Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission (HSEMC)

08 September 2026
14:00 – 15:00 In Person CC Public Works/Zoom Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Columbia County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission Membership Table		
Representation	**Primary Member**	**Alternate Member**
Law Enforcement	Chris Fluellen, Scappoose PD	Ryan Murphy, CCSD
Fire/EMS	Jeff Pricher, Scappoose Fire	Bruce Holsey, Clatskanie Fire
C911CD	Jeremy Hipes, C911	Dannell Hooper, C911
North County	Jeff VanNatta, Rainier	
South County	Mike De Roia, St. Helens	Benjamin Burgener, Scappoose
Mid County		
Public Health	Jaime Aanensen, Columbia County Public Health	
Industry	Tracy Oliver, InRoads	Fran Erikson, Columbia River Nitrogen
Port of Columbia County	Miriam House, Port of CC	Lacey Tolles, Port of CC
Utilities	Kyle Boggs, Columbia River PUD	Sarah Johnson, Clatskanie PUD
Schools		
At Large Position 1	Mike Russell, CC Public Works	
At Large Position 2	Lonny Welter, Retired Public Works	Terry Martin, ARC/SAR
Ex-Officio	Jessica Kosydar, Columbia County Emergency Management	
County Commissioners*	Kellie Jo Smith, Margaret Magruder, Casey Garrett	
Guests	Larry Hill, Kim Karber, Mellissa Dueck, Sarah Busch, Tyler Miller	

KEY: **Member Present**
Member Not Present
Chair – Mike Russell
Vice Chair – Mike De Roia
Secretary – Sarah Johnson

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Topic	Desired Outcome
Called to Order	Call to Order by Mike Russell at 14:00 hrs. Quorum met. Quorum needed – 7 Voting Members. Present – 9
Amendments to Agenda	None -approved as presented
Welcome, Introductions, Minutes, and Guest Speakers	Welcome, flag salute, and Introductions - Conducted Minutes of the July 14, 2026 Meeting were presented. Upon motion by Lonny Welter and seconded by Jamie Aanensen the minutes were approved. Motion passed unanimously. No guest speaker.
Department of Emergency Management Update	• Jamie Aanensen and Jessica Kosydar provided the Emergency Management Update. • Jessica reported that the Community Wildfire Protection Plan meetings have begun with the first one held in Rainier. Six meetings will be held across the County, and the survey will be advertised with a QR code to encourage more participation. • Jessica provided the status of several projects including the Mass Casualty Incident Plan and Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. She also announced that a full-scale exercise of air-supported distribution of resources and communications will be held at the Scappoose airport and Trojan site, October 15th will be The Great Oregon Shakeout, and October 21st a county-wide fire drill will be held. • Planning is underway for a multiagency training exercise for Law Enforcement and Fire/EMS that will be held in February 2027 at Trojan. • Jessica will attend the Oregon Emergency Management Association Conference October 5-8. Jamie Aanensen and Mike Russell will back up the EM phone. • A recent tornado sighting was monitored but it did not touch the ground. • Jamie Aanensen reported that she and Sheriff Pixley met with the Columbia County Commissioners and it was decided that Emergency Management will remain in the Public Health Department through June of 2027. She provided the financial update as well, there is $74,438 in the HSEMC account with no expenses charged since July 1, 2026. They are using county and grant funds for staffing at this time. • The decrease in grant funds through State and Federal programs were discussed. Chief Fluellen asked why the funds from the Federal Government this year were less. Jessica responded that it has to do with provisions around the elections and Oregon's battles at the Federal level.
IGA Committee	• The IGA committee is working with the original 2007 version of the IGA as a guide to move forward with drafting the new IGA. • Jessica confirmed that the next IGA committee meeting needed to be set up and they would work to set it up directly after this meeting.
Membership Appointments	• The membership appointments that are vacant were discussed. Follow up is needed for several positions. Jessica will also be sending out the letters for those appointments expiring at the end of the year for reappointment to serve another term. Recruitment is needed to fill the open positions.

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Board of Commissioners' Report	• Margaret Magruder expressed gratitude for the work that has been done by Sheriff Pixley, Jamie Aanensen, Jessica Kosydar, and the HSEMC IGA committee members to move through this transition and work on the IGA. With an earthquake and tornado warnings, the EM team was on it and no negative impacts were felt. She also invited everyone to talk to the commissioners as they love to hear input from the public.
Member Updates Closing Comments	• Mike Russell highlighted the importance of the public meetings for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan and the survey that needs to be completed by the end of October. It is located on the County website with a QR code and print versions available. • Fran Erickson reported that Columbia River Nitrogen will host a tabletop exercise on November 5th and invitations will be sent out soon. • Chief Fluellen reported that Scappoose has 11 officers now and the work with the CERT team is going well. He is monitoring the possible traffic impacts the I-5 southbound closure could create. • Jessica Kosydar reported that a survey was conducted for the State to evaluate available emergency shelters. They were happy with our emergency shelter location at the fairgrounds as it can be used for people and livestock.
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned by Mike Russell at 14:31 hrs.

Next Meeting: November 10, 2026 14:00.