

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Appointing Diana Shera Taylor)
as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, to the) ORDER NO. 64-2025
Columbia County Justice Court)

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, to ensure efficient management of the Justice Court docket, Judge Gibson therefore requests the appointment of Diana Shera Taylor as Justice of the Peace, pro tempore; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that Diana Shera Taylor 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 Diana Shera Taylor is a member in good standing with the Oregon State Bar;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Diana Shera Taylor is appointed as Justice of the Peace, Pro Tempore, to the Columbia County Justice Court.
2. Diana Shera Taylor 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. This appointment is subject to the continuing education requirements of ORS 51.245.

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4. This appointment shall be effective August 1, 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

Approved as to form:

By: _____
Office of County Counsel

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner