



OREGON

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Summary Minutes

April 3, 2025. 9:30 AM

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Board Room

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Kevin Cameron, Danielle Bethell, and Colm Willis.

Board's Office: Jan Fritz, Alvin Klausen, Matt Lawyer, Toni Whitler, Trevor Lane, and Chris Eppley.

Legal Counsel: Steve Elzinga.

Sheriff's Office: Nick Hunter, Jason Bernards, Garrett Olson, and Matt Wilkinson.

Treasurer: Sam Brentano.

Health and Human Services: Carol Heard, and Ryan Matthews.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

1. Increase the Change Fund at the Marion County Justice Court

-Treasurer Samuel Brentano, Sherry Downs, Jessica Paler

Summary of Presentation:

- The current change fund is \$450.
- Proposed increase to \$500 per change box.
- The additional \$50 will provide relief for staff to ensure continuous operations.
- There is an increase in individuals paying cash.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

2. Eliminate the Change Fund at Health and Human Services Clinic

-Treasurer Samuel Brentano, Sherry Downs, Jessica Paler

Summary of Presentation:

- Physical locations of the HHS Clinic and HHS Environmental Health and Vital Services have been combined.
- Existing change fund is no longer necessary due to consolidation:
 - Change Fund is \$150.
- Streamlines cash management processes.
- Reflects organizational restructuring.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

3. Increase the Change Fund for Health and Human Services Environmental Health & Vital Statistic

-Treasurer Samuel Brentano, Sherry Downs, Jessica Paler

Summary of Presentation:

- The current change fund is \$450.
- The proposed increase to \$750 total:
 - Covers five cashier windows at \$150 each.
- Provides customer service for those giving cash payments.
- This ensures adequate change in high-traffic service areas.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

4. Oregon Department of Forestry Patrol Services

-Commander Jason Bernards, Lieutenant Matt Wilkinson, Sergeant Garrett Olson

Summary of Presentation:

- An intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for law enforcement patrol in state forests.
- Maximum funding of \$200,000 for overtime with the US Forest Service.
- Five-year agreement spanning July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2030.
- Focuses on public safety in state forest and adjacent lands.
- Provides additional law enforcement coverage.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

5. ODOT and OPS Cars and Camping

-Commander Jason Bernards

Summary of Presentation:

- Challenges with abandoned vehicles and illegal camping.
- Currently there is a lack of county enforcement authority on state property.
- Planning a meeting with ODOT, OSP, and local officials.
- Potential legislative support from Representative Mannix.
- The goal is to develop collaborative solution for managing state property issues.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward.

6. RFP for Specialty Court Treatment Services

-Ryan Matthews, Carol Heard

Summary of Presentation:

- Request from Judge Lindsay Partridge and court administrator, Melissa Miller.
- Health and Human Services to be the potential provider.
- Services for Adult Drug and Veteran Services court.
- Current provider lacks mentor and medication-assisted treatment services.
- Considerations include:
 - Potential conflict of interest.
 - Higher service costs.
 - Existing capacity and expertise.
- Potentially working with Veterans Administration.

Board Direction:

- Approved to move forward

7. Legislative Update

-Alvin Klausen

Summary of Presentation:

- Senate Bill 1189:
 - North Santiam sewer project.
 - Passed committee quickly.
 - Received testimony from Commissioner Cameron and Brian May.
 - Advancing rapidly through legislative process.
- Senate Bill 1067:
 - Proposed bill to allow cities to opt out of Marion County's flow control.
 - Testimony provided by Commissioner Cameron and Brian.
 - Committee appeared unpersuaded by current arguments.
- House Bill 2467 (Civil Commitment Bill):
 - Aims to improve civil commitment processes.
 - To expand investigation time for Human Health and Protective Services.
 - Addressing law enforcement transport challenges.
 - Attempting to modify two specific conditions.
 - Mayor of Salem expected to testify in support of Marion County's position.
- Placeholder Civil Commitment Bills:
 - Additional bills being considered.
 - Working with Representative Mannix to draft potential amendments.
 - Focusing on expanding investigative capabilities and addressing transport issues.
- House Bill 2470:
 - Potential jail-related pilot program.
- Legislation Timeline:
 - Posting day occurred two weeks prior.
 - Next deadline (first chamber) is April 9.
 - Significant legislative activity and multiple bills in progress.
 - Ongoing advocacy and testimony from county representatives.

Board Direction:

- Good with the update.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS and UPDATE

Commissioner Danielle Bethell

- N/A

Commissioner Kevin Cameron

- N/A

Commissioner Colm Willis

- N/A

Other

Adjourned – time: 10:07 a.m.
Minutes by: Mary Vityukova
Reviewed by: Gary L. White