

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Transferring Franchise
Fees from the Solid Waste Fund to the
General Fund

ORDER NO. 20-2026

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Columbia County Solid Waste Management Ordinance, Franchise Fees collected under the Ordinance are paid into a Solid Waste Management Fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4.14 of Columbia County Solid Waste Management Ordinance the Board of County Commissioners may determine the purpose and use of the Solid Waste Management Fund; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that a financial exigency exists in the County, specifically in the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, the General Fund has a shortfall of \$2,751,192.89; and

WHEREAS, in order to balance the budget as required by Oregon law, the County is forced to allocate Franchise Fees from the Solid Waste Management Fund to the General Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS hereby orders, as follows:

1. For the Fiscal Year 2026-2027, franchise fees in the amount of \$700,000 shall be transferred to and used to balance the General Fund.

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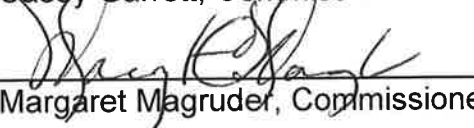
2. The Board will assess the need to use Franchise Fees in the General Fund in future years as part of the budget process.

DATED this 24 day of June, 2026.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: 
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: 
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel