

**Columbia County Board of Commissioners
January 21, 2026, 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, Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator.

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 amend the agenda by adding executive session first, followed by discussion items and visitor comments. Commissioner Magruder seconded. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion Approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Commissioners recessed the regular scheduled meeting to enter an executive session with Amy Hansford, Finance Director.

- a. Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d), to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations.

Coming out of the executive session with no action taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Riley Baker, General Services Director, is here asking for directions regarding Courthouse and Annex Boilers. Both boilers are no longer functioning and need to be replaced. There is a chance of a leak in the concrete under the elevator, but it won't be verifiable until we replace the boilers. Two more bids are coming in on Friday, and we will need to decide on one or two boilers and which company to go with. Staff are directed to gather the bids, check on preordering the boilers, and see if expedited shipping is available for the other bids received.
2. Amy Hansford, Finance Director, is here looking to see if the Board would like to buy back two furlough days. Commissioner Garrett moved to buy back two furlough days, and Commissioner Magruder seconded. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion Approved.
3. Jaime Aanensen, Public Health Director, is here requesting Board Support on the Advocacy Letter. After the discussion, Jaime will return next week with a letter that is not a stock response and provides detailed information about Columbia County Public Health.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Smith read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Garrett moved approval with amending item F to a term to expire December 31, 2028, and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG in favor. Motion Approved.

- A. Approve Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2026.
- B. Approve Select to Pay for January 14 and January 15, 2026.
- C. Approve Application for Rural Population Health Program Grant and Budget.
- D. Approve Letter of Support for Lower Columbia River Watershed Council's Engagement Grant Application.
- E. Approve Letter of Authority for Micah Edward, Deputy, Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

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- F. Reappoint Sarah Johnson to the Columbia County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Advisory Commission (HSEMC), Seat # 23, Representing utilities- Alternate, this Term will Expire December 31, 2028, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- G. Reappoint Jenna Wiley to the Columbia County Ambulance Service Advisory Committee, for Representation for Local Physicians, 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. Motion Approved.

- A. Approve C2-2026, 2026-2028 Access Permit and Hold Harmless Agreement for Rainier Little League for Hudson-Parcher Park Ball Field.
- B. Approve C44-2018-7, Amendment 7 to Intergovernmental Agreement with OHSU for Health Officer.
- C. Approve C149-2025-1, Amendment #1 to BHD-27-04 Grant Agreement with the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for Behavioral Health Deflection Program and Authorize the Chair to Sign.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

No comment

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

- Lovely coronation for Queen Haley Pierson at the Columbia County Fair and Rodeo event on Saturday. They had a great fundraiser and dinner.
- February 7th at 1 pm, there will be a pie auction at Yankton Grange to raise money for the Grange Museum at the Fairgrounds.
- Stay warm and drive safely.

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

- No comment.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

- America's 250th Anniversary, the semi-quincentennial planning committee, would the County like to take an active role and participate in the planning? Judy Thompson and I met on Monday, and she went through her 2-page list of activities of individuals from the Kiwanis, Chambers, etc. over thirty-six individuals have been coming together. There will be things like a children's vendor and parades. Everyone is excited and ready to engage. They are asking whether the County would be open to allowing our PIO to create a county-wide schedule and post the semi-Centennial Americas 250th page on our website.
- We had Senator Merkley at John Gumm this weekend, and there were 230 individuals in attendance.
- The County has experienced a lot of loss already this year, and grief and sadness often happen in isolation and can be quiet and unseen. Please take a moment to reach out, check on, and offer care when you can. Connection is one of the strongest comforts we have. We are at a high number of suicides right now. We have two in the first 21 days and ten in 2025. Please reach out and check on those whom you care about.

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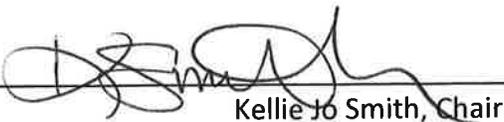
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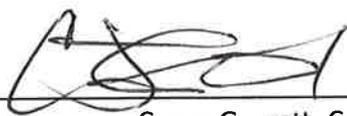
With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting is on January 28, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: 
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: 
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

By: 
Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator