

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL (MCPSCC)

Full Council Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners Boardroom, Courthouse Square, Salem, Oregon

MCPSCC: Colm Willis, Jonathan Bauer, Jay Bergmann, Ashley Carson, Paige Clarkson, Anrew Copeland, Douglas Cox, Soraida Cross, James Edmonds, Don Frederickson, David Gerboth, Troy Greg, Jamison Goetz, Mike Hartford, Nick Hunter, Elizabeth Infante, Alison Kelley, Garland King, Rick Lewis, Frank Lonergan, Peter McCallum, Todd McCann, Tracy Prall, Michael Runyon, Shaney Starr, Carlos Texidor, and Trevor Womack.

Guests: Trevor Lane, and Gary White.

Commissioner Colm Willis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE (INFORMATION/ACTION)

-Commissioner Colm Willis

Announcements

- None.

2. APPROVE APRIL 8, 2025, MCPSCC MEETING MINUTES (ACTION)

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the April 8, 2025, MCPSCC meeting minutes. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. DISTRICT ATTORNEY (DA) & SHERIFF MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM UPDATE

-DA Paige Clarkson, and Sheriff Nick Hunter

- Introduced HEAT (High Enforcement Action Team) initiative.
- Key components:
 - Formal collaboration between Sheriff's Office, Salem PD, and District Attorney's Office.
 - Led by Deputy District Attorney Rachel Klein.
 - Uses data-driven analysis to identify criminal activity hot spots.
- Focus areas:
 - Gun violence.
 - Person-to-person violence.
 - Gang activity.
 - Drug-related crimes.
- Objectives:
 - Strategic resource deployment.
 - Intervention strategies, especially for juveniles.
 - Potential involvement of corrections, parole, and probation services.
- Aims to maximize public safety resources and minimize criminal activity.

4. CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL (CJAC) & DEFENSE ATTORNEY

UPDATE

-Judge Prall and Judge Edmonds

Summary of presentation:

- Defense Representation Crisis Resolution:
 - Implemented new policy to inquire why attorneys cannot take cases.
 - Reduced unrepresented cases from over 1,000 to 285.
 - Prioritization strategy:
 - In-custody cases given highest priority.
 - Weapon-related charges guaranteed representation.
 - Current caseload primarily consists of:
 - Theft cases.
 - Driving offenses.
 - Low-level drug offenses
- Potential Supreme Court intervention:
 - Possible 30-day limit for out-of-custody cases without representation.
 - Concerns about constitutional rights and collateral consequences.

5. UPDATE ON INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT

-Commander Hartford

Summary of presentation:

- Program Statistics:
 - Served over 9,000 unduplicated clients since 2015.
 - 60% of clients participate in one program.
 - Some clients engage in multiple programs.
- Key Programs:
 - Transition from Jail to Community with 3,300 clients.
 - Substance Use Treatment with 2,000 clients.
 - Peer Support Programs with growing participation.
- Challenges:
 - Closure of De Muniz Resource Center.
 - Impact of inflation on housing subsidies.
 - Reduced funding for community programs.

6. REVIEW 25-27 JUSTICE REINVESTMENT APPLICATION PART II

-Commander Hartford

Summary of presentation:

- Funding Details:
 - Received \$4.886 million in formula grant funding.
 - 10.46% allocation:
 - Reduced from previous biennium.
 - Approximately \$35,000 reduction.
- Cost-Saving Measures:
 - Eliminated Link Up program.
 - Reduced Full Time Equivalent (FTE) in prison diversion programs.
 - Potential competitive grant reductions.

- Funding Scenarios:
 - Prepared for 5%, 10%, 20%, and 25% reduction scenarios.
 - Prioritized maintaining DA and some probation officer positions.

7. REVIEW 23-25 JUSTICE REINVESTMENT GRANT PROGRESS REPORT

-Commander Hartford

Summary of presentation:

- Postponed to next meeting due to ongoing legislative and funding challenges.

8. END OF SESSION SUMMARY

-DA Paige Clarkson

Summary of presentation:

- Legislative Wins:
 - Extradition fix bill.
 - AI image law prosecution.
 - Domestic violence record look-back protections.
 - Public defense governance improvements.
- Significant Funding Challenges:
 - Community corrections funding cuts.
 - Victims of Crime Act funding reduction.
 - Child advocacy center funding limitations.
- Behavioral Health Legislation:
 - Civil commitment reform.
 - State hospital timeline concerns.
 - Community restoration time limits.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

-Commissioner Colm Willis

Summary of presentation:

- Positive Developments:
 - Fire department resource-sharing agreement.
 - Continued inter-agency collaboration.
- Ongoing Challenges:
 - Funding constraints.
 - Public safety resource allocation.
 - Complex legislative environment.
- Recommendations:
 - Continue collaborative approach to public safety.
 - Seek alternative funding sources.
 - Maintain focus on strategic resource deployment.
 - Monitor legislative developments affecting public safety.

Commissioner Willis adjourned the meeting.