



Jail Operating Citizens Advisory Committee (JOCAC)

MEMORANDUM

The Jail Operating Citizens Advisory Committee (JOCAC) advises the Board of Commissioners and the County Sheriff on proper spending of funds raised by levies for operating the Columbia County Jail. They also report periodically to the board and explain to county residents how funds are being distributed. JOCAC was formed in 2014 to ensure accountability and transparency to taxpayers following the passage in 2013 of a \$7 million bond to operate and maintain the 255-bed facility. Voters renewed the levy in 2016, 2020, and 2025.

The Committee consists of nine members appointed by the Board of Columbia County Commissioners. Terms will be staggered over one to three years, with term expirations on June 30th.

The JOCAC has five seats open for new membership appointments. The applicant's qualifications should include experience and/or interest in the fiscal operations of the Columbia County Jail. Members should be experienced in budgetary management and outcome-based budgeting.

Open Seat, Position No. 1, term expiration 6/30/27

Open seat, Position No. 2, term expiration 6/30/26

Open seat, Position No. 3, term expiration 6/30/26

Open seat, Position No. 4, term expiration 6/30/27

Open seat, Position No. 7, term expiration 6/30/27

Today, June 11, 2025, Mechelle Komraus from Scappoose and Paul Carroll from St. Helens will meet with the Board of County Commissioners to be considered for a membership seat on JOCAC.

JOCAC meetings typically happen once every quarter in a hybrid session. The next meeting is scheduled at 1:00 p.m. on July 28, 2025.

s/Jacyn Normine