



MARION COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOC/CAO Issues Coordination

January 29, 2025
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Courthouse Square - Commissioners Boardroom
Salem, Oregon

Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. Introductions

Danielle Bethell, Chair

Chair Bethell called the meeting to order at 1:30PM.

Chair Bethell, Commissioner Cameron, Commissioner Willis, CAO Fritz, DCAO Eppley, Public Works Director Nicholas, County Counsel Elzinga were present

2. DEQ Temporary Rule Making

Brian Nicholas, Director

Director Nicholas discussed permitting options and the County's efforts to amend the three-basin rule to obtain a NPDES permit for the North Santiam Sewer Plant construction project.

3. NOAA Grant Discussion Follow Up

Public Works

Public Works staff discussed applying for a grant from NOAA for analysis of all the County's culverts to determine their readiness for fish passage. This is a requirement as we repair or replace culverts. The board expressed caution that we know exactly what the requirements are from NOAA if we receive the grant.

4. METCOM Discussion

Danielle Bethell

Director Nicholas and the Board discussed the Marion County Public Safety radio project and the participation by METCOM 911 in this project. Chair Bethell would like to see more direct participation by the elected bodies of the communities that make up METCOM 911 instead of having discussions at the staff level.

5. Records Request

Steve Elzinga

County Counsel discussed a public records request we have received for the bid documents on the Detroit Marinas project.

6. Translation Service for Volunteer Boards/Events

Danielle Bethell

Chair Bethell asked that we develop a policy for our volunteer boards providing for Spanish language interpretive services for those meetings so that we can engage more Spanish speakers as board members.

7. Community Survey

Colm Willis

Commissioner Willis would like for the County to conduct another community survey and asked that staff could work to develop a RFP to hire a polling firm to deliver this project in the Spring of 2005.

8. Joint Work Session Logistics

Matt Lawyer/Gary White

Final preparations were discussed for the joint work session between the Marion County Board of Commissioners and the Salem City Council on January 30, 2025.

9. Other

No additional items were discussed.

10. Adjourn

Chair Bethell adjourned the BOC CAO meeting at 2:35 pm.