

**Columbia County Board of Commissioners
May 13, 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 as presented. Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- a) **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

Joe Thorpe of Clatskanie, Oregon, is here to discuss Miller Station Road and a possible name change.

PROCLAMATION

Eva Manderson, Director of Northwest Regional Child Care Resource and Referral, is here to recognize childcare providers in Columbia, Oregon. Commissioner Magruder read a proclamation. After discussion, Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded, to designate May 13, 2026, as Provider Appreciation Day of Columbia County. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Art Fish, Acting Enterprise Zone Manager in Columbia County,
 - a. Change to the Enterprise Zone Boundary for Local Taxing Districts within the Lower Columbia Maritime Enterprise Zone. After the discussion, the Board asked counsel to bring this back to the consent agenda next week.
- ~~2. Nathan Woodward, County Surveyor,
 - a. ~~Requesting Approval for Schoolhouse Phase 2 Subdivision.~~ -Moved to consent agenda.~~
3. Maddison Riethman, Assistant Public Health Director,
 - a. Request to Approve Health Promotion Specialist Job Description Revisions. Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded the Health Promotion Specialist Job Description revisions. The motion carried unanimously.
Vote: KJS/MM/CG in favor. Approved.
 - a. Request Approval to Open Recruitment for a Grant Funded Health Promotion Specialist – Tobacco Prevention and Education Position. Maddison will gather more information on the finances for this position and return to the work session.
 - b. Request Approval to Open Recruitment for a Grant Funded Health Promotion Specialist – Vulnerable Populations Position. Maddison will gather more information on the finances for this position and return to the work session.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Smith read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. Ratify OLCC Local Government Recommendation for Special Event License for the Wigwam Tavern on May 9, 2026, from 3 -6 pm for a Celebration of Life at 58892 Saulser Rd. St. Helens, Oregon, and Authorize Commissioner Magruder to Sign.
- B. Ratify Appointment for Jamie Urwin to the Columbia County Fair Board, Position No. 5, with a Term to Expire on January 1, 2029, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- C. Ratify Appointment for Joel Yarbor to the Columbia County Fair Board, Position No.6, with a Term to Expire on January 1, 2028, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- D. Ratify the 2026 Reach the Beach Event Permit and Authorize Mike Russell to Sign.
- E. Approve Letter of Authority Under the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance for Jason Mitchell, Deputy District Attorney.
- F. Approve OLCC Local Government Recommendation for a Special Event License for the River City Speedways Events on August 15, 22, September 5, 6 & 19, 2026, at 58892 Saulser Rd. St. Helens, Oregon, from 4 to 11 pm, and authorize the Chair to sign.
- G. Approval of Schoolhouse Phase 2 Subdivision

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 in favor. Approved.

- A. Ratify C58-2026, Pension Obligation Bond Analysis Participation Agreement, and Authorize Amy Hansford to Sign.
- B. Ratify C59-2026, Indemnity Agreement for 2026 Reach the Beach Road Event and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- C. Approve C65-2026, Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Columbia County Sheriffs Sergeants Association.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

Commissioner Garrett asked for a follow-up regarding the name change of a road. Spencer Parsons, Assistant County Counsel, informed Commissioner Garrett that Land Development is already working on this.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

It is raining, and that is welcome moisture to the earth, and I wish it were raining in the Willamette Valley, but it doesn't seem to be raining as well as it is here.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

I'm bringing Let Freedom Bell Ring released their programming for the 4th of July; Highway 30 Cruiser, an art project, a dance tribute, and then the raising of the flag and the bell ringing. This is a full event organized by Judy Thompson and other sponsors.


ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting is on May 20, 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