



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Minutes

Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Commissioners' Boardroom
Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Suite 5231
Salem, Oregon 97301

Attendance:

Commissioners: Colm Willis, and Danielle Bethell.

Board's Office: Chris Eppley, Matt Lawyer, Jon Heynen, Alvin Klausen, Trevor Lane, Jonathan Sanford, Toni Whitler, and Brenda Koenig.

Business Services: William White.

Community and Economic Development (CED): Steve Dickey.

District Attorney's (DA) Office: Paige Clarkson, Brendan Murphy, Jacqueline Osborne, and Tia Bufton.

Finance: John Carlson, Toby Giddings, and Kathleen George

Health and Human Services (HHS): Troy Gregg, Rhett Martin, Stacie Neal, and Teri Morgan.

Information Technology (IT): Gary Christofferson.

Legal: Sebastian Tapia, and Andrew Mittendorf.

Public Works (PW): Brian Nicholas, Brian May, Stephanie Pulvers, Carl Lund, Lani Radtke, Michael Pierce, Tsige Woldegiorgis, Ryan Wade, and Ryan Crowther.

Sheriff's Office (SO): Nick Hunter, Jacob Ramsey, and Matt Wilkinson.

Guest: Kathy Rogers.

Commissioner Colm Willis called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Informational

1. Initial Board Review

SO:

- **Request for Quotes for Laboratory and Phlebotomy Services for Adults in Custody (AIC)**

-Jacob Ramsey

PW

- **Review of Purchase Order's (PO) Estimated to be over \$50,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 26/27 with the Parts Room**
- **Vehicle and Equipment Purchases Review Budgeted for FY 26/27**
- **Bulk and Card Lock Fuel Purchase for Countywide Use**

-Michael Pierce

HHS:

- **Request for Proposal for Respite Janitorial Services**
- **Recovery Month Proclamation**
- **Contract with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. for Drug Testing Services**

- Stacie Neal, Rhett Martin and Carol Heard

DA

- **Child Support, Karpel Computer System, Inc.**

-Brendan Murphy, Jacqueline Osborne, Tia Bufton

Summary of Presentation:

- Request for Quotes for Laboratory and Phlebotomy Services for AIC:
 - Completed a competitive quote request for AIC services at the jail.
 - Current vendor responded, met Request for Procurement (RFP) requirements:
 - Has a positive performance history over several years.
 - Jail nurses perform routine blood draws:
 - Contracted phlebotomy is used only for difficult or unsuccessful draws.
- Review of PO's Estimated to be over \$50,000 for FY 26/27 with the Parts Room:
 - Anticipated FY 26/27 blanket PO's for parts room:
 - Identified 10 vendors expected to exceed \$50,000 out of 163 PO's.
 - Vendors cover:
 - Oils/lubricants.
 - Heavy and light duty vehicle parts.
 - Body repair.
 - Caterpillar and John Deere equipment.
 - Safety supplies.
 - Hardware/fasteners.
 - Herbicides.
 - Herbicides and non-vehicle items are stocked and issued out as used:
 - High visibility clothing, guardrail, field tools, etc.
- Vehicle and Equipment Purchases Review Budgeted for FY 26/27:
 - 14 vehicles slated for replacement through consolidated fleet:
 - Based on point scoring and condition assessments completed last year.
 - Additional 11 pieces of equipment were reviewed:
 - Primarily road operations, with some other divisions.
 - Planned vehicle and equipment purchases are within existing adopted budget:
 - No new budget authority is requested.
- Bulk and Card Lock Fuel Purchase for Countywide Use:
 - Compared multiple bulk fuel and card-lock providers:
 - Rack price, taxes, delivery options, fee structures, and product types.
 - County no longer uses biodiesel due to algae bloom and filter plugging issues:
 - Uses R99, which repels moisture and reduces those problems.
 - Analysis at sites showed that current provider offers best overall value:
 - With prices fluctuating daily based on rack price.
- Request for Proposal (RFP) for Respite Janitorial Services:
 - On-call and emergency janitorial services at 28 residential crisis and supported housing locations.
 - Services:
 - Standard turnover cleaning.
 - Emergency response.
 - Hazardous cleanup.
 - Removal of soiled furniture.
 - Removal of household waste.
 - Historical spend is about \$28,000–\$31,000 per year.
 - Multi-year contract is anticipated, likely three years with renewal options.
- Recovery Month Proclamation:
 - Continue September as National Recovery Month in Marion County.
 - National theme: "every person, every family, every community."
 - About 30 graduates of Her Place are working as certified alcohol and drug counselors or recovery mentors:
 - Remain in contact with program staff.
 - Plan for "Recovery Full Circle" event to highlight graduates' contributions and network of places.

- Contract with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. for Drug Testing Services:
 - Amendment to existing PO/contract with Redwood Toxicology.
 - Related to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and Driving Under the Influence (DUI) programming:
 - Utilizing Sourcewell cooperative agreement that originated in 2021.
 - Prior direction to explore less invasive, on-site technologies as potential long term cost savers and more trauma informed tools.
 - Any technology changes may have implications for prosecution and evidentiary standards:
 - Necessitating DA coordination.
- Child Support, Karpel Computer Systems, Inc.:
 - Existing software unsupported after move to Windows 11:
 - Necessitating replacement.
 - Propose adding module from DA's case management system vendor:
 - Creating efficiencies through integration and shared infrastructure.
 - Total cost is \$128,000 over five years:
 - \$23,000 implementation.
 - \$21,000 annually.
 - Funded with federal child support incentive funds:
 - Would otherwise be recaptured by state if unused.

Board Direction:

- Request for Quotes for Laboratory and Phlebotomy Services for AIC:
 - Proceed.
- Review of PO's Estimated to be Over \$50,000 for FY 26/27 with the Parts Room:
 - Proceed.
- Vehicle and Equipment Purchases Review Budgeted for FY 26/27:
 - Proceed.
- Bulk and Card Lock Fuel Purchase for Countywide Use:
 - Proceed.
- Request for Proposal for Respite Janitorial Services
 - Proceed.
- Recovery Month Proclamation:
 - Proceed.
- Contract with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. for Drug Testing Services:
 - Proceed.
- Child Support, Karpel Computer Systems, Inc.:
 - Proceed.

2. Contract Amendment #11 with Keller Associates for North Santiam Canyon Sewer Project

-Brian Nicholas

Summary of Presentation:

- Consolidates remaining tasks related to North Santiam Canyon sewer work.
- Includes:
 - Final design for Gates wastewater collection system.
 - Monitoring plan support for Mill City's permit.
 - Construction observation for certain projects.
 - Small Detroit holding tank study.
 - Tasks related to the Cedars septic system and Kane's Marina.
- Major wrap up of professional services amendment for Keller on project.
- Potential future construction inspection for Gates anticipated as last large item.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward on consent.

3. Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Agreement amendment #2 with Slayden Construction for North Santiam Canyon Sewer Project

-Brian Nicholas

Summary of Presentation:

- Commissioner Danielle Bethell declared conflict of interest:
 - Immediate family member's employment with the contractor.
- Only two commissioners present:
 - Board did not have a quorum for this item.
- Need to include absent commissioner at later date:
 - Potentially via remote participation.

Board Direction:

- N/A

4. Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Marion County and City of Independence Extend Chestnut Street Over the South Fork of Ash Creek

-Brian Nicholas

Summary of Presentation:

- City of Independence obtained a Rural and Tribal Assistance Program federal grant to begin design work for extending Chestnut Street over South Fork of Ash Creek:
 - They are not certified to deliver federal projects.
- IGA enables Marion County to manage design and consultant procurement using city's grant funds:
 - City to reimburse county at fully burdened rates.
- Current grant has a short time frame with an extension being sought.
- Future three-way IGA with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) projected:
 - Once additional federal funds flow through ODOT.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward on consent.

5. Request for Approval for Special Procurement – Advancing Riparian Restoration through Strategic Shade Assessment

-Stephanie Pulvers and Brian May

Summary of Presentation:

- Contract directly with watershed councils to perform:
 - Landowner outreach.
 - Field verification.
 - Riparian/shade assessment work:
 - Temperature Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements.
 - Funded by an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) grant:
 - About \$130,000 plus county match via staff time.
- Concerns about neutrality and technical expertise of at least one watershed council:
 - Regarding prior advocacy around dam removal.
 - Strained relationships with local landowners.
- Discussed:
 - Whether work is primarily technical versus outreach:
 - Potential to use consultants instead.
 - Whether OWEB grant terms could be modified:
 - Staff would need to confer with OWEB if the partner model changed.

Board Direction:

- Not moving forward at this time.
- Would like to consider a different path.

6. Rural Transportation System Plan (RTSP) Update

-Carl Lund and Lani Radtke

Summary of Presentation:

- Requester addition to the RTSP project list:
 - Potential roundabout at OR 214 and Hobart Road north of Silverton:
 - ODOT controlled intersection.
 - In response to safety concerns and an evaluation by ODOT.
- Discussed:
 - Safety benefits.
 - Community perspectives:
 - Including farmers and local residents.
- Adding project to RTSP would not pre-commit to roundabout:
 - List roundabout and traffic signal options as possible safety improvements.
- Other high-priority safety locations:
 - Golf Club Road interchange.
 - Cascade Highway/Silver Falls Highway intersection.
 - All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) program prioritization.
 - Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (MWACT's) top ten.
 - Potential to include cost estimates in county's federal delegation priorities.

Board Direction:

- Proceed with adding OR 214/Hobart project to the RTSP as a safety project:
 - Roundabout and/or signal.
- Verify that Golf Club Road and Cascade/Silver Falls are appropriately shown in RTSP:
 - Develop updated cost estimates for Cascade/Silver Falls.
 - For possible inclusion in the federal agenda.

7. Kuebler Boulevard (Blvd)/Viewcrest Road (RD) Sight Distance Update – Property Owner Request for Attendance at 8/20 WS

-Carl Lund

Summary of Presentation:

- Ongoing work to resolve sight distance issues at intersection:
 - Surveying right of way and identifying trees that obstruct visibility.
- Preliminary survey shows trees in county right-of-way and on private property.
- Legal advised that county has authority to address hazardous sight obstructions:
 - Including on private property.
 - Traveled way has existed long enough to provide strong rights to maintain it:
 - Even where it encroaches on platted property lines.
- Staff had been approaching property owners about easements and compensation.
- Discussed process, public comment venues, and the need for clear expectations.

Board Direction:

- Final surveying and marking of right of way and trees.
- Request property owners specific compensation figure for necessary easements:
 - With a clear response deadline.
- If agreement not reached:
 - Move forward with removal and safety improvement based on legal authority.
- Do not invite property owners as special attendees at the work session:
 - Direct to board session public comment process.
 - Continue written communication.

8. Canon Cochran Management Services Inc (CCMSI) Invoice for Workers' Compensation Claims Expenses for July 2026

-William White

Summary of Presentation:

- Monthly CCMSI invoice for July exceeded \$50,000:
 - Triggered board review.
 - Includes claim-related expenses such as medical costs and settlements.
- Significant portion of invoice relates to:
 - Large settlement:
 - \$50,000.
 - Extensive medical treatment for single complex injury case:
 - \$27,000.
- Annual risk management work session is scheduled:
 - Detailed breakdown of workers' compensation costs and claim trends by department.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward on consent.

9. Tax Accounts Updates

- **335315 Buyback Request**
- **332037 Buyback Request**

-John Carlson

Summary of Presentation:

- Recently foreclosed, bare land properties on State Street:
 - Subject to buyback requests by the prior owner.
- New policies governing tax foreclosure buybacks are in process of being adopted:
 - Policy 809A.
- Proposed to handle these accounts in alignment with that draft policy.
- Legal advised timely process to mitigate litigation risk:
 - In light of current legal challenges involving tax foreclosures.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward on consent.

10. Consider Proclamations

- **Constitution Week September 2026**
- **Hand Are Not for Hurting October 2026**

-Brenda Koenig

Summary of Presentation:

- Constitution Week:
 - Annual request to proclaim September 17th–23rd as Constitution Week.
 - Participation by a local heritage organization:
 - Typically attends board session, reads a preamble, and takes photos.
- Hands Are Not for Hurting:
 - Annual October proclamation supporting anti-violence and abuse messaging.
 - Often accompanied by presentation and PowerPoint.
- Keep proclamation events non-controversial and brief.
- Focus on general civic principles rather than current political conflicts.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

11. Legislative Update

-Alvin Klausen

Summary of Presentation:

