for additional discussion regarding Troy Gregg's request that there be created a new abbreviated process for contracts that increase funding but do not alter the scope of work in the contract. Commissioner Bethell stated she is not comfortable with that at this point since Troy has only been in the position for 3-months and needs time to fully learn all of the aspects of HHS programs so that he can fully vet these modifications to contracts before truncating the current process.

4. PIER Update

Matt Lawyer

- a. Matt Lawyer provided an update on the Mill City pump station PIER project. The State of Oregon is offering an additional \$123,456 for this project when the request was for an increase of \$3.74 Million. The Board directed to deny receipt of the funds and explain that the project will actually be harder to complete if we accept this level of funding, which is completely inadequate. Matt was also directed to point out that the State has \$322M of unexpended PIER funds for wildfire recovery and this project meets the definition of that mission. Matt will modify his draft letter to OHCS on this topic to make it more strongly worded.

5. Intern Update

Matt Lawyer

- a. Matt Lawyer asked the Board if they would like to hire an intern for the Fall semester who applied during the last round, was interviewed, and received high marks, but was ultimately not the intern selected. The intern is now available after summer work and would like to perform the job. The Board agreed to offer this candidate the position without reposting the recruitment but to start earlier (October) for the Winter/Spring semester internship recruitment.

6. Adjourn

- a. Chair Willis adjourned the meeting at 3:20PM.