



MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

February 5, 2026
9:30am to 11:30am
Courthouse Square
Commissioner's Boardroom
Salem, Oregon

Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. Welcome

Chair Willis

Chair Willis called the meeting to order at 1:50pm

Chair Willis, Commissioner Bethell, CAO Fritz, DCAO Eppley, County Ops Manager Layer, HHS Administrator Mathews, and Deputy HHS Director Griffith were present.

2. HHS Department Program Overview

Ryan Mathews
Katrina Griffith

- a. Ryan Mathews provided a budget and services overview of the different programs within the Health and Human Services Department. Ryan discussed in detail how the department calculates internal admin charges that get applied against state and federal grant funding to pay for the departmental internal administration costs. He also discussed how Central Services admin charges are applied and paid for within his department. Commissioner Willis explained his concern about how administration resources are applied across the County and that larger departments with more funding can afford disproportionately higher levels of admin support where smaller departments may not be able to have the needed resources to afford the support they need to run their programs. Ryan suggested that one method of creating more central resources would be to modify the current policy of allowing interest earned on net working capital to stay with departments to instead be brought into a central stabilization fund to help support the departments with fewer resources. Commissioner Bethell would like to see more frequent reporting about the status and usage of our stabilization beds that we contract for. She would also like Ryan and Katrina to investigate what services HHS could provide in conjunction with Juvenile to support juvenile substance abuse in Marion County since it is currently an unfunded need. Commissioner Willis would like a report of Budget vs Actual admin fee charges for the last 5-years.

3. Other

All

- a.** Chris Eppley discussed a potential land purchase by the state of a private parcel adjacent to Abiqua Falls. He was directed to call together a meeting to discuss the topic more fully.

4. Adjourn

- a.** Chair Willis adjourned the meeting at 11:35am.