

**Columbia County Board of Commissioners
August 6, 2025, Board Meeting
Hybrid from the
The John Gumm Building and Civic Center
251 St. Helens Street, ST. Helens, Oregon 97051**

Present: Commissioner Kellie Jo Smith, Commissioner Casey Garrett, Ed McGlone, Assistant 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 Smith seconded.
Vote: KJS/CG in favor. Motion approved.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

Brady Prehiem, St. Helens, Oregon, is calling out Commissioner Garrett for language and ongoing bullying. Do better. He also stated, "Shame on you, Kellie Jo and Margaret, for your part in the a cover-up."

Dr. Rachel DeToro is here to file a complaint against the Fair Board Chair, Butch Guess. She would like to know the process to have him removed from the Board. She fears that if he is left on the Board, there will be no fair in upcoming years.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Smith read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Smith seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. KJS/MM/CG in favor. Motion approved.

- A. Ratify OLCC Special Event License Application for Todd Stansbury on August 2, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at 51372 Dike Road, in Scappoose, OR, and authorize the Vice Chair to sign.
- B. Approve Select to Pay for July 30, 2025.
- C. Approve Letter of Authority under the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance for Keeanna Stansbury.
- D. Reappoint Scott Jorgensen to the Jail Operating Advisory Committee, Position #7, with a term to expire June 30, 2027, and authorize the Chair to sign.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Mike Russell, Public Works Director, along with Grant DeJongh, Assistant Public Works Director, is here regarding a petition for vacation of a portion of Palm Creek Road. The director staffed to prepare the documents to approve the vacation and place them on an upcoming consent agenda.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

The rain is nice. River time in Rainier tonight. 13 Nights in St. Helens tomorrow night.

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COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

Rainier is having the museum grounds grand opening on Saturday. Vernonia Friendship Jamboree was wonderful this weekend. The Sheriff's Night Out was last night and well attended. The rain is nice before the 90-degree days that are ahead of us.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

Not Present.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting is on August 13, 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