

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
April 16, 2025, Board Meeting
Hybrid from the
John Gumm Building at Civic Center
St. Helens, OR. 97051.

Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Smith called this meeting to order at 10:00 am and led the flag salute.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG in favor. Approved.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

No Comment

PRESENTATION

1. The Columbia Economic Team, Paul Vogel and Chrissy Marquardt, presented a slide deck on the services and accomplishments provided by the Economic Development team.
2. Northwest Regional, ESD, Eva Manderson, spoke about Child Care Providers and Provider Appreciation Day. Paul Vogel read the 2025 Provider Appreciation Day Proclamation into the record.
 - a. Commissioner Magruder moved and Commissioner Garrett seconded to declare May 9, 2025, as Provider Appreciation Day. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG in favor. Approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Smith read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Garrett moved and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. Approve Select to Pay for April 7th and April 9th, 2025.
- B. Approve the Board of Commissioners work session minutes for March 26, 2025.
- C. Approve the Board of Commissioners special meeting minutes for April 9, 2025.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

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

- A. Approve C74-2023-18 Amendment 18 to Agreement #180005 with the Oregon Health Authority for the Financing of Public Health Services and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- B. C155-2019-4 Amendment 4 to Public Services Contract with Trinity Services Group for Food Service in the Columbia County Jail.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

- We had the courtesy of the Senate floor on Monday while we were at the Association of Oregon Counties. I think we all enjoyed being on the floor with a Senator.
- One of the icons of the lobbying industry has recently died. Fred VanNatta was a hometown guy, raised here in Rainier. He lobbied for many years along with his daughter.
- I had the joy this weekend to see many young Columbia County people serving their communities. First, at the Warren Grange breakfast on Saturday morning. If you are not attending, it is the 2nd Saturday of every month at 7:30 am, with the Rodeo Court and Flag Bearers serving. Then I went to the NRA Banquet in Clatskanie on Saturday night, and the very successful trap shooting team was there serving. Then on Sunday at the Quincy Grange Dinner, the Clatskanie 4-Hers were there serving. It was so great to see young people engaging in their community.
- On the way home from the Warren Grange, I saw the Search and Rescue people doing a mile and a half clean up along Highway 30 in Rainier.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

- Easter Sunday is coming this Sunday.
- The Megga Egg hunt this Saturday at the Fair Grounds.
- You can also go on the Columbia County Your Place to Wander app and see what all the upcoming events are! Thank you to CET!
- Looking forward to the good weather coming up.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

- I was on the floor with Senator Robinson, and that was very nice, humbling, and I felt very welcomed.
- The prescription drug take back is at the Columbia County Sheriff’s office on April 26th from 10 am-2 pm at 901 Port Avenue here in St. Helens, Oregon.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.
 The recording of this meeting is posted at www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings
 The next regular scheduled meeting is on April 23, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
 Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: _____
 Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: _____
 Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator

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 Margaret Magruder, Commissioner