

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
November 26, 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, Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel, Kathy Coddington, Administrative Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Smith called this meeting to order at 10:01 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Magruder moved to approve the agenda, with items I, J, and K removed from Contracts, Agreements, and Amendments for future discussion. Commissioner Garrett seconded. The motion carried unanimously. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

No comment

PUBLIC HEARING

- In the Matter of an Application for Petition for Vacation of a Portion of Meissner Road by Clinton Teele and Ashlyn Teele.
 - Commissioner Smith opened the hearing.
 - Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel, briefed the Board regarding this hearing.
 - Mike Russell, Public Works Director, and Grant DeJongh, Assistant Public Works Director, gave a staff report.
 - No comment was given during public testimony.
 - Commissioner Smith closed the hearing
 - During the discussion, Commissioner Garrett asked staff to prepare the necessary documents and to bring this back to the consent agenda. Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Smith read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- A.** Approve personnel action for Mark Pacheco, effective December 1, 2025, and authorize the Chair to sign.
- B.** Approve personnel action for Holly Miller, effective December 1, 2025, and authorize the Chair to sign.
- C.** Approve Select to Pay for November 13 and November 19, 2025.
- D.** Approve Letter of Authority Under the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance for Brandon
- E.** Approve Letter of Authority Under the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance for Trinity Schelin.
- F.** Approve Order No. 70-2025, In the Matter of Authorizing the Allocation of County Funds for Public Purposes- Community Action Team.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

Commissioner Smith read the Agreements, Contracts, and Amendments, excluding I, J, and K. Commissioner Garrett moved. Commissioner Magruder seconded the motion to approve the Agreements, Contracts, and Amendments, as presented.

- A.** Ratify C161-2025, Permit and Hold Harmless Agreement - City of St. Helens Holiday Events 2025 and Authorize Riley Baker to Sign.
- B.** Ratify C168-2025, Intergovernmental Agreement with the Cities of Columbia City, Scappoose, St. Helens, and Vernonia for Regional Assistance and Investigation Detail and Authorize Sheriff Pixley to Sign.
- C.** Rescind C82-2025-4, Amendment #4 to Agreement 185805 with the Oregon Health Authority for the Financing of Public Health Services and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- D.** Approve Corrected C82-2025-4, Amendment #4 to Agreement 185805 with the Oregon Health Authority for the Financing of Public Health Services and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- E.** C104-2025-1, Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement #15360 with the Oregon Youth Authority for Basic and Diversion Services and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- F.** Approve C111-2023-3, Amendment 3 to Personal Services Contract with MedTrust LLC for Medical and Mental Health Services in the Columbia County Jail.
- G.** C145-2025-1, Amendment 1 to Grant Agreement with the Oregon Department of Justice for Victims' Assistance and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- H.** Approve C160-2025, Public Works Contract with 2KG Contractors, Inc. for Deflection Space Remodel.
- ~~**I.** Approve C162-2025, Grant Agreement #TCP-27-09 with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for Columbia County Adult Drug Court and Authorize Larry Evenson to Sign. Pulled~~
- ~~**J.** Approve C163-2025, Grant Agreement #TCP-27-10 with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for Columbia County Family Treatment Court and Authorize Larry Evenson to Sign. Pulled~~
- ~~**K.** Approve C164-2025, Grant Agreement #TCP-27-11 with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for Columbia County Mental Health Court and Authorize Larry Evenson to Sign. Pulled~~
- L.** Approve C165-2025, Intergovernmental Agreement #7105 with the Oregon Department of Corrections for Correctional Communication System Access and Authorize Larry Evenson to Sign.
- M.** Approve C166-2025, Intergovernmental Agreement with Clatsop County for PE 62 Services and Authorize the Chair to Sign

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Corey Padron, Emergency Management Director, is here regarding Grant Funding. The UASI grant has been reopened, and we have been approved for another round. After the discussion, the Board directed staff to bring this back to the consent agenda next week.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

Great to be back from AOC. If there are any Thanksgiving orphans out there, Mayor Cole, Alta Lynch, and I will be serving food at the Masonic Lodge in Rainier. Come on up!

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

Time at AOC was well spent. Thank you to Oregon Hill Farms for the Bloody Marys, jams, and jelly. We were a big hit this year! Thank you to Larry Evenson, Suzie Dahl, Sarah Hanson, Jacyn Normine, and Chris Normine for all the help. Don't forget the big event this weekend here at John Gumm with a Small Business Bazaar starting at 3 pm.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

Big shout-out to Jake Trenton for getting us back in the Auditorium with much better sound. There was also a study released yesterday by Jonathon Hawkin on reptiles and amphibians in Columbia County. It was very interesting. Happy Thanksgiving!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board recessed from the regular session to enter an executive session Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d), to conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to carry on labor negotiations. Carrie Garcia, HR Director.

Coming out of the executive session with no action taken.

BOARD ROUND TABLE

Commissioner Smith gave Commissioners Garrett and Magruder some programming options to review and return next week with any questions.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM.
The recording of this meeting is posted at www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings
The next regular scheduled meeting is on December 3, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: _____
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: _____
Kathy Coddington, Administrative Assistant

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

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