

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON
Wednesday, March 11, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
Hybrid from the
John Gumm Building and Civic Center in
St. Helens, Oregon

WORK SESSION

Present: Commissioner Kellie Jo Smith, Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Commissioner Casey Garrett, Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel, and Jacyn Normine, Administrator.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Smith called this meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

APPROVE AGENDA

- Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Magruder seconded. **Vote:** KS, MM, & CG in favor. Approved.
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COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS

1. Nicolle Tasoulas is here to discuss becoming a member of the Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee. Commissioner Magruder moved to appoint Nicolle Tasoulas to position 3 on the Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee, with a term expiring June 30, 2028. Commissioner Garrett seconded and authorized the vice chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously. **Vote:** KJS, MM & CG in favor. Approved.
2. Lorraine Churchill is here to discuss becoming a member of the Parks Advisory Committee. Commissioner Garrett moved to appoint Lorraine Churchill to position 3 on the Parks Advisory Committee, with a term expiring December 31, 2028, and authorized the vice chair to sign. Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously. **Vote:** KJS, MM & CG in favor. Approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Tatum Flowers, Solid Waste Coordinator, and Derek Ranta, Waste Connections, are here with a Proposal for Solid Waste Transfer Station Operations. After the discussion, Public Works will conduct further investigations to ensure we are receiving best value for services and then return to the consent agenda.
2. Mark Pacheco, Public Information, is here with Kevin Lyons, FlashVote, to present the results of the first survey that has been conducted in the County. Kevin walked the Board through the online reports, demographics (area, age groups, gender, etc.), and individual results. Kevin answered questions regarding the survey duration and the availability of results to respondents and residents. Margaret expressed interest in having the results posted to the website.
3. Andrea Jurkiewicz, Assessor, joined the Board to give an update on the Assessors' office projects and programs completed over the past year, and upcoming projects they are looking forward to. Andrea also discussed plans for the future, including the retirement of two long-term employees in the near future. Andrea's report was very detailed and informative. She speaks highly of her staff and the amazing work they all do.

ADMINISTRATOR BOARD MATTERS

- SAFE is asking if they can set up a table for Sexual Assault Awareness in between the two courtrooms in the Courthouse. The Board agreed to allow this.
- Two PPE stations are left in the courthouse, and we have two questions about them. Do we want to keep them, and who would be responsible for keeping them full? The Board agreed to store these stations.
- The Columbia County Museum Commission is meeting next week. Jacyn requested that Deborah Hazen and Kay Heflin be reappointed to the committee. After the discussion.
 - Commissioner Garrett moved to reappoint Deborah Hazen to the Columbia County Museums Commission, seat 3, with a term to expire 12.31.2027 and authorize the Vice Chair to sign. Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously. VOTE KJS, MM & CG all in favor.
 - Commissioner Garrett moved to reappoint Kay Heflin to the Columbia County Museums Commission, seat 4, with a term to expire 12.31.2028, and authorize the Vice Chair to sign. Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously. VOTE KJS, MM & CG all in favor.

BOARD ROUNDTABLE

- Commissioner Magruder is heading to the O&C meetings tomorrow.
- Commissioner Smith relayed the request that the State Court be allowed to use the old museum space in the Old Court House. Commissioner Magruder and Commissioner Garrett were opposed to this request. The Board majority decided not to allow.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:09 pm. The recording of this meeting is posted at www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings

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

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By: _____
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: _____
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: _____
Jacyn Normine, Administrator,

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner