

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
December 17, 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, Sarah Hanson, 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 Garrett moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

2025 SERVICE AWARDS

The Board recognized the following employees; Carmel Loncosky, Assessor's Office, 10 Years, John Ray, Jail, 15 Years, Bill Goodwin, Sheriff, 10 years, Brian Pixley, Sheriff, 15 Years, Melinda Gartman, Assessor's Office, 10 Years, Max Culbertson, Public Works, 15 Years, Sheri Jauron, Assessor's Office, 10 Years, David Leader, Assessor's Office, 15 Years, Tina Burell, Assessor's Office, 10 Years, Andrea Jurkiewicz, Assessor's Office, 20 years, Tim Trask, Sheriff, 10 Years, Sophie Crape, Jail, 20 Years, Chris Neifert, Jail, 10 Years, Sarah Hanson, County Counsel's Office, 25 Years, and JR Jackson, Transit, 10 Years of service.

A special thank you and a moment of silence for John Ray.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

No comment

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 all in favor. Approved.

- A. Approve Select to Pay for December 12, 2025.
- B. Reappoint Gabriela Ferreira to the Columbia County CZ Trail Advisory Committee, Position No. 8, as an Alternate Member, with a Term to Expire December 31, 2029, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- C. Reappoint Bob Rice to the Columbia County Parks Committee, Position No. 2, with a Term to Expire December 31, 2029, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- D. Reappoint Steve Person to the Columbia County Parks Committee, Position No. 4, with a Term to Expire December 31, 2029, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- E. Reappoint Brandon Lesowske to the Columbia County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Position No. 3, as an At-Large Member, with a Term to Expire December 31, 2029, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- F. Reappoint Lynn Chiotti to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Committee, Position No. 1, with a Term to Expire December 31, 2028, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.

- G. Reappoint Alexander Bird to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Committee, Position No. 4, with a Term to Expire December 31, 2028, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- H. Reappoint Casey Garrett to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Committee, Position No. 14, with a Term to Expire December 31, 2028, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- I. Reappoint James Macfarlane to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Committee, Position No. 19, with a Term to Expire December 31, 2028, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- J. Appoint Grant DeJongh to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Committee as Committee Secretary, non-voting member, with a Term to expire December 31, 2028, and authorize the Chair to sign.
- K. Reappoint Rosemary Lohrke to the Columbia County Transportation & Road Advisory Committee, Position No. 7, with a Term to Expire December 31, 2028, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- L. Reappoint Rosemary Clement to the Ambulance Service Advisory Committee as Public Member Alternate 2, with a Term to Expire December 31, 2028, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- M. Reappoint Bruce Holsey to the Ambulance Services Advisory Committee, ASA 5: Clatskanie Rural Fire District Representative, with a Term to Expire December 31, 2028, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS

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

- A. Approve C173-2025 Intergovernmental Agreement #7060 with the Oregon Department of Corrections for FSAPP and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- B. Approve C25-2025-2, Amendment 2 to County Energy Resilience Program Grant Agreement No. 25-021 with Oregon Department of Energy and Authorize Chair to Sign.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

No discussion

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

I hope everyone survived the storm last night. It was kind of wild and crazy in North County. The water is getting high. I received a message from one of my neighbors, who runs our pumps for the Marshland Drainage District, stating that the pumps wouldn't start this morning. I'm hoping Rick has solved that issue so we can remove some water from our district. I hope other districts are not having any issues. I didn't see anything on the road between here and Clatskanie. I know Public Works is out working on fallen trees and any slides we might have. Be safe, as I think the storm is coming back tonight.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

Christmas is next week! Next week's meeting will be on Tuesday, December 23rd, at 10 am.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

Thank you to HR for organizing the service awards. They do a lot of work to make that happen. I also want to thank Keeanna Stansbury for helping with some events this week in the auditorium. Thank you to Jake for keeping us on track with this audio. We appreciate you all. As Commissioner Garrett said, next week's meeting will be on December 23rd at 10 am.

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ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 AM.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 23, 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