

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON
Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
Hybrid from the
John Gumm Building and Civic Center in
St. Helens, Oregon

WORK SESSION

Present: Commissioner Kellie Jo Smith, Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Commissioner Casey Garrett, Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel, and Jacyn Normine, Administrator.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Smith called this meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Magruder moved to approve the agenda, adding an executive session under ORS 192.660(2)(f). Commissioner Garrett seconded. **Vote:** MM, KJS, CG all in favor. Approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Jaime Aanensen, Public Health Director, along with Madison Riethman, Assistant Director of Public Health, are here to discuss an updated opioid settlement agreement.
 - a. Public Health would like to collaborate with the Sheriff's Office and other partners to identify and address gaps in the availability of health-related resources for individuals in jail.
 - b. Develop and administer a mini-grants process, open to community partners actively addressing various issues related to substance use in the county to build, improve, or sustain programming.
 - c. Support the Columbia County Medical Examiner in bolstering its capacity to identify and respond to drug-related fatalities.
 - d. Conduct outreach and education, and resource distribution to community members and partner organizations focused on substance use-related health outcomes.
 - e. Co-facilitate the Columbia County Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee in partnership with Columbia Community Mental Health, to provide input and recommendations on substance use-related activities and priorities.
 - f. Assess the community impact of initiatives and evolving funding needs related to substance use in Columbia County, building off the 2022 Columbia County Substance Use Services Assessment.

After discussion, Commissioner Magruder moved, and Commissioner Smith seconded the approval of the Columbia County Opioid Settlement Fund Proposal. The motion carried unanimously. VOTE: MM, KJS, CG all in favor. Approved.

2. Suzie Dahl, Land Development Services Director, is requesting that Open Recruitment be initiated for the Environmental Services Specialist 1 Position. After discussion, the Board would like staff to work toward opening this recruitment,

investigate sharing this position with Public Health, and explore an IGA with another County to support inspections until a new hire is on board. After the discussion, Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded, to open recruitment for the Environmental Services Specialist 1 position. The motion carried unanimously. VOTE: MM, KJS, CG all in favor. Approved.

3. Suzie Dahl is also here to discuss an extension of the County Resilience plan through ODOE (Amendment No. 2). We have a current expiration of December 31. We would like to extend through June 30th, 2026. After the discussion, the Board asked staff to bring this back to the consent agenda next week.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR DISCUSSION

No discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board recessed the regularly scheduled meeting to enter executive sessions under the following circumstances.

1. Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f), to consider the employment of an officer, employee, staff member, or agent.

Coming out of the executive sessions with no action taken.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm. The recording of this meeting is posted at www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2025.

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By: _____
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: _____
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: _____
Jacyn Normine, Administrator,

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner