

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission (HSEMC)

13 May 2025

14:00 In Person CC Public Works/Zoom Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Columbia County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission Membership Table and Members Present		
Representation	Primary Member	Alternate Member
Law Enforcement	Chris Fluellen, Scappoose PD	Ryan Murphy, CCSD
Fire/EMS	Jeff Pricher, Scappoose Fire	Bruce Holsey, Clatskanie Fire
C911CD	Brian Burright	Dannell Hooper
North County	Jeff VanNatta, Rainier	Greg Hinkelman, Clatskanie
South County	Mike De Roia, St. Helens	Benjamin Burgener, Scappoose
Mid County	Iwalani Leininger, Vernonia PD	Dan Brown, Vernonia
Public Health	Jaime Aanensen, Columbia County Public Health	Jessica Kosydar, Columbia County Public Health
Industry	Tracy Oliver, InRoads	Fran Erikson, Dyno Nobel
Port of Columbia County	Miriam House, Port of CC	Lacey Tolles, Port of CC
Utilities	Kyle Boggs, Columbia River PUD	Sarah Johnson, Clatskanie PUD
Schools		Jim Helmen, Vernonia SD
At Large Position 1	Mike Russell, CC Public Works	
At Large Position 2	Lonny Welter, Retired Public Works	Terry Martin, ARC/SAR
Ex-Officio	Corey Padron	
County	Kellie Jo Smith, Margret Magruder, Casey Garrett	
Guests	Dave Sukau, Mark Pacheco, Josette Mitchell, Larry Hill, Jay Woods, Eric Smythe, Tina Kammerzelt	

KEY: Member Present

Member Not Present

Chair – Mike Russell

Vice Chair – Mike De Roia

Secretary – Sarah Johnson

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Topic	Desired Outcome
Called to Order	Call to Order by Mike Russell at 14:01 hrs. Quorum met. Quorum needed – 7 Voting Members, Present – 10
Amendments to Agenda	None - approved as presented
Welcome, Introductions, and Minutes	Welcome, flag salute, and Introductions - Conducted The minutes of the March 11, 2025 meeting were presented. By motion from Chris Fluellen and seconded by Lonny Welter the minutes were approved unanimously.
Financial Report	Financial Report – Corey Padron presented the budget overview for FY 25/26 and the HSEMC budget with the anticipated dues paid for FY 25/26. He gave details on plans for moving forward with more transparent accounting for the salary expenses, supplies, and emergency planning exercises coming out of the HSEMC funds. Corey presented a proposal for a technology upgrade for the EOC and to hold emergency response exercises to be able to communicate and coordinate agencies during emergency situations in a more cohesive and successful manner. Clarifying questions were asked and answered. A discussion was held regarding grant funds in process regarding the shelters and the future of them given the hold the Federal Government has placed on certain programs and grants.
Emergency Management Department Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corey Padron presented the Emergency Management Department update. He provided a year in review report summarizing the department's activities for this last year. Corey stated that he is committed to working with the HSEMC members to satisfy their needs by working on the updated IGA. Corey presented a draft of the revised IPP document that provides the deliverables that are tied to the HSEMC bylaws and IGA. He is working to provide a more usable planning document with the help of the consultants from Oregon State University's Cascadia Lifelines Program. This will lead to the updated versions of all the emergency plans (around 200 different scenarios) to ensure there is not only the plan, but that we are trained and exercised on them. The mass care and sheltering plan was the first to be addressed and exercised. The wildfire protection plan is the next priority and Corey will lean on the State Fire Marshal and our county Fire Chief's and Forestry Department for assistance and coordination to develop the best plan. Chief Pricher echoed the importance of having everyone involved in developing a comprehensive wildfire plan. Chris Fluellen explained that he is working on updating their Continuity of Operations plan for the Scappoose PD. Corey said that he would be happy to help with templates and examples. A discussion was held regarding State Owned Emergency Supplies that would be available during an emergency event. Corey went over the current invoicing for membership. Corey presented a project request for updated video and communication equipment to stay up-to-date in the EOC. This would include coordination with a consultants for running exercises to stand up the EOC and use the new equipment.
Unfinished Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corey will present the updated HSEMC membership list at the next Board of Commissioners' meeting for official approval. IGA discussion will be moved to the next meeting.

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New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A committee will be assembled to discuss the planning for a Strategic Planning Session.
Board of Commissioners & Member Updates Closing Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Margaret Magruder gave the update of the Board of Commissioners. They are working on budget struggles and are looking at 19 furlough days for staff as a sustainable path forward.• Lonny Welter reported on a local church that has set up a warehouse of emergency supplies.• Chief Pricher reported on his participating in the full scale exercises at the Portland Airport in a plane crash simulation and an upcoming international exchange of subject matter experts.• Mike Russell reported on working through the SPIRE grant for a communications truck.
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned by Mike Russell at 15:04 hrs.

Next Meeting: July 8, 2025 14:00.