

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
December 30, 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 10:00 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Magruder moved to amend the agenda to remove discussion item 2 and leave it open to Counsel and HR to reschedule. Commissioner Garrett seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

No comment

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.
- A.** Approve Board Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2025.
- B.** Approve Board Work Session Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2025.
- C.** Approve Select to Pay for December 23, 2025.
- D.** Approve Letter of Authority under the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance for Madison Riethman.
- E.** Appoint Chris Fluellen to the Columbia County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Advisory Commission, Seat #1, Law Enforcement Representative. This Term will Expire on December 31, 2027, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- F.** Appoint Alex Bubar to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Committee, Seat #12. This Term will Expire on December 31, 2028, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- G.** Reappoint Lacey Tolles to the Columbia County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Advisory Commission, Seat #22, Port of Columbia County Alternate Representative. This Term will Expire on December 31, 2028, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- H.** Approve Order No. 78-2025, In the Matter of the Livestock Attack by Two Dogs Owned by Ashley Webster and Jed Kanooth.

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 all in favor. Approved.
- A.** Approve C163-2025, Grant Agreement #TCP-27-10 with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for Columbia County Family Treatment Court and Authorize Larry Evenson to Sign.

- B. Approve C164-2025, Grant Agreement #TCP-27-11 with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for Columbia County Mental Health Court and Authorize Larry Evenson to Sign.
- C. Approve C165-2025, Intergovernmental Agreement #7105 with the Oregon Department of Corrections for Correctional Communication System Access and Authorize Larry Evenson to Sign.
- D. Approve C177-2025, Intergovernmental Agreement #6928 with the Oregon Department of Corrections for M57 Funds and Authorize the Chair to Sign.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Alan Holinbeck, Columbia County Museum Association, is creating a history guideline of Sheriffs who served in Columbia County. There are a couple of gaps for which he cannot find information, and he asked whether the Commissioners had any additional information. After the discussion, Commissioner Magruder recommended talking to the Oregon Sheriff’s Association or the National Sheriffs’ Association.
- 2. ~~Sarah Hanson, County Counsel~~, Pulled
- 3. Les Waters gave an update regarding the Oregon Geographic Name Board. Recommendations have been submitted, and we will wait for the Board to complete its process.

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Jacyn Normine asked the Board to look at the committees they are on. Please confirm whether any appointments are required and whether you would like to make any changes to the committees you participate in.
- Did you all receive the letter from the PUD regarding the project? Yes, they did, and Sarah Hanson will meet with Commissioner Hyde today and will return to the board with an update.
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COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

- Happy New Year and looking forward to a new year.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

- Happy New Year and looking forward to a new year. Please be safe and not drive after a night of celebration.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

- The Transit Advisory Committee is looking for members to sit on the committee.
- With the thought of the new year, we are closer to 2050 than we are to 2000.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM. The recording of this meeting is posted at www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2026.

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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