Commissioner Danielle Bethell

Danielle Bethell was elected to the Marion County Board of Commissioners in November 2020 and began her first term January 2021. She was elected as Second Vice President to the Association of Oregon Counties in November 2021 and President in November 2023. Commissioner Bethell represents Marion County on the Marion County Budget Committee, Marion County Housing Authority Board of Directors, and Marion County Extension & 4H Service District, among others. In addition, she serves the community as Vice Chair for the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance, is on of the Board for Northwest Senior & Disability Services, AOC, and a board member representing Oregon Counties on the National Association of Counties Board of Directors.

She is a longtime community advocate and volunteer and served as the Executive Director of the Keizer Chamber of Commerce. She co-owns Bethell Plumbing, previously served as vice-chair and director on the Salem-Keizer Public Schools Board of Directors.

Under her leadership with the Association of Oregon Counties, HB 4002 (2024), the recriminalization of hard drugs, was passed. She has been instrumental in the recovery of communities in the Santiam Canyon from the 2020 Labor Day Wildfires, including advocating and receiving $12 million dollars for direct housing recovery and $34 million in CDGB-DR funding, as well as implementation of community-based housing for individuals in recovery, such as HIS Place, expanding access to care for rural communities and the unsheltered through wellness vans and pursuing telehealth networks of care.

Commissioner Bethell's policy interests include children and youth issues, housing, public safety, homelessness, behavioral health, and economic development

Commissioner Bethell is a graduate of Oregon State University. Prior governmental experience includes Marion County Fire District #1, Oregon Public Utility Commission, and Oregon Disabilities Commission. She and her husband, children and grandchildren live in Southeast Marion County.