



MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Emergency BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

July 20, 2026
8:30AM to 9:30AM
Courthouse Square
Commissioner's Boardroom
Salem, Oregon

Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. Welcome

Commissioner Cameron

Commissioner Cameron called the meeting to order at 8:30AM

Chair Willis, Commissioner Cameron, Commissioner Bethell, DCAO Eppley, County Ops Manager Lawyer, County Counsel Elzinga, Kathy Rogers and Derrick Degroot from Klamath Falls, OR were present.

2. Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Payments

Commissioner Cameron

- a. Commissioner Cameron provided a briefing on efforts by ONC Counties to separate SRS elections from Timber Sales receipts. We are in a position to need to decide whether to take SRS payments or Timber receipts. This year, the total difference between taking SRS Payments vs Timber receipts is \$300K. Commissioner Willis and Commissioner Bethell both expressed that they would like to work on legislation to decouple the SRS and Timber receipts and then get timber receipts up in value. The current system causes local governments to adopt federal priorities because the funding stream is higher. Timber receipts come with no strings and allow local governments to decide how to use them to best serve their communities, but the current system forces counties to take less funding to gain the flexibility of use. The Board decided to take the SRS funds this year due to the higher value but want to work toward improving Timber receipts value and move away from SRS funding.

3. Adjourn

- a. Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 8:52AM.

