

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON
Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
Hybrid from the
John Gumm Building and Civic Center in St. Helens, Oregon
WORK SESSION

Present: Commissioner Kellie Jo Smith, Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Commissioner Casey Garrett, Sarah Hanson, County Counsel, Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrative.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Smith called this meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

Vote: KS, CG, MG in favor. Approved.

COMMITTEE APPLICANT

1. Samantha Hawkins has applied to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Staff has recommended Sam for the appointment. After discussion, Commissioner Magruder moved to appoint Samantha Hawkins to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee as a Member at Large, Seat #4, with a term to expire December 31, 2027. Commissioner Garrett seconded. **Vote:** KS, CG, MG in favor. Approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. County Surveyor, Nathan Woodward, is here with a proposed fee increase schedule. For the last year, Nathan has been keeping track of costs and is here to brief the Board on his findings. After discussion, the Board would like staff to move forward with scheduling a public hearing with the new fees to take effect on October 1, 2025.
2. County Counsel Hanson, Local Drug and Alcohol Planning Committee (LDAPC) Ordinance No. 2025-5. CCMH will be facilitating this committee, and the Board will be appointing the members. CCMH will need to follow public meeting rules. After the discussion, the Board asked staff to move forward with this ordinance.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR DISCUSSION

1. Fair Board Debrief. Fair Board member Henry Heimuller will come back and give a full debrief after the revenues have been accounted for.
2. Organizations or Partners that you would like to hear from. Commissioner Smith would like CCMH and Scappoose School District to come to a meeting and present to us.
3. AMANI Center, Hullabaloo Dinner and Car Show. – Will notice dinner.
4. District 7-Newport, Oregon, a discussion was held, and it was determined that lodging was not necessary for this meeting.

5. The Port of Columbia County meeting that was scheduled for next week has been changed to September. It has been removed from your calendars and will be added back once a new date is chosen.
6. Commissioner Susan Roberts' celebration of life is coming up and the Commissioners are unable to attend this.
7. Reminder that you are all attending the Infrastructure Summit in September, and I will submit your per diems this week.
8. Next week, you will see a change to the morning agenda, removing the Flag salute and adding the Pledge of Allegiance.
9. Update on Kathy Coddington and public records. 311 public records have been processed since January and 73 of those since July 1. Currently in processing, there are ten requests pending cost estimates, six waiting on payments, and twelve that will be ready to release this week, as of Monday. Commissioner Garrett would like to know if they are coming from multiple people or one person, and which department. Sarah Hanson said that most are for the Sheriff's office.

BOARD DISCUSSION

1. Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel, asked the Board to add a discussion regarding the Hood to Coast. Commissioner Magruder moved to add the Hood to Coast to the discussion. Commissioner Garrett seconded. **Vote:** KS, CG in favor. Approved.
2. Hood to Coast needs a permit signed for use on a portion of Asbury Park. The Board directed Riley Baker to sign the permit contingent on liability insurance that meets requirements and to bring it back next week for ratification.

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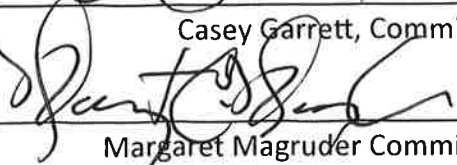
With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm.
The recording of this meeting is posted at www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings

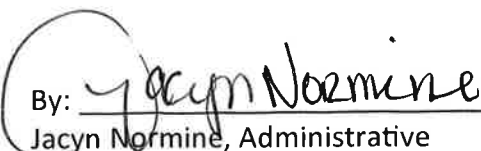
The next regular scheduled meeting is on August 27, 2025.

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By: 
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: 
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

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