MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

October 15, 2026
1:30PM to 4:30PM
Courthouse Square
Commissioner's Boardroom
Salem, Oregon

Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. **Welcome** Chair Willis

   Chair Willis called the meeting to order at 1:45PM

   Chair Willis, Commissioner Bethell, Commissioner Cameron, CAO Fritz, DCAO Eppley, County Ops Manager Lawyer, CFO White, Grants Manager Hambrecht, Business Services Director Goettsch, Fusion Project Director Kuldeep Bath were present.

2. **ARPA Project Update** County Counsel Elzinga

   a. Laura Hambrecht, Grants Manager provided an update of all current ARPA projects still being worked on and gave an estimate of funds that will be remaining to redistribute after the projects are complete. It was determined that all remaining funding should go to the County Emergency Radio project. Laura Hambrecht and DCAO Eppley were instructed to contact the City of Jefferson to identify ways their project can be moved forward in the time frame left for the ARPA funding.

3. **Capital Improvement Projects** CFO White

   a. Jeff White provided an update on the loans currently outstanding that have been used to fund many capital improvement projects as well as what a future loan would look like and what projects it might fund. Tamara Goettsch discussed the projects associated with a scheduled modification to one of the existing loans. Commissioner Cameron asked what the cost would be to make the modifications to the loan documents. Jeff White explained it would only cost $2K to $3K.

   b. Jan Fritz provided a brief update on the General Fund Revenues vs expenditures. Jan explained she is considering requiring a 5% reduction across all departments as we go into budget planning. Additionally, the Board directed that they want all employees parking in County parking structures at Courthouse Square and the

parking structure at the Courthouse to pay for their parking spot, including judges. DCAO Eppley was directed to coordinate the change.

c. There was a discussion of the resources available to complete capital projects and the cost of outstanding projects on the table. The projects and funding sources identified by the Board are as follow:

i. **Center Street Campus Parking** – Do as much work as possible for the $1.4M that has been previously budgeted.
ii. **Courthouse Parking Garage** – Get is done with existing loan funds
iii. **Downstairs Space Remodel for VSO** – Projected cost is $750K and it should be figured into a new loan.
iv. **Detroit Marinas Project** – Opal Creek Funds
v. **Emergency Radio Project** – Fund with new loan proceeds and then recoup cost of radio units over time from agencies.
vi. **Environmental Services Cost Overruns** – Need additional discussion and possible program audit to fully understand. Could be wrapped into a full PW departmental audit for comprehensive view.
vii. **Gates Wastewater Collection System** - $16M additional need. Request funding through State PIER funds.
viii. **Santiam Rail Trail** – Need additional discussion
ix. **Water District Operating Support/Bethel Park Extension** – Complete the extension and charge back in the rates for Bethel Park customers.
x. **Body Cameras for SO** – Have Sheriff bring proposal. No funding until there is a full discussion of implementation and ongoing costs.
xi. **Jail Radio Synchronization Clock** – More discussion needed with Board.
xii. **Julota** – Use HB4002 funds and implement.
xiii. **Opal Creek Non-Construction Funds** – Santiam Canyon Parks Planning and Mill City Engineering and Design for water system on N. Side of town are two potential projects for this funding source.
xiv. **Funding Sources** – Board wants to see all funding buckets identified including CDBG, Opioid Settlement, Health Department Funding, etc.

4. Fusion Project Update Kuldeep Bath

a. Kuldeep Bath provided an update on the current status of the Oracle Fusion implementation project. Kuldeep explained that we are moving the go-live date to January 17, 2027.

b. DCAO Eppley provided a brief explanation of the Fusion training schedule and course list.

5. Adjourn Chair Willis

a. Chair Willis recessed the meeting at 2:40PM, called the meeting back to order at 3:05PM and then adjourned the meeting at 4:46PM.