

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
July 9, 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 as presented. Commissioner Magruder seconded.

- **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion approved.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

No comment.

PRESENTATION

1. Heather DeSart, Executive Director of Northwest Oregon Works, gave a presentation for Northwest Oregon Works that covered information about their local Board, WIOA Impacts, Youth in Columbia County, Behavioral Health, and their Annual Budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Smith read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Magruder moved to approve the document with the spelling correction to "John Deere" in item E. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion approved.

- A. Rescind C96-2025, Grant Agreement No. SP25-101, by and between the State of Oregon through its Oregon Department of Emergency Management and Columbia County.
- B. Approve the Board Meeting Minutes from June 11 and June 30, 2025.
- C. Approve the Board Work Session Minutes from June 11, 2025.
- D. Approve Select to Pay for July 2, 2025.
- E. Approve Order 46-2025, In the Matter of Declaring Certain Personal Property Owned by Columbia County to be Surplus to the County's Needs and Directing the Disposal or Sale Thereof.
- F. Approve Temporary OLCC Permit Application for Unruh Management & Consulting LLC for the Columbia County Fair and Rodeo, July 16-19, 2025, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACT / AMENDMENTS

Commissioner Smith read the agreements, contracts, and amendments in full. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve with the correction of item G to C55-2023-1, vs C55-2025-1 as read. Commissioner Magruder seconded. **VOTE:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion approved.

- A. Approve C100-2025, Permit and Hold Harmless Agreement with Dark Lake LLC for Filming at Beaver Falls and authorize the Chair to Sign.
- B. Approve C101-2025, Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Clatskanie for Permit Data Compilation Services.
- C. Approve C103-2025, Grant Agreement No. 35830 (STIF) with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- D. Approve C104-2025, Intergovernmental Agreement #15360 with the Oregon Youth Authority for Individualized Services and Authorize the Chair to Sign.

- E. Approve C105-2025, Intergovernmental Agreement #15420 with the Oregon Youth Authority for Juvenile Crime Prevention Services and Diversion Services and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- F. Approve C106-2025, Revised Grant Agreement No. SP25-101, by and between the State of Oregon through its Oregon Department of Emergency Management and Columbia County, and Authorize Chair to Sign.
- G. Approve C55-2023-1, Amendment 1 to the Personal Services Contract Between Columbia County and Capitol Asset & Pavement Services.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Grant Dejongh, Assistant Public Works Director, is here to discuss inspections of Columbia County bridges and culverts. An inspection is conducted every two years to qualify for additional funding from the State and Federal levels. NBI structures are inspected as part of ODOT's program, for which David Evans and Associates, Inc. (DEA) holds the contract. The proposed contract C102-2025, for non-NBO bridge and culvert inspections, falls under the authority of the Finance Director for signature. This was brought to the Board for information update and discussion.
2. Mike Russell, Public Works Director, is requesting approval for the 2024 Ralph Painter Memorial Run Event. This event has been happening for a few years now with no complaints from locals.
 - a. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the event and authorized Mike Russell to sign. Commissioner Magruder seconded. **VOTE:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion approved.
 - b. Commissioner Garrett moved to have staff prepare the indemnity agreement and place it on a future consent agenda. Commissioner Magruder seconded. **VOTE:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion approved.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

Yesterday, I attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting at Dyno Nobel and had the opportunity to take a tour of the facility. I was pleased to discover that my tour guide was someone who was born and raised here in Warren, Oregon, and continues to live here with his family. It's nice to know that we have great family-wage jobs in Columbia County. Next Energy will also be able to provide these types of jobs.

The Columbia County Fair is taking place next week, and the plant sale begins today. I will be at the My Fair Lady and Gentlemen Contest on opening day. Senior Citizens, don't forget, because it is always a lot of fun!

This weekend is the Rainier parade on Saturday. We are hoping for nice weather, like the weather at the Clatskanie parade last weekend.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

Rainier Days is also happening this weekend with Fireworks!

Next Renewables received some good news that the bill passed by Congress provided a small extension on certain renewable tax credits. I'm not sure if I always agree with tax credits, but I did for this project. It is a big deal to keep this project moving along in their business model. They need a couple of years' extension on those tax credits. This weekend is Seattle to Portland. Be cautious of the bike riders coming through town.

I will be taking off in the wee hours of the morning and be gone until the late hours of Tuesday night in Philadelphia for the National Association of Counties annual meeting. I can present a resolution on materials preferences for the public construction. We want our local jurisdiction and engineers to be able to choose the materials for infrastructure, such as sewer and water.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

Last night, we heard of the passing of Kim Silverman. She was a county employee for 16 years, and everyone who knew her said she was wonderful and thoughtful, and they are just heartbroken. The county is sending our love and prayers to her family and the community as we remember her.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting is on July 16, 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