

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
June 24, 2026, Board Meeting
Hybrid from the
John Gumm Building and Civic Center
St. Helens, OR. 97051.

Present: Commissioner Kellie Jo Smith, Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Commissioner Casey Garrett, Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Smith called this meeting to order at 10:00 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Garrett moved to amend the agenda to correct contracts, agreements, and amendments B. from PHIS-WS to APHIS-WS. Commissioner Magruder seconded. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion Approved.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

Truett Stolzenberg addressed the Board regarding the historical and legal status of Beaver Dike Road and Erickson Dike Road. He stated that discussions concerning these roads should focus on their legal classification and historical records rather than assumptions regarding historical funding arrangements. He referenced changes to Oregon county road laws enacted in 1981 and encouraged further examination of the roads' legal status and the process required to alter that status. A copy of his prepared comments was provided to the Board.

Nancy Ward, Columbia County Port Commissioner, commented in support of continued review of the historical documentation regarding the roads discussed by Mr. Stolzenberg. She acknowledged the extensive research conducted and noted the importance of resolving affected parties, including the Port and its tenants.

HEARINGS

1. In the Matter of a Supplemental Budget for Columbia County FY25/26.
The floor was opened for public testimony. With no one coming forward, the floor was closed, and the hearing was adjourned.
2. In the Matter of the Columbia County Budget for FY26/27.
The floor was opened for public testimony. With no one coming forward, the floor was closed, and the hearing was adjourned.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Ratify Approval for a Letter of Support for United Way of Northwest Oregon Volunteer Management Platform.
- B. Approve the Board Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2026, and June 17, 2026.
- C. Approve Order No.14-2026, In the Matter of the Distribution of Proceeds Under ORS 275.275 [2026 Distribution: Gas & Land Sales].

- D. Approve Order No.15-2026, In the Matter of the Distribution of Rail Reimbursement Payment.
- E. Approve Order No. 16-2026, In the Matter of the Distribution of Forest Trust Land Revenues [2026 Distribution].
- F. Approve Resolution No.18-2026, In the Matter of Supplemental Budget #2 Reallocating Appropriations Between Categories in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget.
- G. Approve Resolution No.19-2026, In the Matter of the Adoption of the Columbia County Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and the Appropriation and Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes.
- H. Approve Order No.20-2026, In the Matter of Transferring Franchise Fees From the Solid Waste Fund to the General Fund.
- I. Approve Letter of Authority Under the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance for Zak Osborne.
- J. Approve the 2026 Hood to Coast Event Permit and Authorize Mike Russel to sign.
- K. Approve Personnel Actions for Department Heads, effective July 1, 2026, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS / AMENDMENTS

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

Commissioner Garrett commented, "I voted no on our budget strategy moving up to this, but we are down to the line, and we haven't made any changes. We're required by law to pass a budget, so I'll be voting yes to pass it. I hope we make the right decisions moving forward to get things in order.

- A. Approve C20-2024-1, Amendment 1 to Community Block Grant Regional Housing Rehabilitation Grant Contract with the Oregon Business Development Department and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- B. Approve C76-2026, Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services (APHIS-WS) for Wildlife Services Program and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- C. Approve C77-2026, Indemnity Agreement for the 2026 Hood to Coast Relay Event for August 28-29, 2026, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- D. Approve C78-2026, Permit and Hold Harmless for City of St Helens Fourth of July Event in the Plaza and Authorize the Chair to sign.
- E. Approve C79-2026, Oregon Department of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant # FM5457-06 and Authorize the Chair to sign.
- F. Approve C80-2026, Oregon Department of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant # FM5457-07 and Authorize the Chair to sign.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

None

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

- The upcoming Crown Zellerbach Run and volunteer opportunities.
- Community events, including the Clatskanie car show and Pie in the Park.
- Attendance at the Oregon & California Counties (O&C) Lands meeting in Medford.
- Participation in the Kiwanis Parade.

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COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

- Hosted Statewide of Oregon Main Street organization representatives in St. Helens, this week.
- Recognition of county employees affected by recent layoffs and appreciation for their service.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

The recording of this meeting is posted at www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings

The next regular scheduled meeting is on July 01, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: 
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: 
Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator

By: 
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner