

Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission  
Minutes  
February 12, 2025  
Healy Hall 1054 Oregon Street St. Helens, OR

Order: Chair, Jeff Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:33 A.M.

Minutes Approved with correction: Motion:Fluellen, Second:Bird

- Correction to January 8, 2025 minutes: Cris Fluellen is a voting member but was listed as non-voting.

As of January, 2025, approved CCTSC minutes will be published on the Columbia County Website.

Present: Voting: McFarlane, Peterson, Bird, Burrigh, Russell, Nassebene, Sukau, Lohrke, Chiotti, Barlow, Fluellen

Non-voting: Buffington, McAllister, Kean, Tim Hancock, Miller, Britton

Law Enforcement: Scappoose- Fluellen - Radar trailer has been effective. No complaints about speeding. Have had several DUII's. Senator Wyden will visit on Saturday. There have been some issues with kids crossing the street at the Middle School.

County - McFarlane - Two officers are off on parental leave. The plan is for one Civil Deputy to move to enforcement. Jail Levy will be on the ballot again in May. This time the intent is to go for a straight renewal - no additional money to taxpayers - STATE - Kean - The state lost a potential officer during training. One trainee will finish in a month or two.

Bikes and Peds - Barlow - Vaults on the shoulders of the roads were discussed. The vaults can be an issue for bicyclists. Events: Columbia Century Challenge starting in Clatskanie will be held on June 14th. It starts at 7:30 A.M.. Details and route can be found online.

ODOT - Buffington - A bill has been introduced in the legislature to do a study from Longview Bridge to Astoria.

Miller - Have gotten a lot of maintenance work done during mild weather and are working to get ahead of predicted freezing rain.

Emergency Management - Burrigh (sitting in for Mike Fletcher) will assist in hiring a new executive director for 911. There have been two failed levies so are doing public outreach. The major goal is a new radio system - upgrades to the current system. Have been doing interviews for 911 dispatchers. Training for dispatcher is long leading to staffing issues,

County Roads - Mike Russell - The county has been using more sand than deicer to prepare for forecasted freezing rain. Hoping it's possible to hire one new road

maintenance person. (Russell was sent a thank you for his assistance from Janell at 911.)

City of St. Helens - Bird - The state approved a 30 mph emergency speed zone on Gable Road. The city is doing a study to determine if a 25 mph zone would be appropriate. At 1st and St. Helens Street signs are going up for the detour. Other projects are Strand and 1st.

City of Scappoose - Nassimbene - Preparing for predicted storm. Projects on Keys Rd. and subdivision on Callahan are going as planned. Watch for Ice signs are up by the bridge on E.M.Watts.

Federal Grants - McAllister - Mini grants are available to include bike safety events, various awareness programs such as behaviour on roadway, school bus issues with new population, trailer mounted radar speed signs and devices to record speeds without signs.

Meeting Adjourned - 8:20 A.M.

Minuted submitted by Rosemary Lohrke, Secretary

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