



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Minutes

Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Commissioners' Boardroom
Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Suite 5231
Salem, Oregon 97301

Attendance:

Commissioners: Danielle Bethell, Colm Willis and Kevin Cameron.

Board's Office: Jon Heynen, Trevor Lane, Toni Whitler, Matt Lawyer, Alvin Klausen, Chris Eppley, and Heather Inyama.

Legal Counsel: Steve Elzinga.

Public Works: Andrew Johnson.

Community and Economic Development: Chip Bury.

Human Resources: Sherry Linter.

Health and Human Services: Ryan Matthews, Phil Blea, Wendy Zieker, Diana Dickey, Susan McLauchlin, and Melissa Gable.

Citizen: Kathy Rogers.

Commissioner Kevin Cameron called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Informational

1. Contract with Nexterra, Inc. for Yard Debris Grinding

-Andrew Johnson

Summary of Presentation:

- Contract with Nexterra Inc. for grinding yard debris collected at Brown's Island.
- Size down yard debris to windrow and compost it appropriately before shipment.
- Contract term is three years, with a total value of \$350,000.
- Need to maintain proper carbon-to-nitrogen ratio:
 - Additional woody or green material would upset balance due to residual debris from a previous ice storm.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward on consent.

2. OPIOID Prevention Campaign Information

-Susan McLauchlin, Diana Dickey, Melissa Gable

Summary of Presentation:

- Funded by Alcohol and Drug Prevention Education Program (ADPEP) and opioid settlement funds given by Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) public health agreement.
- Funding is separate from other settlement funds received through legal settlements:
 - Approximately \$896,000 (original award) for Marion County Public Health.
- Delayed implementation timeline:
 - Plan originally intended for last biennium.
 - Funds must now be spent by the end of the current biennium.
- Proposed \$45,000 media buy with iHeart Media a Request for Proposal (RFP) scope:

- Multi-channels - YouTube, Facebook/Instagram, podcasts, and streaming.
 - Approximately 3 million impressions over six months.
 - Content in English and Spanish with translation and transcreation.
 - Creative development and analytics/metrics.
- Target populations:
 - Pregnant women and women who may become pregnant.
 - Unhoused individuals and other high-risk groups.
- Questions and concerns:
 - Need for clarity on the term transcreation.
 - How vendor would reach the homeless and what is experience do they have.
 - Designing campaign around one proposal before completing an RFP process.
 - Interest in broadening to other substances subject to funding restrictions.
 - Use resources and partners to maximize impact and not miss opportunities:
 - Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) navigators, outreach teams, and shelter providers.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward:
 - Use IHeart proposal as reference no sole provider.
- Consult with partners to refine strategies and targets.
- Include Mr. Heynen in RFP process.
- Check with OHA is content can include other substances.

3. Consider Mental Health Advisory Committee Appointment of Kimberly Faber

-Phil Blea

Summary of Presentation:

- Ms. Faber has actively participated in county mental health efforts and attended at least one recent committee meeting.
- Her background includes:
 - Parent of young adult with severe and persistent mental illness.
 - Advocacy and lived experience navigating youth-to-adult transitions in mental health system.
 - Residence and business St. Paul area, providing rural representation.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.
- Confirm with applicant if she would like to attend board session.

4. Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Community Mental Health Programs

-Phil Blea

Summary of Presentation:

- Revised County Financial Assistance (CFA) agreement with OHA for community mental health programs.
- New agreement:
 - Replaces prior segmented service-element structure with flexible framework:
 - Still identifying priority populations:
 - Aid-and-assist, Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB), and civil commitment.
 - Preserves county authority to maintain and protect community-focused plans.
 - Aligns approved budgets with service levels and funding allocations for upcoming 2026–27 county budget.
- Key negotiated provisions:

- Can object changes in forms, templates, and documents that materially affect obligations.
 - Final version includes notice provision with designated email addresses .
- Previously, CFA extended for six months due to lack of agreement:
 - New version resolves those issues.
- Some contractual language remains less than ideal:
 - Consensus this represents working compromise better than original proposal.
- Several counties have already signed:
 - Others have been waiting for Marion County's decision.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

5. Consider Marion County Fair Board Appointments

- **Greg Martin**
- **Joseph Billington**

-Chip Bury

Summary of Presentation:

- Both individuals actively serving and contributing to Fair Board:
 - Previous terms expired.
 - Not technical reappointments due to bylaw/term-structure semantics.
- Currently no bylaw limits that prevent these individuals from continuing service.
- Long-term contributions of key volunteers and Fair supporters, and positive momentum of the Fair Board.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward on consent.

6. Special Procurement Request for NEOGOV

-Lori Klemsen

Summary of Presentation:

- County's current recruitment and application management system.
- Existing contract expires June 30:
 - Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system scheduled to go live November.
 - Creates a service gap that must be covered.
- Neogov will only offer contracts in full year terms, not a partial six-month extension.
- Proposed one-year contract cost is \$54,613.57.
- Benefits of additional year include:
 - Continue recruitment operations with no break in services.
 - Use of GovernmentJobs.com, which is a significant source of candidate traffic.
 - Time to reconfigure job posting workflows so that:
 - Post go-live, Oracle Fusion can integrate with GovernmentJobs.com.
 - Assess alternative job posting boards and integration options after ERP implementation.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

7. Legislative Update

-Alvin Klausen

Summary of Presentation:

- Woodburn Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Expansion and Farm Bureau:
 - Proposed UGB expansion for a 600-home development.

