

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
August 13, 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, Spencer Parsons, Sr. 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 Magruder moved to amend the agenda by removing the executive session and correcting the order number for the hearing and ordinance. Commissioner Garrett seconded.

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

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

No comment

SECOND ORDINANCE READING

1. Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2025-3, "Columbia County C-PACE Ordinance."
 - Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel, did the second reading of the 2025-3 Columbia County C-PACE Ordinance.
 - Commissioner Magruder moved to approve 2025-3, "In the Matter of Establishing a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Loan Program". Commissioner Garrett seconded. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG in favor. Approved. This Ordinance will go into effect on November 11, 2025.

HEARING:

1. Columbia County Proposed Fee Adoption, Suzie Dahl, Land Development Services Director:
 - Suzie Dahl updated the Board on the fee changes and answered questions from Commissioner Garrett. Staff recommends the approval of the fee adoption.
 - Commissioner Smith opened the hearing for testimony.
 - a. No testimony was given.
 - Commissioner Smith closed the hearing.
 - Order 53-2025 will be placed on next week's consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Smith read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Magruder moved, and Commissioner Garrett seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG in favor. Approved.

- A.** Ratify Approval for Partition plat 2025-07 recorded July 14, 2025.
- B.** Ratify Approval for Partition Plat 2025-8, record August 7, 2025.
- C.** Approve Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for July 16, July 23, July 30, and August 6, 2025.
- D.** Approve Select to Pay for August 7, 2025.
- E.** Approve Order 52-2025 In the Matter of the Vacation of a Portion of E.J. Lindberg Road, County Road P-64, commonly known as Palm Creek Road, near Clatskanie in Columbia County, Oregon.

- F. Appoint Chief Joe Kasczenski to the Ambulance Service Advisory Committee to complete the ASA 6 Alternate Position with a Term to expire December 31, 2026, and Authorize the Chair to sign.
- G. Appoint Lt. Jamison Goetz to the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, Seat No. 16 as the Oregon State Police Representative with a Term to Expire December 31, 2026, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

Commissioner Smith read the Agreements, Contracts, and Amendments in full. Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the Agreements, Contracts, and Amendments as presented. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG in favor. Approved.

- A. Approve C119-2025, Subdivision Participation and Release Form for Purdue/Sackler Opioid Settlement and Authorize Sarah Hanson to Sign.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Chris Wheatley, Transit Director, is here to request to open recruitment for a part-time driver position.
 - After discussion, Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the opening of recruitment for the part-time driver position. Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

My grandson had the Grand Champion market pen chickens for the 6th year in a row at the Polk County Fair. I appreciate the businesses and community members who come to the fair every year and support our children.

On Sunday, Justin Salisbury, a Clatskanie Native, and his jazz band performed in the Birkenfeld Theatre in Clatskanie. They are wonderful!

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

Daughters are gearing up for the upcoming school year and doing a lot of shopping. The oldest is already talking about getting her first summer job next year.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

Dealing with school shopping and getting kids signed up for Driver's Ed. I attended a Child Abuse Conference in Portland yesterday. There is excellent attendance at the conference from all over the nation. I will be attending online today in between the meetings.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 AM.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting is on August 20, 2025.

Signatures on the following page.

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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