

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
February 4, 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 10:00 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Oregon Judicial Department, Renovations of the Columbia County Courthouse.
 - Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, opened this discussion and gave some background.
 - Senator Weber gave an update on her work advocating for this money and the intent for the Legislative Counsel opinion.
 - Kimberly McCullough, Senior Counsel for OJD, gave input regarding the OJD position.
 - Jessica Roeser, Deputy State Court Administrator, gave input.
 - After the discussion, the County will scope both plan A and plan B.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

Carmen Amoacusi, Scappoose, Oregon, is here regarding noise at the courthouse during court.

Lawana Poirier, Rainier, Oregon, is here regarding Public Works.

Nancy Reed Scappoose, Oregon, is here to discuss Columbia County 911.

Linda Fouler, Goble, Oregon, regarding Ross Pit.

Paulette Fraser, Scappoose, Oregon, is here to discuss the Road Department.

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 Board Minutes from January 14 and January 21, 2026.
- B. Approve Select to Pay for January 28, 2026.
- C. Approve OLCC Application for Crooked Creek Brewery to hold a Special Event for the Oregon Hunters Banquet, February 21, 2026, 4 pm-11 pm at 58892 Saulser Rd. St. Helens, OR, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- D. Knowledge OLCC Application No. 343720 Off-Premises Sales for Deer Island Store, Rainier, OR. Effective January 04, 2025- March 31, 2026.

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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 C143-2023-1, Amendment 1 to Personal Services Contract with Columbia Health Services for Teen and Family Transition Services.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Riley Baker, General Services Director, is here to request recruitment for the custodian position. After discussion, Commissioner Magruder moved, and Commissioner Smith seconded to open recruitments for the Custodian position. Commissioner Garrett nay, motion carried.
Vote: KJS/MM in favor, CG Nay. Approved.
2. Corey Padron, Director of Emergency Management, is here regarding a hanger rental agreement. The purpose behind this contract is to store trailers for emergency preparedness. This will cost \$ 5,000.00 per year. Corey will be coming back in one year. This will come back to a consent agenda.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

- No comment

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

- I attended the celebration of life of Commissioner Claire Hall, a Lincoln County Commissioner, and it was a wonderful tribute at the Celebration of Life. With over 300 people in attendance. If anyone is interested in donating to the Claire Hall Scholarships, I have envelopes.
- Blood drive this week here at John Gumm. If you have not signed up, please do. We usually have a little competition on who can donate the fastest. I did not win last time, but I hope to this time.
- I appreciate the public for participating in our meetings. I encourage you to inform yourself well because sometimes we misinterpret information.
- Yankton Grange at 1 pm this Saturday for a pie auction. This is a fundraiser for the Grange Farm Museum at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. I don't know if Mark Kuhn will be the auctioneer, but I think he will be.
- RSVP needs volunteers. You can go to the County website and look for all committees that need people.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

- The City/County dinner is tomorrow night in Clatskanie.
- Next week, we will spend a few days in the State Capital.
- The week after, we will be in Washington, D.C.
- Busy month of travel.
- Columbia County Mental Health buildings that are being built with ARPA money. This will bring back our detox center with ten beds with 24/7 admissions
Gordan Davas, thank you for all the volunteer work that you are doing!
- RSVP will be here next Thursday, and the museum will be open.

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ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.
The recording of this meeting is posted at www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings
The next regular scheduled meeting is on February 11, 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