- Convert 120 acres of Exclusive Farm-Use (EFU) land to residential.
- Concerns include:
 - Impacts on neighboring farms across surrounding roads.
 - Existing Woodburn road conditions and capacity for added traffic.
 - Special legislative bill use instead of Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) UGB process:
 - The precedent that it sets.
- Farm Bureau noted:
 - Organization internally divided on some land use issues.
 - Only the Board as a whole can adopt a position.
 - More information needed before taking stance on proposal or its bill.
- State Forest Management Plan & Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP):
 - Comment letter on State Forest Management Plan for state forest trust lands.
 - Supports Alternative 2A recommended by Council of Forest Trust Land Counties (CFTLC):
 - Preferable to other alternatives that further restrict timber harvest.
 - Relationship between State Forest Management Plan and the HCP:
 - HCP required to obtain incidental take protection for species.
 - Concern that current HCP proposal goes beyond federal requirements:
 - Removing a substantial amount of timber from production.
 - Hope federal review results in denial or required changes, making plan balanced.
- HB 4023 – Cherriots Taxation:
 - Representative Kevin Mannix’s office - HB 4023:
 - Bill would change how transit district can impose taxes.
 - Would require that any new transit tax be approved by voters:
 - Addresses concerns regarding taxation without representation.
- Comcast Network Expansion:
 - Supportive quote from county on expansion fiber network between Woodburn and Keizer:
 - Potentially serving more than 700 homes.
 - Expansion would improve network redundancy.
 - Commissioners expressed concern about:
 - Do not know how quote would be used.
 - Community sensitivities and prior backlash related to Comcast and broadband competition.
 - Potential overlap or competition with county broadband priorities and local providers.

Board Direction:

- Woodburn Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Expansion and Farm Bureau:
 - Expansion discussed for many years and tied to earlier industrial talks.
 - Oregon’s current system often blocks sizable UGB expansions.
 - Support original intent of SB100 (planned growth and farmland protection):
 - Current process is overly restrictive.
- State Forest Management Plan & Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP):
 - Approved to move forward with letter.
- HB 4023 – Cherriots Taxation:
 - Monitor and be prepared to have someone testify in support.
- Comcast Network Expansion:
 - Do not provide a quote at this time.
 - Request clarification from Comcast:
 - Intended use of any county statement of support.
 - Would project seek public funds that may support county broadband priorities.

8. Board Session Agenda Review

-Commissioner Kevin Cameron

Summary of Presentation:

- Agenda overview.

Board Direction:

- Good with update.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE

Commissioner Danielle Bethell

- N/A

Commissioner Kevin Cameron

- N/A

Commissioner Colm Willis

- N/A

Other

Proposed Roundabout at Cordon Road and Hazel Green Intersection

-John Zielinski and Claire Zielinski

Summary of Presentation:

- Concerns about proposed roundabout at Cordon Road & Hazel Green Road.
- Key issues:
 - Safety and moveability for farm equipment, double trailers, and top-heavy loads.
 - Long construction timeline, traffic cut through private property, and business access/safety.
 - Post construction:
 - Loss of visibility of farm stand, restricted movements, and driveways tying directly into roundabout legs.
- Submitted 293 petition signatures opposing roundabout but supporting intersection improvements.

Board Direction:

- Intersection set as priority for improvement, not specifically as a roundabout.
- Project is on the Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study (SKATS) list, but design can still be discussed.
- Meet with public works staff to clarify.
- Encourages to provide public comment at SKATS

Detroit Marinas Project – Army Corps Notification:

-Jon Heynen

Summary of Presentation:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be sending a formal letter to certain property owners near Detroit Lake about the Detroit Marinas permitting process.
- Public Works requests county sends separate, advance notice to same group:
 - To be aware Corps letter is coming.
 - Understand comments and questions must go to the Corps, not the county.
- About 20 properties are on the Corps' list. Staff:
 - Confirmed list includes commercial and residential owners near project.
 - Used assessor records to address letters to actual property owners:

- Will reference the associated business where applicable.
- asked that the letter be clear about who is being notified and why.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.
- The letter to be clear about who is being notified and why.
- Limit it to those most directly adjacent to the project.

Radio/Media Outreach

-Jon Heynen

Summary of Presentation:

- Outreach to local radio stations KBZY and K News:
- K News is interested in a regular county segment similar to past practice.
- Proposed format:
 - Quarterly county focused segments.
 - Airing on a weekday morning show:
 - Option for live or pre-recorded interviews.
- Strong preference for pre-recorded segments rather than appearing live at 8:00 a.m.
- Topics of current county priorities:
 - Recycling program, transportation, public health, and recovery.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward with K News.
- Continue reaching out to other stations.

Marion County Today

-Jon Heynen

Summary of Presentation:

- Marion County Today typically goes out late April.
- Trying to get it out before the State of the County on March 31st.

Board Direction:

- Commissioners to provide priority topics.
- Begin drafting over the next month.

Adjourned – time: 10:30 a.m.

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Gary L. White