

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON
Wednesday, September 17, 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, Spencer Parsons, Sr. Assistant County Counsel, 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 with the removal of item 3 from discussion. Commissioner Magruder seconded. **Vote:** MM, KJS, & CG in favor. Approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Les Watters, Museum Curator, and Suzie Dahl, Land Development Services Director, are here to discuss Oregon Geographics Names. Les is looking for recommendations to take to the State Board regarding a renaming of three locations in Columbia County.
2. Corey Padron, Emergency Management Director, is here to request ratification of the EMPG application submitted on September 12, 2025. After the discussion, Commissioner Magruder moved to ratify the submission of the EMPG application. Commissioner Garrett seconded. **Vote:** MM, KJS, & CG in favor. Approved.
- ~~3. Chris Wheatley, Transit Director – Pulled
 - a) ~~Requesting Approval for Public Transportation Grants.~~
 - a. ~~Agreement 35801, Operating 5311~~
 - b. ~~Agreement 35738, Capital 5310~~
 - c. ~~Agreement 35739, Capital 5310~~~~
4. Riley Baker, General Services Director, and Nathan Woodward, County Surveyor, are here to discuss County Parks Property Inadvertently Logged. The Board directed staff to determine which properties belong to the county and which belong to Weyerhaeuser.
5. Mike Russell, Public Works Director, Grant DeJongh, Assistant Public Works Director, and Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel, are here to discuss Luma Vista in Scappoose, Oregon. After the discussion, the Board directed staff to report back to the

property owners and the City of Scappoose that the Board will consider a gate with conditions.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR DISCUSSION

- AOC Member/Business Dinner RSVP on Tuesday the 18th. The Board would like Jacyn to notice this meeting.
- County Picnic is up to 223 RSVPS with 7 Directors and Assistant Directors signed up to grill and serve.
- District 7 in Newport for 09.19.2025, and there is an agenda attached to your calendar.

BOARD ROUNDTABLE

Out of Darkness Walk this Saturday in Scappoose, and Public Health will be there doing face painting.

Transit Resource Fair Tomorrow in Rainier.

Scappoose Senior Center had a grand reopening today.

Also, a Band Festival with 28 bands will be performing in St. Helens this weekend.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm. The recording of this meeting is posted at www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings

The next regular scheduled meeting is on September 24, 2025.

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By: _____
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: _____
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: _____
Jacyn Normine, Administrator,

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner