

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Appointing Jim Gibson                    )  
as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, to the            )  
Columbia County Justice Court                            )       ORDER NO. 55-2023

WHEREAS, the Justice of the Peace for the Columbia County Justice Court, the Honorable Diana M. Shera Taylor, occasionally must decline to hear a case because of a conflict of interest or for other reasons; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) appointed Teri Powers to serve as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, to the Columbia County Justice Court during Judge Taylor’s temporary absences or when conflicts of interest arise; and

WHEREAS, because Teri Powers is a practicing attorney, she occasionally must decline to hear a case because of a conflict of interest or because of her private practice case load; and

WHEREAS, the Board appointed Jim Gibson to serve as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, to the Columbia County Justice Court during Judge Taylor’s temporary absences or when conflicts of interest arise in 2020 and re-appointed him in 2021 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, to ensure efficient management of the Justice Court docket, Judge Taylor has requested the re-appointment of Jim Gibson as a second Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that Jim Gibson currently meets the following requirements of ORS 51.240 to be qualified to serve as Justice of the Peace: (1) he is a citizen of the United States; (2) he has been a resident of Oregon for at least three years immediately prior to appointment; and (3) he has maintained residency within Columbia County, for at least one year immediately prior to the date of appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that Jim Gibson is not a member of the Oregon State Bar, but is qualified to serve as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, because he has completed a course on courts of special jurisdiction by the National Judicial College, or an equivalent course approved by the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Jim Gibson is re-appointed as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, to the Columbia County Justice Court.
2. Jim Gibson may serve as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, only during a temporary absence or other incapacity of Judge Taylor, such as when Judge Taylor has a conflict of interest.

3. Jim Gibson's appointment is subject to the continuing education requirements of ORS 51.245.

4. This appointment is effective October 29, 2023, and shall expire one year from the effective date.

DATED in St. Helens, Oregon, this 27 day of September, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: [Signature]  
Casey Garrett, Chair

By: [Signature]  
Kellie Jo Smith, Commissioner

Approved as to form:

By: [Signature]  
Office of County Counsel

By: Not Present  
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner