

**Columbia County Board of Commissioners
December 3, 2025, Board Meeting
Hybrid from the
John Gumm Building and 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/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Smith called this meeting to order at 10:24 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

No comment

PROCLAMATION

1. National Wreaths Across America Day
 - a. Commissioner Magruder read the proclamation.
 - b. Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded to adopt the proclamation as presented. The motion carried unanimously. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all 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 all in favor. Approved.

- Approve Select to Pay for November 26, 2025.
- Approve Commissioner Kellie Jo Smith's Delegation of Proxy to Commissioner Margaret Magruder for the 2025 AOCC Election of Officers at the December 12, 2025, Annual Meeting and Authorize Kellie Jo Smith to sign.
- Approve Commissioner Casey Garrett's Delegation of Proxy to Commissioner Margaret Magruder for the 2025 AOCC Election of Officers at the December 12, 2025, Annual Meeting and Authorize Casey Garrett to sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

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

- A.** Rescind C138-2025 Grant Agreement No. 35738 (5310) with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Public Transit Preventive Maintenance.
- B.** Approve Corrected C138-2025 Grant Agreement No. 35738 (5310) with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Public Transit Preventive Maintenance and Authorize the Chair to Sign.

- C. Rescind C139-2025 Grant Agreement No. 35739 (5310) with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Public Transit Preventive Maintenance.
- D. Approve Corrected C139-2025 Grant Agreement No. 35739 (5310) with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Public Transit Preventive Maintenance and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- E. Rescind C140-2025 Grant Agreement No. 35801 (5311) with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Public Transit Operations.
- F. Approve Corrected C140-2025 Grant Agreement No. 35801 (5311) with the Oregon Department of Transportation for Public Transit Operations and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- G. Approve C91-2024-1 First Amendment 1 to 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Subrecipient Agreement No. 32003376 and Authorize Chair to Sign.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Columbia County Courthouse, Phase II**, Commissioner Smith gave an update regarding the Christmas Tree bill that the County advocated in the amount of \$2 million. This is the second time the county has received this funding; the first round was spent primarily on an elevator, removal of a diesel tank, and seismic and electrical upgrades to the bell tower. For the last year, Columbia County has been in discussions with the Oregon Judicial Department and the Columbia County State Courts. Both sides have felt like they were making progress on multiple occasions, and both have also experienced frustrations. Riley Baker, General Service Director, will provide an update. In the past several years, the original plan was to move State Courts upstairs and to move Land Development Services to the 2nd floor. The State Courts' recent proposal is a 180-degree change. Riley needs direction from the Board on its preferences. With County Counsel assistance, the County has decided to continue discussions with Senator Weber to mainstream funding for all County purposes and to convene a working group with department heads.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

No Comment

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

Tomorrow, I will attend my 15-year-old grandson's induction into the National Honor Society. I feel very fortunate that he wants his grandmother there for this event, and I am so happy he has made it happen. Corey and I will speak with the regional disaster preparedness organization, whose funding has disappeared. We hope to help the group survive the cuts so we can all take advantage of the planning, equipment, and initiatives they are working on to help us through disasters. Toy and Joy is this weekend. You can even participate online! I'm trying to raise the level of joy in the room.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

Have a great day.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM. The recording of this meeting is posted at www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings
The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2025.

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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