BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Appointing Teri Powers as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, to the Columbia County Justice Court	)))	ORDER NO. 63-2025

WHEREAS, the Justice of the Peace for the Columbia County Justice Court, the Honorable Jim Gibson, 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") initially appointed Teri Powers to serve as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, to the Columbia County Justice Court during the Judge's temporary absences or when conflicts of interest arise; and

WHEREAS, the Board re-appointed Teri Powers to serve as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, to the Columbia County Justice Court during the Judge's temporary absences or when conflicts of interest arise in 2020 and 2021, 2022, and 2023 expiring October 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, to ensure efficient management of the Justice Court docket, Judge Gibson therefore requests the re-appointment of Teri Powers as Justice of the Peace, pro tempore; and

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

WHEREAS, the Board finds that Teri Powers is a member in good standing with the Oregon State Bar;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Teri Powers is re-appointed as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, to the Columbia County Justice Court.

2. Teri Powers may serve as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, only during a temporary absence or other incapacity of Judge Gibson, such as when Judge Gibson has a conflict of interest.

3. Teri Powers' appointment is subject to the continuing education requirements of ORS 51.245.

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4. This appointment is effective October 29, 2025, and shall expire one year from the effective date.

DATED in St. Helens, Oregon, this ____day of _____, 2025.

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