

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
June 11, 2025, 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, and Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator.

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Smith called this meeting to order at 10:00 am and led the flag salute.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Magruder seconded.

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

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

- Chris Brumbles, Deer Island, Oregon, is here to ask the Commissioner to write a resolution regarding Title 18. He would also like the 911 special district to be removed and have it run through the Sheriff's Department.
- Ray Biggs, Columbia City, Oregon, is asking for a resolution regarding Title 18. Dr. Frank is also coming to St. Helens this month and would like the Commissioners to join the meeting.
- Dan Bear is here in support of Chris Brumbles.
- Reni Nowling, Deer Island, Oregon, is here to agree with those last few comments. Reni would also like to see more funding allocated for the K9 units and for them to have the proper safety gear.
- Rita Biggs, Columbia City, Oregon, is here to discuss the boys in the girls' locker room at the middle school.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Smith read the entire consent agenda. Commissioner Magruder moved, and Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, with a correction to item G regarding the spelling of the word "completion." **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion Approved.

- A.** Ratify Approval of the Environmental Review for the CDBG Grant, H23007, and authorize the Chair to sign.
- B.** Approve Select to Pay for June 4, 2025.
- C.** Approve Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for May 21 and May 28, 2025.
- D.** Approve Board Work Session Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2025.
- E.** Approve Letter to County Treasurer Requesting Verification of Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District Request for Reimbursement and authorize the Chair to sign.
- F.** Approve Letter to County Treasurer Requesting Verification of Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District Request for Reimbursement and authorize the Chair to sign.
- G.** Approve Ameresco's Acceptance of the Project Completion and authorize the Chair to sign.
- H.** Approve the Final Delivery and Acceptance Certificate for Ameresco and authorize the Chair to sign.
- I.** Approve Letter of Authority Under the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance for Kate McGuire.

- J. Appoint Kanale Tumlinson to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Industry Representative, Voting Member, Position No. 2 with a term to expire December 31, 2027, and authorize the Chair to sign.
- K. Appoint Derek Ranta to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Industry Representative, Alternate Member, Position No. 7 with a term to expire December 31, 2027, and authorize the Chair to sign.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

Saturday is the US Army's 250th birthday. Thank you to Representative Edwards and many other State representatives for inviting my daughters and other female athletes to the capital to advocate for their Title IX Rights. I thought it was a neat experience for them, along with many other female athletes around the state. I greatly appreciate Representatives Edwards and Javadi, who represent our district.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

It is always a positive for young people to participate in government. I will always advocate for young people to participate. I grew up doing the same thing, and look, I am still doing it. Clatskanie is on the map again. Cole Escola grew up in Clatskanie and they won the award for Best Actor in their play Oh'Mary. Sam Pinkleton won the award for Best Director as well. Les Watters and I have been discussing famous people from Columbia County. I know that we have had a few football players recently. If you know of any famous faces, please let us know.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

Congratulations to all the graduates in Columbia County. Congratulations to Matt Smith for being appointed the St. Helens Police Chief. A message from Chris Wheatley of Transit: We are expanding service to Rainier, Oregon. They will continue to have their Portland commuter buses run to Rainier twice a day. This will allow for connection to River City, Longview, and beyond. This should be set up by July 2nd. Next week, I will be out of town and will miss the next Wednesday meeting. My husband and I will be in Nashville for our 22nd anniversary. We were married on Flag Day! Happy Flag Day to you all. Please join us this afternoon for the work session at 1 pm. We will also repeat the 4-H, Meadowview, and Columbia County budget meetings tonight.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

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


The next regular scheduled meeting is on June 18, 2025.

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