

Columbia County Board of Commissioners  
May 21, 2025, Board Meeting  
Hybrid from the  
**John Gumm Building and Civic Center**  
**251 St. Helens Street, St. Helens, OR. 97051.**

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Present:

Commissioner Kellie Jo Smith  
Commissioner Margaret Magruder  
Commissioner Casey Garrett  
Spencer Parsons, Sr. Assistant County Counsel  
Kathy Coddington, Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Smith called this meeting to order at 10:01 am and led the flag salute.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG in favor. Approved.

**VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT**

No Comment

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Smith read the entire consent agenda. Commissioner Magruder moved, and Commissioner Garrett seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion approved unanimously.

- A. Approve the Board meeting minutes from February 26, 2025, and April 2, 2025.
- B. Approve the Board work session minutes from April 2, 2025.
- C. Approve Association of O & C Counties FY 25-26 Dues for \$11,686.14.
- D. Approve Select to Pay for May 12 and May 14, 2025.
- E. Approve Order No. 22-2025, In the Matter of Authorizing the Allocation of County Funds for Public Purposes- Columbia Health Services.
- F. Approve Letter of Authority under the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance for Sarika Kathuria.
- G. Reappoint members to the Homeland Security Emergency Management Committee (HSEMC) with terms to expire December 31, 2027. Jeff Pricher, seat two, Jeff Van Natta, seat four, Jaime Aanensen, seat seven, Kyle Boggs, seat ten, Lonny Welter, seat 13, Dannell Hooper to alternate seat sixteen, Mike Russell to alternate seat twenty-five, 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 C63-2025, Sponsorship Agreement with Columbia Health Services, and authorize the Chair to sign.
- B. Approve Amendment 1 to C11-2023, Personal Services Contract with Oregon Natural Forestry, LLC for Forestry Services for Carcus Creek Timber Harvest.
- C. Approve C66-2025, Transportation Safety Office Grant Agreement with Oregon Impact for DUII Enforcement and authorize the Chair to sign.
- D. Approve C67-2025, Transportation Safety Office Grant Agreement with Oregon Impact for Pedestrian Safety and authorize the Chair to sign.
- E. Approve C68-2025, Transportation Safety Office Grant Agreement with Oregon Impact for Distracted Driving and authorize the Chair to sign.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Andrea Jurkiewicz, Assessor, is requesting approval for C73-2024-1, First Amendment to Public Services Contract by and between Columbia County and Helion Software, Inc. for Assessment and Taxation Software Services. After discussion, **Commissioner Garrett moved to approve C73-2024-1, First Amendment to Public Services Contract by and between Columbia County and Helion Software, Inc. for Assessment and Taxation Software Services. Commissioner Magruder seconded. Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion approved unanimously.

### COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

Our jail levy renewal passed! I was thrilled to see that at 11 p.m. last night, when the second set of results was released. Of course, it is not final just yet. We may have thousands of mail-in ballots that have not come in! It was sad to me to see that only 27% of the people voted. I wonder why people choose not to participate in voting.

### COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

Thank you to all who helped raise funds to get the signs out and the mailers. All those things cost a lot of money to raise awareness, and it seemed to work this time. In two more years, we will have another one for the Law Enforcement Levy!

### COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

The Amani Center Walk had a great turnout. Transit and Public Health were in attendance. Thank you to Don and all the election volunteers for their hard work.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. The Board recessed its regularly scheduled meeting to enter executive sessions with Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, and Riley Baker, Director of General Services.
  - a) Under ORS. 192.660 (2)(f), to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.
  - b) Under ORS 192.660(2)(e), to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Coming out of executive session with no action taken.

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**ADJOURN**

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:51 AM.

The recording of this meeting is posted at [www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings](http://www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings)

The next regular scheduled meeting is on May 28, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathy Coddington, Administrative Assistant

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner