

**Columbia County Board of Commissioners
February 18, 2026, Board Meeting
Hybrid from the
John Gumm Building and Civic Center
St. Helens, OR. 97051.**

Present: Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Commissioner Casey Garrett, Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator. Not Present: Commissioner Kellie Jo Smith.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Garrett called this meeting to order at 10:01 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

Robert Hamilton, St. Helens, Oregon, is here to talk about ongoing noise violations in his neighborhood. Mr. Hamilton provided the Board with a letter with additional information.

HEARING

1. Public Land Corner Preservation Fund Fee Schedule: Sr. Assistant County Counsel Spencer Parsons introduced the purpose and procedure of today's hearing. When Ordinance No. 2006-10 is repealed, and Ordinance No. 2026-2 is adopted, the Fee Schedule will be adopted by Board Order. Nathan Woodward, County Surveyor, presented the staff report. After the discussion, Commissioner Garrett opened the floor for public testimony. With no testimony in opposition, in favor, or neutral, the Hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE READING

1. First Reading – Ordinance No. 2026-2, "In the Matter of Adopting the Public Land Corner Preservation Fund Ordinance". Sr. Assistant County Counsel Spencer Parsons read Ordinance No. 2026-2 by title only. "In the Matter of Adopting the Public Land Corner Preservation Fund Ordinance." The second reading will be on March 11, 2026. Ordinance No. 2026-2 will go into effect 90 days after the Board adopts Ordinance No. 2026-2.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Ratify C10-2026, Engagement Letter with Constangy Brooks Smith & Prophete, and Authorize Sarah Hanson to Sign.
- B. Approve C7-2026, Temporary Commercial License Agreement with the Port of Columbia County and Authorize Vice-Chair to Sign.
- C. Approve C50-2025-1, Amendment 1 to Agreement with Weyerhaeuser Timber Holdings for the Delivery of Enhanced Law Enforcement Services and Authorize Brian Pixley to Sign.
- D. Approve C82-2025-6, Sixth Amendment to 2025-2027 Intergovernmental Agreement #185805 with the Oregon Health Authority for the Financing of Public Health Services and Authorize the Vice Chair to Sign.
- E. Ratify Letter of Support for Vernonia School District's Request for Federal Funding to Construct a Covered Grandstand with Accessible Restroom Facilities at the Vernonia School Campus.
- F. Ratify Letter of Support for the City of Clatskanie's Request for \$5Million in Federal Funding to Complete Construction of a New Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- G. Ratify Approval Anomaly Brewing Company LLC. OLCC Application No. LQ-F-COM-7018 for Full On-Premises Commercial Sales.
- H. Approve Select to Pay for February 11, 2026.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Tatum Flowers, Solid Waste Coordinator,
 - a. Request to Approve C15-2021-2, Amendment 2 to Agreement with ACTenviro for Household Hazardous Waste Operations. Commissioner Magruder moved to approve C15-2021-2 Amendment 2 to Agreement with ACTenviro for Household Hazardous Waste Operations. Authorizing Mike Russell to sign. Commissioner Garrett Seconded. **Vote:** MM/CG all in favor. Approved.
 - b. Request to Approve C19-2021-1, First Amendment to Public Services Contract By and Between Columbia County and Waste Connections of Oregon, Inc., DBA Hudson Garbage Service for Transportation and Disposal of Solid Waste. Commissioner Magruder moved to approve C19-2021-1, First Amendment to Public Services Contract By and Between Columbia County and Waste Connections of Oregon, Inc., DBA Hudson Garbage Service for Transportation and Disposal of Solid Waste, contingent on the correction of a typographical error. Commissioner Garrett seconded. **Vote:** MM/CG all in favor. Approved
 - c. Request to Approve Agreement with Waste Connections of Oregon for Operations of Solid Waste Transfer Station for a one-month extension to allow time to negotiate a new contract. Commissioner Magruder moved to approve the request to extend the current contract by one month, ending on March 1, 2026, and authorize the Public Works Director to sign. Commissioner Garrett seconded. **Vote:** MM/CG all in favor. Approved.
- 2. Grant DeJongh, Public Works Assistant Director,
 - a. Request to Approve C93-2025-2, Public Services Contract By and Between Columbia County and Braxling, Inc., for Rock Crushing Services at Ross Pit. Commissioner Magruder moved to approve C93-2025-2, contingent on the correction of Exhibit A to change \$1,500.00 to \$500.00. Commissioner Garrett seconded. **Vote:** MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

My Grandson is a new driver. He takes after me; he likes to drive fast.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

No meetings next week, February 25, 2026. We will see you all when we return from the NACo Conference in Washington, D.C.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

Not present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board recessed the regular scheduled meeting to enter an executive session. Pursuant to ORS 192.660(F), to consider information or records that are exempt from disclosure by law. Sr. Assistant Spencer Parsons and Assistant Counsel Ed McGlone.

The Board reconvened the regularly scheduled meeting, coming out of executive session with no action taken.

Commissioner Magruder moved to approve C14-2026, Retainer Agreement with Wood Smith Henning and Berman. Commissioner Garrett seconded. **Vote:** MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator, brought back to the Board a request to appoint Butch Guess to the Columbia County Fair Board. The appointment was pulled from the consent agenda a couple of weeks back for the Board to further review. Commissioners Garrett and Magruder both had time to conduct their due diligence and are ready to make a motion. Commissioner Magruder moved to appoint Butch Guess to the Columbia County Fair Board, with a term expiring January 1, 2029. Commissioner Garrett seconded. **Vote:** MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator, presented the Board with a letter addressed to Robert Cromwell. Commissioner Magruder moved to approve the letter as presented. Commissioner Garrett seconded. **Vote:** MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator, went over the Board office staff schedules for the days the Board would be in Washington, D.C., with a quick reminder that there will be no Board meetings on February 25, 2026.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 AM. The recording of this meeting is posted at www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings The next regular scheduled meeting is on March 4, 2026.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____ Not Present _____
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: _____
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: _____
Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner