



MARION COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

January 14, 2026  
1:30pm to 2:30pm  
Courthouse Square  
Commissioners Boardroom  
Salem, Oregon

**Meeting Minutes**

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome**

Chair Willis

Chair Willis called the meeting to order at 1:35PM

Chair Willis, Commissioner Cameron, Commissioner Bethell, CAO Fritz, DCAO Eppley, HHS Administrator Mathews, and County Ops Manager Lawyer were present

**2. Program and Services Budget Overview**

Ryan Mathews

- a. Ryan Mathews asked for clarification of Board direction regarding the distribution of contraceptive materials to community partner groups. He stated that he is clear on the direction that the County should not provide condoms to schools directly, but he was unclear as to whether HHS should scrutinize the activities of non-profit community partners to make sure no contraceptive materials provided by the County to groups other than schools may end up in the school system. The Board discussed the issue with Mr. Mathews and agreed that they were still opposed to providing contraceptive materials directly to the Salem Keizer school system but that we should not spend time scrutinizing the activities on our partner groups to ensure they adhere to the same requirements.
- b. Commissioner Bethell brought up a separate issue regarding coordination of issues across County departments. She and the Board expect County departments to coordinate across departments on issues that share significance between departments, like an emergency medical record system.

**3. Dell Contract**

Jan Fritz

- a. Jan explained that the issue where the Board had directed the Finance Department to initiate an RFP for supporting a company to support the county's use of Microsoft 365 as an enterprise tool has changed because Dell had signed the contract extension they were provided, which they had failed to sign previously. This puts the contract

with Dell back in compliance and negates the need for a sourcing event until the contract expires. The Board was in agreement.

#### **4. Other**

All

- a.** Commissioner Willis gave an update on the Public Safety Coordinating Committee meeting that took place earlier this week. He stated that Salem Police Chief had provided written feedback that he wishes to find a solution to eliminate the homeless camp that has been in existence at Wallace Marine Park.
- b.** Commissioner Cameron provided an update on the efforts the County is taking to implement the Recycle Modernization Act and how we are working with the various communities in Marion County to get them to allocate their \$3/capita funding to the County so that we can address these RMA requirements for everyone.
- c.** Commissioner Cameron also stated that his policy analyst is pulling together various information that will be compiled in a spreadsheet and shared with the other Commissioners so that the Board can plan out their discussion topics for the State of the County address in March, 2026.
- d.** Commissioner Bethell explained that Linn County has been working with US Fish and Wildlife regarding modifications to the Endangered Species Act, potentially removing the spotted owl from the protected species list. She also discussed that she has asked our lobbying firm to arrange a meeting with the US Army Corp of Engineers in DC during the annual NACo Conference so that we can discuss the ESA for the Detroit Dam with them. Additionally, Commissioner Bethell explained that she had met with Peaker Energy regarding technology they are developing that could support a new waste to energy facility and they would like to partner with Marion County on the effort. The entire Board shared the contracts they have had on this issue and all agreed that they are willing to talk with the firm but want to see a written proposal from all entities involved so they can have something tangible to evaluate. Commissioner Bethell also stated she would be voting against the contract with the State on the community corrections contract that was proposed by the Corrections Division Commander at Management Update on Tuesday. All Commissioners agreed they want to see recidivism data for this program before signing the contract.

#### **5. Adjourn**

- a.** Chair Willis adjourned the meeting at 3:00PM