

**Columbia County Board of Commissioners
July 8, 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, Ed McGlone, Assistant 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 Smith requested that the Deliberations be pulled from the agenda. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the agenda, pulling the Deliberations. Commissioner Magruder seconded.

Vote: KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

No comment

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Suzie Dahl, Land Development Services Director, briefed the Board regarding a DEQ Intergovernmental Agreement for On-Site Program; Contract #R002-26, and is asking for approval of C86-2026. After discussion, Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded, to approve C86-2026, Intergovernmental Agreement by and Between the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Columbia County Permitting and Inspection of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems, and to authorize the Chair to Sign. The motion carried unanimously. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.
2. Mike Russell, Public Works Director, is here requesting to submit a grant application to the DOT Aquatic Organisms Passage Grant Program. After discussion, Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve to submit the grant application to the DOT Aquatic Organisms Passage Grant Program and authorize Mike Russell to sign. The motion carried unanimously. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.
3. David Leader, Assessment, and Nathan Woodward, Surveyor, are here to request the surplus of the Surveyor's 2009 Chevrolet Silverado. After discussion, Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded to allow Nathan Woodward to surplus a 2009 Chevrolet Silverado. The motion carried unanimously. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.
4. Jaime Aanensen, Public Health Director, is here to request an Outreach and Communications Specialist Job Description and to open recruitment for a Grant-Funded, Limited Duration Outreach and Communications Specialist Position. After discussion, Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the job description of an Outreach and Communications Specialist. The motion carried unanimously. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved. Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded to open recruitment for an Outreach and Communications Specialist. The motion carried unanimously. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

DELIBERATIONS -Pulled

- ~~1. In the Matter of the Rate Adjustments for Solid Waste Curbside Collection Services in Unincorporated Columbia County and Tipping Fees at the Columbia County Transfer Station.~~

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.

- Approve Order No. 23-2026, In the Matter of the Application by NW Natural for a Conditional Use Permit to Drill Twelve Injection/Withdrawal and Monitoring Gas Wells in the Primary Forest (PF-80) Zone (CU 25-169) off Miller Station Road Near Mist.
- Approve CAT Continuum of Care Funding Application for the CAT Fish DV Bonus RRH # 223484 and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- Approve CAT Continuum of Care Funding Application for the CAT Permanent Housing Program PH #223485 and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- Approve CAT Continuum of Care Funding Application for the Cat New Beginnings # 223486 and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- Approve CAT Continuum of Care Funding Application for the CAT St. Helens PH-RRH Consolidated # 223487 and Authorize the Chair to Sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

Commissioner Smith read the Agreements, Contracts, and Amendments in full. Commissioner Magruder moved, and Commissioner Garrett seconded to approve the Agreements, Contracts, and Amendments as presented.

Vote: KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion Approved.

- Ratify C88-2026, Underwriter/Placement Agent Engagement Letter with Piper Sandler and Authorize Amy Hansford to Sign.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

- Hoped everyone enjoyed the Fourth of July holiday.
- Noted that the Columbia County Fair would begin the following week.
- Mentioned a scheduling conflict that might prevent attendance at some fair activities.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

- Reported attending the Clatskanie Fourth of July Parade and noted strong community attendance.
- Mentioned the upcoming Rainier Days Parade and plans to participate.
- Announced that the Columbia County Fair opens on July 15, with Senior Citizen Day and the My Fair Lady event. Commissioners Magruder and Heimuller will serve as emcees for the event.
- Reported meeting with Homeland Security and Emergency Management representatives, who are expected to provide a future presentation to the Board regarding Emergency Management and an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) that requires updating.
- Recognized Clatskanie native Cole Escola for national and international recognition, including being featured on the cover of *The Tatler* magazine while performing in London, and congratulated Escola on those accomplishments.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

- Reported participating in the Fourth of July "Let Freedom Ring" celebration in St. Helens, including the bell-ringing ceremony.
- Thanked the American Legion, community organizations, and volunteers for organizing a successful event.
- Noted the Board's scheduled afternoon work session and additional meetings.
- Mentioned the ongoing Columbia View (verify event name) plant sale and commented on its popularity and community participation.

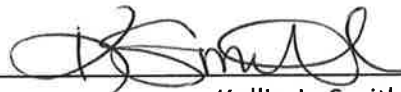
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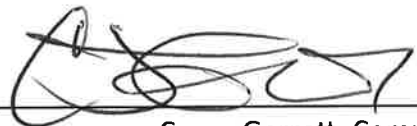
With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 AM.

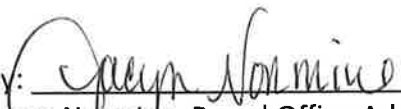
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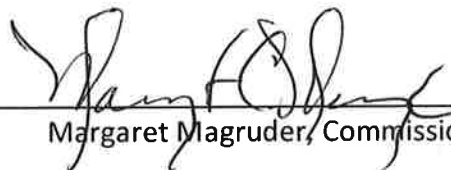
The next regular scheduled meeting is on July 15, 2026.

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