

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON
Wednesday, March 18, 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:** KJS, MM & CG in favor. Approved.

COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS

1. Jennifer Teitzel is here and interested in being on the Parks Advisory Committee. After discussion, Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded, to appoint Jennifer Teitzel to the Columbia County Parks Committee to complete the term of position number 5, with the term expiring December 31, 2026, and to authorize the chair to sign. **Vote:** KJS, MM & CG in favor. Approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Chris Wheatly, Columbia County Rider Director, gave a department update.
2. Tatum Flowers, Solid Waste Coordinator, and Kanale Tumlinson, Waste Connections, are here with updates from last week's meeting and to continue the discussion regarding a transfer operations contract. After discussion, Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded the approval of C13-2026, Agreement with Waste Connections of Oregon for Operation of the Solid Waste Transfer Station. **Vote:** KJS, MM & CG in favor. Approved.
2. Revenue Options Committee Presentation, Mike Russell, Public Works Director, gave a presentation of ideas for revenue for the County. The ideas brought before the Board are county-wide business license, increase natural resource depletion fee, implement regular fee increases for various departments existing and proposed fees, implementation of fees for use of county properties, implement SDC fees for roads and parks, school construction excise tax, implementation of cable franchise fees, implement a county transient lodging tax, impose a timber tax, impose a county vehicle registration fee, and formation of a public safety service district. The committee will return next month to discuss how the Board would like them to move forward.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The Board recessed the regular scheduled meeting to enter into an executive session Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations, Carrie Garcia, HR Director.

Coming out of the executive session with no action. The Board returned to the regular scheduled meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR BOARD MATTERS

- Another Kudos for the Public Roads department from Leslie Wentworth emailed in and said thank you for coming out to Mist and filling in the potholes, it was a nice surprise.
- Registration has opened for the AOC legislative retreat in Sisters. This year, it will be June 28th -30th. All three Board members are available and would like to be registered.
- Eva Manderson would like to hold the Child Care Advisory Committee monthly meeting. CET used to host these meetings. She would like to hold a meeting on the second Thursday of each month from 9 am to 10:30 am. The Board agreed to allow this to continue.

BOARD ROUNDTABLE

Wayne Weigandt passed away on February 18, 2026. He was one of the good ones.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm. The recording of this meeting is posted at www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings

The next regular scheduled meeting is on March 25, 2026.

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By: _____
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: _____
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: _____
Jacyn Normine, Administrator,

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner