

Columbia County Board of Commissioners  
January 5, 2026, Board Meeting  
Hybrid from the  
John Gumm Building and Civic Center  
St. Helens, OR. 97051.

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

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Smith called this meeting to order at 10:00 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Commissioner Magruder moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Garrett seconded. The motion carried unanimously. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

**MATTERS**

- A. Elect Chair of the Board for 2026**
- B. Elect Vice-Chair of the Board for 2026**
- C. Elect Budget Officer for 2026**
- D. Set Board Meeting Day & Time for 2026**
- E. Set Board Work Session Meeting Day & Time for 2026**

Commissioner Magruder nominated Commissioner Smith to Chair, Commissioner Garrett to Vice Chair, and Commissioner Magruder to Budget Officer. Commissioner Garrett seconded. After the discussion, Commissioners Magruder and Smith voted in favor, and Commissioner Garrett voted nay. Motion carried. **Vote:** KJS/MM in favor, CG opposed. Approved.

Commissioner Garrett moved to schedule the meetings: the Work session at 1 pm and the Board meetings on Wednesday morning at around 10 am. Commissioner Magruder seconded. After the discussion, Commissioner Garrett and Magruder voted in favor, and Commissioner Smith voted nay. Motion carried.

**Vote:** MM/CG in favor, KJS opposed. Approved.

**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 in favor. Approved.

- A. Ratify C162-202, Grant Agreement #TCP-27-09 with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for Columbia County Adult Drug Court and Authorize Larry Evenson to Sign.**
- B. Approve Select to Pay for December 31, 2025.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Commissioner Claire Hall from Lincoln County passed away last night after a brief illness.
- Today is the 15th anniversary of the passing of Rainier Chief Painter.

- The Commissioner needs to look at the committees they are on and indicate if they would like to step down from any committees that they sit on.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

Here is to another year.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

Happy New Year, everyone. If you have not been through the main entrance to the John Gumm Building and Civic Center, you need to. Our Columbia County Museum Association is doing a marvelous job on the video screens. The Faces of Columbia County, and it is great to watch that and honor them.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

The museum has been working hard, so come on in and see what they are doing. Happy New Year to all, and I hope you enjoyed your break and rest, and hopefully, this year will be a good year.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM.

The recording of this meeting is posted at [www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings](http://www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings)

The next regular scheduled meeting is on January 14, 2026.

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