

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
February 11, 2026, 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 10:02 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

- Commissioner Garrett moved to approve 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

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 February 4, 2026.
 - B. Approve Letter of Support for the City of St. Helens, Community-Initiated Project Request-St. Helens Reservoir Project.
 - C. Approve OLCC Permit Application # 380665 Off-Premises Sales for Star Mart in Scappoose, Oregon.
 - D. Approve OLCC Permit Application #377112 for Limited On-Premises Sales for Sauvie Island Cove Market, Portland, Oregon.
 - E. Appoint Greg Rouse to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee as Waste Management Representative, Seat #8, with a Term to Expire December 31, 2029, and Authorize the Chair 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 in favor. Approved

- A. Approve C8-2026, Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Columbia County Deputy Sheriffs' Association.
- B. Approve C9-2026, Lakeside Industries, Inc. Price Quotation for Furnishing Asphalt to Columbia County for Calendar Year 2026.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Josh Pond, District Attorney, is here looking to open recruitment for the DDA I Position. The office is running on fumes, and we need to fill this position as soon as possible. We usually have two or three Victim Assistants, and we have one. We also usually have six to nine DDA's, and

we currently have four, and the case load is not getting smaller. Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded to open recruitment for the DDA I position. Motion carried unanimously. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG in favor. Approved.

2. Mike Russell, Public Works Director, along with Tatum Flowers, Solid Waste Coordinator. Is here to introduce Tatum and to discuss the transportation operations for the proposal process. We advertised proposals, and one proposal was received by January 13th. The current contract ends the first week of March, so we want to forego the process since we only received a proposal and went right into negotiations. Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded, to bypass the scoring procedure and authorize Mike Russell to issue notice of award at the appropriate time. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG in favor. Approved.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

We had a wonderful time in Salem with the Association of Oregon Counties, celebrating AOC's 120 years. The Association of Oregon Counties is building relationships with legislators, talking to them about our issues, and I think it was a successful day. It was very touching to have all the schoolchildren in the gallery as we met with a variety of legislators. Arthur Academy from Columbia County was there. If you have issues you would like the County to investigate during the short session, please let us know. Happy Valentine's Day!

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

We had some good meetings and hope we have made a difference. It all happened really fast, and we will see what happens.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

Next week, I will be out of the office. I will be taking a few extra days on the East Coast.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting is on February 18, 2026.

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