

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission (HSEMC)

08 July 2025

14:00 – 15:00 In Person CC Public Works/Zoom Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Columbia County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission Membership Table		
Representation	Primary Member	Alternate Member
Law Enforcement	Chris Fluellen, Scappoose PD	Ryan Murphy, CCSD
Fire/EMS	Jeff Pricher, Scappoose Fire	Bruce Holsey, Clatskanie Fire
C911CD		Dannell Hooper, C911
North County	Jeff VanNatta, Rainier	Greg Hinkelman, Clatskanie
South County	Mike De Roia, St. Helens	Benjamin Burgener, Scappoose
Mid County	Iwalani Leininger, Vernonia PD	Dan Brown, Vernonia
Public Health	Jaime Aanensen, Columbia County Public Health	Jessica Kosydar, Columbia County Public Health
Industry	Tracy Oliver, InRoads	Fran Erikson, Dyno Nobel
Port of Columbia County	Miriam House, Port of CC	Lacey Tolles, Port of CC
Utilities	Kyle Boggs, Columbia River PUD	Sarah Johnson, Clatskanie PUD
Schools		Jim Helmen, Vernonia SD
At Large Position 1	Mike Russell, CC Public Works	
At Large Position 2	Lonny Welter, Retired Public Works	Terry Martin, ARC/SAR
Ex-Officio	Corey Padron	
County	Kellie Jo Smith, Margret Magruder, Casey Garrett	
Guests	Dave Sukau, Mark Pacheco, Josette Mitchell, Larry Hill, Jay Woods, Eric Smythe, Kim Karber, Angela Carkner, Tanja Fransen	

KEY: Member Present

Member Not Present

Chair – Mike Russell

Vice Chair – Mike De Roia

Secretary – Sarah Johnson

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Topic	Desired Outcome
Called to Order	Call to Order by Mike Russell at 14:12 hrs. (Slight delay after technical issues with the virtual platform) Quorum met. Quorum needed – 7 Voting Members. Present – 12
Amendments to Agenda	None -approved as presented
Welcome, Introductions, Minutes, and Guest Speakers	Welcome, flag salute, and Introductions - Conducted Minutes of the May 13, 2025 meeting were presented. Upon motion by Chris Fluellen and seconded by Mike De Roia the minutes were approved unanimously. A presentation was given by guest speakers: Angela Carkner, Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization Regional Program Coordinator; and Tanja Fransen NOAA/NWS Meteorologist-in-Charge. Angela Carkner provided a presentation on the Emergency Alert and Warning System. She gave an overview of the various alert mechanisms currently in use, including Wireless Emergency Alerts, Emergency Alert System, and other localized notification platforms. She highlighted the importance of inclusive communication, noting that systems are in place to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities. These adaptive technologies are helping all community members receive timely and effective emergency notifications. The importance of opting in to receive these notifications via email and your cell number was discussed. The increased Red Flag warnings and evacuation notices during wildfire events is a good example of why being on the list is necessary.
Emergency Management Updates Old Business	- Corey Padron gave the financial report. He explained that we are still short on collection of payments for this year. - Corey reported on the current projects and status at the Department of Emergency Management. Jessica Koysadar from Public Health is also splitting her time to help fill in for the Emergency Coordinator position. - Corey will send out the financial report and slide show from our guest speakers to the HSEMC membership. - A discussion was held regarding the emergency preparedness equipment that is able to be utilized in the county. The shelter training exercise held recently went really well. - Membership appointments need to be evaluated for open positions and those expiring at the end of this year to determine if they want to continue to serve. - Corey explained the need for the video and technology upgrades that are necessary for the EOC to operate effectively. A discussion was held regarding receiving updated quotes for the equipment. Jeff Pricher made a motion to move forward with obtaining new quotes and the purchase of updated video and technology equipment for the EOC, the motion was seconded by Chris Fluellen. Motion passed unanimously. Corey will follow up and obtain refreshed quotes for the equipment and installation at the EOC. - Work on the IGA needs to move forward, so a new subcommittee was appointed. Mike De Roia, Jeff Pricher, Corey Padron, and Margaret Magruder will meet to continue the revisions on the IGA.
New Business	

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Member Updates Closing Comments	• Margaret Magruder gave the Board of Commissioners report. She explained that the LEPC meeting and tour that was held directly before this meeting was very interesting. She complemented the work that has been completed on the St. Helens waterfront. She gave an update on the end of the legislation session. Margaret reported that county staff will have furlough days this year due to budget constraints. • Mike Russell reported on the LEPC meeting and the analysis of radio coverage that is needed. Grant funds are being sought after.
Meeting Adjourned	Adjourned by Mike Russell at 15:29 hrs.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2025 14:00.