Columbia County Board of Commissioners
August 19, 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 Garrett moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Magruder seconded. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3-MINUTE LIMIT

No comment

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Chris Wheatly, Transit Director, is requesting approval for C140-125-1, Amended ODOT Grant Agreement 35801 (5311). This amendment reflects increased grant funding. After discussion, Commissioner Garrett moved to approve C140-125-1, Amendment 1 to ODOT Grant Agreement 35801 (5311). Commissioner Magruder seconded. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

2. Chris Wheatly, Transit Director, shared that CCRider is asking for sponsorships. He would like to run buses for 5-6 weeks, specifically to Halloweentown. So far, the Main Street Alliance and the South Chamber of Commerce are partnering. We need sponsorships to make this successful. To run a bus for this event will cost approx. $5,000.00 - $6,000.00. All sponsorship amounts will be accepted.

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.

- **A.** Ratify Local Government Recommendations for Special OLCC Event License for Whiz Bang CO, LLC on August 22, 2026, from 4:00-10:00 p.m. at 54658 Nehalem Hwy S., Vernonia, OR, and Authorize the Chair to sign.
- **B.** Ratify Local Government Recommendations for Special OLCC Event License for the Dakota Robins & Cort Carpenter Concert on August 29, 2026, from 6:00- 9:00 p.m. at 76258 Olivia Dr., Rainier, OR, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- **C.** Approve the Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for July 29, 2026.
- **D.** Approve the Board of Commissioners Work Session Meeting Minutes for July 29, 2026.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

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

A. Ratify C98-2026 Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement with Rural Prosperity Partners and authorize Holly Miller to Sign.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board recessed the regularly scheduled meeting to enter into an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(3)(d), to conduct deliberations with the person(s) designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations: Carrie Garcia, HR Director.

The Board reconvened the regularly scheduled meeting with no action taken.

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator, brought up requests for Economic Development Funds. Columbia Pacific Food Bank requested a $3,500.00 allocation to help supplement the food supply bank for Columbia County. After discussion, the Board directed staff to move forward with a $3,500.00 donation to the Columbia Pacific Food Bank in Columbia County, Oregon.

   Community Action Team also sent a request for allocations to help with water assistance. In the past couple of days, 12 St. Helens households have asked for assistance with their water bill. The Board would like to do a little more research on this. Jacyn was asked to reach out to CAT to understand better its programs, whether dollars could be allocated to one of them, and what CAT's funding request amount is.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

Looking forward to Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next week. Commissioners Smith and Magruder will be in Ontario, and he will be in Salem on Wednesday.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

Red Cross Blood Drive will be held here at the John Gumm Building on August 27, 2026, from 10:00 to 3:00. Donors are needed. Please register.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

Only two more weeks for summer events like the farmers' markets, 13 Nights on the River, and the Rainier River Jam. School time is just around the corner.

No meetings this afternoon or on August 26, 2026; our next public meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2026.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned.
The recording of this meeting is posted at www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings
The next regular scheduled meeting is on September 2, 2026.

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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: _____
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: _____
Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner