

**Board of County Commissioners
For Columbia County, Oregon
Hybrid from the John Gumm Building and Civic Center
Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Commissioner Kellie Jo Smith, Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Commissioner Casey Garrett, Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Smith called this meeting to order at 10:01 am and led the pledge of allegiance.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

Josh Marks, St. Helens, Oregon, read a letter regarding the ambulance service contract.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Magruder seconded.

Vote: KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

PRESENTATION

1. Geoff Sinclair, Brown & Brown- Insurance Renewal for 2025-2026.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Smith read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

- A. Approve Select to Pay for May 29, 2025.
- B. Approve Order No. 28-2025, In the Matter of Declaring a Fiscal Emergency and Modifying Recording Dates under ORS 205.242 for the Columbia County Clerk

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

Commissioner Smith read the Agreements, Contracts, and Amendments in full. Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the Agreements, Contracts, and Amendments as presented. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

- A. Rescind C28-2025, Public Services Contract by and between Columbia County and Securus Technologies for AIC Phone Services, dated March 19, 2025.
- B. Rescind C28-2025, Master Opioid Settlement Agreement with Target Corporation, and authorize Sarah Hanson to sign.
- C. Approve C35-2025, Public Services Contract by and between Columbia County and Securus Technologies for AIC Phone Services.
- D. Approve C44-2018-6, Amendment No. 6 to the Intergovernmental Agreement with OHSU for Health Officer.
- E. Approve C74-2025, Master Opioid Settlement Agreement with Target Corporation, and authorize Sarah Hanson to sign

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Brian Pixley, County Sheriff, is here to discuss C50-2025, Agreement with Weyerhaeuser Timber Holding for the Delivery of Enhanced Law Enforcement Services. This will bring on a Timber Deputy to help regulate the forest. This will be brought back on the consent agenda next week.

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2. Riley Baker, General Services Director, is here to discuss the Ameresco-John Gumm Project, and we have received the final work and final invoice. The final documents will be added to the consent agenda next week.
3. Grant DeJongh, Public Works Assistant Director, is here to ask to open recruitment for an Engineering Technician I, which will open on June 6, 2025. There are a few changes to the job description related to the CAD requirement.
 - a. Commissioner Magruder moved to approve the job description as presented. Commissioner Garrett seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the recruitment for an Engineering Technician I. Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

- The Association of Oregon Counties retreat was great. Talk to lots of our cohorts who are all struggling with the same issues that we are; most of them are monetary.
- I'm glad to see our emergency folks out here today, and we will continue to be working with them. As a child from Clatskanie, I remember when the alarm went off, all the folks in town put their hammers down and went to the fire station to help. I have had to use the service multiple times and have always appreciated the great care.
- This Sunday at the Cultural Center, we will be having a Tony Watch Party for Cole Escola. \$15 tickets, and it will be a fabulous time.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

- Nice to be back in town after our little excursion in Sisters.
- River time in Rainier. You've got to love social media.
- I'm glad you fire professionals came here today. Third-hand conversations that happen through things like social media sometimes give slightly incorrect information that can then be blown up and cause a stir. I want to assure the public and everyone that even when we have struggles, we will get these things worked out in the end.
- I'm glad to hear we're not paying \$100,000 a month for insurance on this building.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

- I, too, want to thank you guys for being here today. We appreciate your communication, and I bounced in and out of our retreat, taking phone calls and working on our plan. Picking up the phone and having these conversations is great, and I think we all want the best for the Community. A little bit of oversight is healthy. I look forward to continuing to work together.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting is on June 11, 2025.

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