

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON
Hybrid from the John Gumm Building
Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Work Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Garrett, Commissioner Magruder, County Counsel, Sarah Hanson, and Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Smith called this meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA

- Commissioner Magruder moved to approve the agenda, adding item 5 to discussion items and an executive session starting at 2:10 pm, and Commissioner Garrett seconded. All in favor, the motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Columbia County Museum Association
 - a) Annual Meeting discussing the maritime display, plans for exhibits, the physical move from the Courthouse, public access to the museum, fair participation, the museum commission, DeMuro Award, and status of historic property recognition.
 - b) Recessed at 1:30 pm to tour the Museum Space at the John Gumm Building & Civic Center
 - c) Reconvened the regular meeting at 1:40 pm.
2. Riley Baker, General Services Director,
 - a) Bell Tower Renovation Project
 - a. KNCC is ready to remove the scaffolding around the bell tower and demolish the parking fencing, Conex, and their office space. However, taking it down now would mean losing some of the discounts we were offered for the next phase of renovations, which includes the handrails and columns. If we do not receive funding from the state, we will not have alternative resources to move the project forward. After the discussion, **Commissioner Magruder moved that the State allow part of the \$ 2 million for the clock tower by May 2nd, and then we will ask Kirby Nagelhout to stay. Commissioner Smith seconded. Commissioner Garrett nay. The motion carried.**
 - b. Incoming cellular communication indicated that the State is in favor of paying for the roof, but not the rest of the bell tower. After more discussion, the Board decided to allow Kirby Nagelhout to remove the scaffolding.
3. Sarah Hanson, County Counsel
 - a. Title III Grant Fund Obligation.
 - a. Requesting to open a forty-five-day period to accept written comments from the public on the application of payments received by the County pursuant to the SRS Act. Written comments will be accepted immediately through June 16, 2025. The proposed use of Title III revenue (approximately \$227,000.00) is to expand access to broadband telecommunications services in Columbia County. Expenditures will be made to partially reimburse for expenses and future expenses related to the County's BEAD application and implementation of BEAD grant requirements. After the discussion, **Commissioner Magruder moved to approve a Letter of Support for the BEAD Programs Application with RSG Telecom. Commissioner Garrett seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

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4. Commissioner Kellie Jo Smith would like to discuss the facilities use permit. Kellie Jo Smith brought information from another State building that does allow their facility to be used by the community. Counsel will bring back more information.
5. Larry Evenson, Director of Community Justice, is looking to give a letter of intent to award regarding the deflection program. After discussion, **Commissioner Magruder moved to provide a letter of intent to award to Hart. Commissioner Garrett seconded and expressed his frustration that the local architect did not win this bid. The motion carried unanimously.**

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR DISCUSSION

- Willamette Centennial Celebration on the weekend after the County Fair.
- May 20th Community Leader Forestry Tour would like you to come for a tour.
- Discussion to register the Commissioners to participate in the parade.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Commissioners recessed the regular scheduled meeting to enter executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(f), information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, and under ORS 192.660(2)(e), deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Coming out of executive sessions with no action taken, the Board returned to the regular scheduled meeting.

ADJOURN.

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned.

The recording of this meeting is posted at www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings

The next regular scheduled meeting is on May 7, 2025.

This meeting was held in a hybrid format at the John Gumm Building and Civic Center, Room 203.

Present: Commissioners Kellie Jo Smith, Casey Garrett, and Margaret Magruder; along with Jacyn Normine, BOCC Administrator, and Sarah Hanson, County Counsel.

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By: _____
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: _____
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: _____
Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner