

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON
Wednesday, July 2, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
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WORK SESSION

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

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

APPROVE AGENDA

- Commissioner Magruder moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Garrett seconded. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG in favor. Motion approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Parks Advisory Committee applicants Kristin McGill and Ralene Whitlock are here to discuss the opportunity to sit on this committee. After speaking with both applicants, the Board encouraged each of them to attend a few committee meetings to gain a better understanding of the committee's responsibilities and the parks the county oversees. Riley Baker will reach out to both Kristin and Ralene with the upcoming meeting information.
2. Jacob Anderson, Solid Waste Coordinator, is present regarding the Recycling Modernization Act (RMA) and the Circular Action Alliance (CAA) funding – Primary Funding Agreement, requesting the Board to review and sign the attached agreement. This agreement is to receive some funding from CAA for categories related to recycling system upgrades. This funding will be used to make changes to recycling processes, including transportation, Contamination Evaluation, Contamination Reduction Programming, Recycling Service Expansion, and Post-Consumer Recycling Content. Columbia County identified Contamination Reduction Programming as our only funding category for potential reimbursement. The Contamination Reduction Programming addenda covers this. Following this discussion, staff were directed to place the agreement on an upcoming consent agenda for approval.
3. Chris Wheatly, Transit Director, is present to update the Board on the FY25/27 STIF Grant Agreement. Typically, this would have been brought to the Board in June, but due to delays at ODOT regarding funding through the Legislative process and the Transportation Bill, Chris was unable to present to the BOCC until the beginning of July. Following the discussion, the Board directed Staff to place this agreement on an upcoming consent agenda for approval.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR DISCUSSION

Jacyn Normine, Commissioner's Office Administrator, announced the upcoming City-County Dinner being hosted by the City of St. Helens at the Elks Lodge on July 22, 2025. Commissioners Smith, Garrett, and Magruder would all like to be RSVP'd for this event.

Jacyn also shared that AOC sent an email regarding the District 7 meeting, scheduled for September 19, 2025, in Lincoln County. The location has not yet been determined.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM

Commissioner Smith would like to discuss upgrading the door and camera system at Justice Court in Vernonia. Justice Court has allocated \$ 9,000.00 towards the Courthouse Security Fund. The Courthouse Security Committee wanted to share this information with the Commissioners in case there were plans to relocate Justice Court or to terminate Justice Court Services altogether. The estimated cost for the door and cameras, for which the committee provided quotes, totaled around \$15,000.00 including a camera system for \$8000.00 and \$6735.00 for a door. Courthouse Security Commissioner has all approved up to \$15,000.00. Commissioner Magruder would like to have more information and is not in favor of these upgrades at this time.

Commissioners Smith and Garrett have no issues with the upgrades and have directed staff to work with the City of Vernonia to move forward.

Commissioner Garrett said the NWACT has lost its ODOT funding. Discussions are underway on how to sustain this advocacy group or a similar one. He will report back when he learns more.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:31 pm.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting is on July 09, 2025.

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