- Upcoming Federal Visit:
 - Commissioner Bethell will be hosting Congresswoman Andrea Salinas.
 - Visit Her Place and Horizon House.
 - County seeking enhanced federal support for programs.
 - Community project funding for Horizon House:
 - \$500,000 in the House.
 - Hoping for higher amount from the Senate.
- State Representative Meeting:
 - Commissioner Bethell meeting with Rep Jules Walters.
 - Discuss kratom legislation:
 - How far state regulation should go and how county can support effort.
 - Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) announced plans to temporarily schedule synthetic form of kratom for two years.
- Meeting Rep. Finger McDonald:
 - Draft Waste Infrastructure Partnership Act, emerging from regional Waste Management Task Force.
 - Seven county collaboration to coordinate use of each other's infrastructure:
 - Coffin Butte landfill nears closure and waste-to-energy facility shut down.
- Refined Community Project Funding (CPF) process for coming federal agenda cycle:
 - Departments will submit short proposals:
 - Project title, brief summary, requested dollar amount.
 - Compile single list and bring it to Board for an initial screening.
 - Board approved concepts will be fully developed for inclusion in draft federal legislative agenda:
 - Board will review again before finalization.
 - Coordinate with PW on waste infrastructure item to ensure it appears if Board wishes.

Board Direction:

- Proceed with two step CPF intake process.

12. Board Session

- **August 19, 2026 – Agenda**
- **August 26, 2026 – Agenda**

-Commissioner Colm Willis

Summary of Presentation:

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Board Direction:

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COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE

Commissioner Danielle Bethell

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Commissioner Kevin Cameron

- N/A

Commissioner Colm Willis

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Other

Move Forward with National Association of Counties (NACo) Travel

-Commissioner Danielle Bethell

Summary of Presentation:

- County's application to present "the places" at a national conference was accepted:
 - Her Place, Horizon House, etc.
 - Selected as one of nine national presentations.
 - Event is in New Jersey.
- NACo awarded a \$1,000 travel stipend for each of three presenters:
 - Coordinate with Finance to ensure additional costs are properly assigned.
- Residual costs may remain for lodging, meals, or incidentals.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

Use Good Neighbor to Remove Trees Near Aumsville Fire

-Commissioner Danielle Bethell

Summary of Presentation:

- Residential fire district dispute in Aumsville area centered on damaged fence and neighbor tensions.
- Community member obtained three bids for fence removal and replacement.
- Recommended bid of about \$4,300 was from one vendor to complete the full job.
- Propose to use Good Neighbor funds to pay for fence work:
 - Likely reimbursing or directly paying community project lead.
 - Rather than the property owner.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

Hayesville JanRee Outreach Meeting

-Toni Whitler

Summary of Presentation:

- Upcoming JanRee outreach meeting.
- Organizers requested county participation:
 - Presentation on Detroit sewer project
 - Discussion of group homes in the area.
- Commissioners Bethell and Cameron will not be able to attend because of other engagements.
- Organizers request at least one commissioner attend and answer questions.

Board Direction:

- Commissioner Willis to give answer by the end of the week if he will attend.

Install Camera in Detroit

-Matt Wilkinson

Summary of Presentation:

- No-cost agreement with Consumer Power Inc.:
 - Mount automatic license plate reader (ALPR) camera on utility pole.
 - Near intersection of Highway 22 and Main Street/Breitenbush Road in Detroit.
- ALPR would integrate into county's existing network:

- Support investigations and traffic safety enforcement at key gateway in and out of canyon.
 - Different vendor than Flock.
- Important to be transparent with City of Detroit and residents regarding camera's presence and purpose.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.
- SO, to give presentation in City of Detroit on project and its intended use.

Veterans Service Office (VSO) Store Front – Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Loan Not Moving Forward

-Chris Eppley

Summary of Presentation:

- Proposed storefront office and restroom build out for VSO space:
 - Estimated cost of ~\$750,000.
- Project initially expected to be funded through CIP loan that is not proceeding:
 - Alternative funding source is required.
- Lottery funds are possible option if VSO space includes job placement services.
- Commissioners requested a broader, more strategic funding discussion.

Board Direction:

- Would like to discuss funding further.

Rulemaking Petition to Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

-Jon Heynen

Summary of Presentation:

- Strong public and media engagement following release of county's letter to OHA:
 - Regarding proposed rules affecting safety in county run or county contracted facilities.
- Social media metrics indicated:
 - ~20,000 individuals reached organically.
 - ~36,000 views of related content.
- Legal submitting formal rulemaking petition to OHA focused on protecting safety of county staff working in these facilities.
- Partner counties chose not to co-file petition at this time:
 - May send separate support letters after seeing how initial petition is received.
- Proposed a special report similar to a recent one with Legal:
 - Highlight petition, its purpose, and safety concerns.
 - Include on-camera remarks from legal counsel.
 - Feature prepared comments by staff member describing operational impacts on staff and residents.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

Adjourned – time: 10:52 a.m.

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Gary L. White