



MARION COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

March 4, 2026  
10:30pm 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 1:35pm

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

**2. State of the County**

Commissioner Cameron

- a. **HHS Flyer and other materials** – Commissioner Cammeron asked the rest of the Board if they would like the current Health and Human Services flier provided on tables at the State of the County. Commissioner Bethell and Chair Willis affirmed.
- b. **FFA Student Speech** – Commissioner Bethell wanted to make sure that the name of the student with FFA who has been invited to speak is listed on the agenda by name and FFA district information.
- c. **Miscellaneous** – Matt Lawyer verified several other details of the State of the County with the Board, including that Sam Brentano will be the MC for the event and that the County will comp a table for guests that attend the event with the FFA student who will be speaking.

**3. Jefferson Property and Jefferson Fire District**

Commissioner Cameron

- a. Commissioner Cameron asked for an updated status on the property the County owns in the City of Jefferson. He also mentioned that the Jefferson Fire District has inquired about the status of the property.

#### 4. Fusion Contracts Exceptions follow up

Chris Eppley

- a. Chris Eppley led a discussion with the Board asking for clarification on items that can be programmed on an exceptions list for those types of contracts and purchases that the Board is uninterested in having brought to them for preauthorization as part of the requisition process. The Board provided good direction and also clarified the cadence that they would like to see contracts go out for solicitation by category and type.

#### 5. Other

All

- a. Commissioner Bethell discussed the grant presented by the Sheriff's Department at Management Meeting on Tuesday. She will be following up with him later this week and is concerned that the grant may add additional cost to the General Fund.
- b. Commissioner Bethell also discussed matters of resource allocation by the Sheriff's Department with the Sheriff and how those decisions are communicated with the Board. Additional conversation will be coming.
- c. Commissioner Cameron identified that he is attending the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments annual dinner for the County and is serving on their executive committee.
- d. Commissioner Bethell asked Chris Eppley to follow up with AJ Klausen regarding the items he was tasked with attending to at the legislative recap meeting on Tuesday. Additionally, she mentioned that she is interviewing three candidates next week to fill her vacant policy analyst position.

#### 6. Adjourn

- a. Chair Willis adjourned the meeting at 2:45pm.