

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON
Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Present:

Commissioner Kellie Jo Smith
Commissioner Margaret Magruder
Commissioner Casey Garrett
Sarah Hanson, County Counsel
Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator
Lindsay Elder, Assistant Finance Director
Pam Smith, Finance Director
Carrie Garcia, HR Director

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVE AGENDA

Amend the agenda to include an executive session pursuant to ORS. 192. 660(2)(f).
Commissioner Garrett moved to amend the agenda with adding an additional executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f). Commissioner Magruder seconded. **Vote:** MM, KS, CG All in favor. Approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Commissioners recessed the regular scheduled meeting to enter executive session under

- a. ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.
- b. ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

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

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Magruder is going to the Ways and Means Hearing in Astoria this weekend.

Discussion was held regarding the State Court funding for the Courthouse remodel and moving Land Development Services back to the Courthouse. Commissioner Smith will be meeting with State Courts next week to hear what they are requesting and offer options. Commissioner Garrett is also looking into further funding and is wanting to

come to a resolution regarding options for the first 2 million dollars which is close to expiring. He would like the options given to the Courts consistent with the original funding proposal: **1)** utilize the \$2 million funding to relocate the District Attorney and Juvenile Department, vacate State Courts from Main Floor Annex and dedicate entire 3rd Floor Annex to State Courts. **2)** State Courts utilizes entire \$2 million on county vacated space on 3rd Floor Annex, State Courts vacates Main Floor Annex to move to renovated 3rd Floor Annex space, DA stays in current space. **3)** Send back \$2 million to State General Fund, State Courts vacates 3rd Floor Annex space they're using for Jury Assembly and Break Area (Previously County Public Health and HR offices) so Land Development has space to move back and occupy the space on 3rd Floor Annex. Commissioner Magruder would like the State Courts request in writing. Commissioner Smith and Sarah Hanson from County Counsel will report back after their meeting.

The Chamber Event is this weekend and Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Magruder, and Jacyn Normine will be attending.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm. The recording of this meeting is posted at www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings

The next regular scheduled meeting is on April 2, 2025.

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By: _____
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: _____
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: _____
Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator

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Margaret Magruder, Commissioner