

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
February 26, 2025, Board Meeting
Hybrid from the
Columbia County Courthouse, 230 Strand St., 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 amend the agenda by adding a letter of Support for HB 2410 to the discussion. Commissioner Magruder seconded. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG in favor. Motion approved.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

Jim Gibson is here to talk to the Board regarding HB 2460.

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 in favor. Motion approved.

- A. Ratify Approval for Letter of Support for the State Avenue Restoration Project in Vernonia, OR.
- B. Ratify Approval for Letter of Support for Columbia Economic Team's USDA RBDG Application.
- C. Approve the Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for January 29 and February 5, 2025.
- D. Approve Board of Commissioners Work Session Minutes for February 5, 2025.
- E. Approve Select to Pay for February 19 and 21, 2025.
- F. Approve the Department of Environmental Quality Local Government Funding Authorization Form for Solid Waste and authorize the Chair to sign.
- G. Approve request to open an internal recruitment for Court Administrator for the Justice Court.
- H. Approve Out-of-State Travel for Carrie Garcia to attend the 2025 National Society of Human Resource Management Conference in San Diego, CA, from June 28, 2025, to July 2, 2025.
- I. Approve Order No. 7-2025, In the Matter of Exempting the Contract to Restore the Bell Tower at the Columbia County Courthouse from Competitive Bidding and Approving an Alternative Contracting Method.
- J. Approve Temporary OLCC License for the Wigwam Tavern on March 15, 2025, for the Rodeo Court Event at the Columbia County Fairgrounds and authorize the Chair to sign.

- K. Approve Temporary OLCC License for the Watering Hole, 2025 Celebration of Excellence Awards Banquet on March 29, 2025, at the Columbia County Fairgrounds and authorize the Chair to sign.

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. Motion approved.

- A. Amended Order No. 49-2024, In the Matter of Authorizing the Allocation of County Funds for Public Purposes- Columbia Pacific Economic Development District of Oregon, Inc. (Amended to Include Address for the John Gumm Building).
- B. Approve C15-2025, Intergovernmental Agreement No. 73000-00034887 by and between the State of Oregon Department of Transportation and Columbia County for OR47: Messing Creek Culvert Replacement and authorize the Chair to sign.
- C. Approve C42-2023-2, Amendment 2 to 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Subrecipient Agreement No. 32003030 and authorize the Chair to sign.
- D. Approve C74-2023-16, Amendment 16 to 2023-2025 Intergovernmental Agreement #180005 with the Oregon Health Authority for the Financing of Public Health Services and authorize the Chair to sign.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Jerry Walker, Public Health Assistant Director, is here to request an open recruitment for the Health Promotion Specialist Position (limited duration). After the discussion, Commissioner Magruder moved to approve the opening of a Health Promotion Specialist. Commissioner Garrett seconded. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG in favor. Motion approved.
2. Mike Russell, Public Works Director, is here to request an adjustment to Public Works Office Hours. After the discussion, Mike Russell will go back and come up with a different proposal.
3. Sara Smith, Public Works Engineering Technician, is here for approval for the 2025 Reach the Beach Road Event Permit and the 2025 Vernonia Marathon Road Event. The indemnity agreement will be returned to the consent agenda.

Commissioner Magruder moved to approve the permit for the Reach the Beach Road Event conditionally, with Mike Russell to sign. Commissioner Garrett seconded. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG in favor. Motion approved.

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the permit for the Vernonia Marathon Road Event and have Mike Russell sign. Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG in favor. Motion approved.

Commissioner Garrett is requesting a Letter of Support for HB 2410 and the use of our logo. After the discussion, Commissioner Magruder moved to approve the letter of support and the use of our logo. Commissioner Garrett seconded. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG in favor. Motion approved.

4. Commissioner Smith would like to add a line to the agenda request form for a spot where the Directors can indicate which Commissioner they have discussed their request with. After the discussion, Counsel will work with Department Heads and Jacyn.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

We will be heading to Washington, D.C. I hope to find some money to bring back to our County. We have some nice weather coming, so get out and enjoy it.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

Senator Wyden, Senator Merkley, and Representative Bonamici came to our county. We had a good turnout. It was interesting to hear the questions from the public and listen to the answers. We will be advocating for multiple issues in Washington, D.C. One of my top priorities will be the FEMA Bi-Op! Floodplainpretection.org if you would like to know more.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

The Community Action Team served 9,628 individuals and provided rental assistance totaling \$3,529,000.

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 March 5, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: _____
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: _____
Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator,

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner