



MARION COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Emergency BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

August 5, 2026  
4:00PM to 5:00PM  
Courthouse Square  
Commissioner's Boardroom  
Salem, Oregon

**Meeting Minutes**

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome**

Chair Willis

Chair Willis called the meeting to order at 4:06PM

Chair Willis, Commissioner Cameron, Commissioner Bethell, CAO Fritz, DCAO Eppley, County Ops Manager Lawyer, IT Director Christofferson, IT Manager Brooks were present.

**2. IT Dept. Dark Trace Security Service**

IT Director Christofferson

- a. IT Director Christofferson and IT Manager Brooks provided an update on the functioning of the County's network monitoring tool, Dark Trace. They identified that it is functioning well and provides a high level of protection for the county from malicious emails and malware. The IT Department will be working with Dark Trace on a pilot project to determine effectiveness against advanced AI threats, which is a new product Dark Trace is developing.
- b. IT Director Christofferson identified that the County is working on a 3-year contract with Dark Trace to continue the service. The Board directed to bring the contract directly to a Board Session for approval.
- c. IT Director Christofferson discussed that the County's Microsoft 365 licensing agreement is expiring in 10-months. He inquired about what type of procurement the Board would be willing to accept (RFP vs existing price agreements). The Board did not have a preference on this contract since it isn't the kind of product small local business could bid on and, therefore, IT should use the simplest and cheapest method.

**3. Sheriff's Office jail Update**

Commissioner Bethell

- a. Commissioner Bethell discussed frustration with the Jail EMR project. A discussion ensued with IT Director Christofferson about the progress of the project. He stated

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that the Jail is deciding between Dr. Cloud and Sapphire for their EMR tool. Sapphire would be easier and less costly but would need an integration to speak seamlessly with Dr. Cloud and HHS. Commissioner Willis wants a seamless system where all departments in the County who use and EMR can share files between them. DCAO Eppley was directed to work with HHS to determine the status of their EMR implementation through Dr. Cloud, the Juvenile Sapphire implementation, and track these projects to completion so that communication and data sharing between the two systems can be tested in real time to better help the Jail pick a solution.

#### **4. Hands and Words**

Commissioner Bethell

- a. Commissioner Bethell discussed that the Hands and Words effort through the School District will be ending. She would like to discuss it at the next State of the County and then take it up as an initiative instead of the school district. All commissioners were in agreement.

#### **5. Urban Renewal Legislative Proposal**

Commissioner Bethell

- a. Commissioner Bethell stated that she no longer needed to discuss this item since it had been addressed earlier, except to say that September 13, 2026 is the last date to submit legislative concepts in for the upcoming long session of the Oregon Legislature. The Board was in agreement to work on finding a sponsor for a bill that would provide Oregon Counties with a voice at the table in forming new urban Renewal Districts.

#### **6. Emergency Management/HHS**

DCAO Eppley

- a. DCAO Eppley discussed that HHS Emergency Management is running a tabletop scenario relating to extreme heat in conjunction with MC Emergency Management and has an opportunity to submit the scenario they have developed to NOAA for a \$25K award to help fund the cost of running the scenario. The Board is in favor of running the scenario but not in submitting to NOAA for the award. Commissioner Bethell directed DCAO Eppley to bring HHS EM and MC EM together for a discussion with the Board on better coordinating efforts between the two entities.

#### **7. Kendall Hall**

County Operations Manager Lawyer

- a. County Ops Mngr Lawyer provided an update that Kendall Hall, the Board's current intern, will be ending her internship this week. Additionally, she will be joining the county in a temp roll to help add staffing capacity to the Finance Department during the Oracle Fusion implementation project.

#### **8. Adjourn**

- a. Chair Willis adjourned the meeting at 5:00PM.