

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON
Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Hybrid from the
John Gumm Building and Civic Center in
St. Helens, Oregon

WORK SESSION

Present: Commissioner Kellie Jo Smith, Commissioner Margaret Magruder, Commissioner Casey Garrett, Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel, and Jacyn Normine, Administrator.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Smith called this meeting to order at 1:13 pm.

APPROVE AGENDA

- Commissioner Garrett moved to amend the agenda by adding a discussion for a letter to ODF and two executive sessions to the very end of the agenda. Commissioner Magruder seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
 - **Vote:** KJS, MM, CG in favor. Approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Mike Russell, Director of Public Works, with Grant DeJongh, Assistant Public Works Director, is here to discuss a deposit forfeiture appeal. After the discussion, the Board directed staff to move forward with a Board order to return to the consent agenda.
2. Jaime Aanensen, Director of Public Health, and Madison Riethman, Assistant Director of Public Health, are here regarding two agenda items.
 - a. Requesting approval of revised advocacy letter for Board support. This letter is returning to the Board for approval, updated to reflect what the County has been doing. Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded to adopt the advocacy letter. The motion carried unanimously.
Vote: KJS, MM, CG in favor. Approved.
 - b. Public Health has a Mobile Health Van, and we would like to come up with an agreement to allow a non-profit organization within the County to rent the van. There is a small rental fee to help recoup the cost of the rental. Commissioner Magruder moved, and Commissioner Garrett seconded Order 2-2026 In the Matter of Adopting a Form Mobile Public Health Van Rental Agreement. The motion carried unanimously. We will phase out the old name and, when supplies run out, reorder with the new name.
Vote: KJS, MM, CG in favor. Approved.
3. Suzie Dahl, Director of Land Development Services, is here to request a name change for Land Development Services to Community Development. This will align LDS with other counties in Oregon. After the discussion, Suzie Dahl will conduct further research and bring it back to the Board.

4. Nathan Woodward, Surveyor, is here to discuss a presentation regarding House Bill 3175, Public Land Corner Preservation Fund Collection to increase by \$10.00. After discussion, Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded the motion to proceed with a hearing. The motion carried unanimously.
Vote: KJS, MM, CG in favor. Approved.
5. Corey Padron, Director of Emergency Management, is here to discuss the FEMA Federal Medical Station Surplus Offer. After the discussion, Corey will reach out to HS& MC and other cities, then come back with more information.
6. Sarah Hanson, County Counsel with Tony Hyde, CET, is here regarding the CET dissolution. CET is working to distribute the programs it administrated to city agencies throughout the County. Scappoose and St. Helens have both shown interest.
7. Commissioner Magruder has drafted a letter on behalf of the Board encouraging the Forest Management Plan to follow GPV rules as the basis for approving the Forest Management Plan. After discussion, Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Smith seconded the letter of support to Oregon Department of Forest.
Vote: KJS, MM, CG in favor. Approved.

The Board recessed for 10 minutes.

No action taken

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pursuant to ORS. 192.660(2)(e), to conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to negotiate real property transactions.
2. Pursuant to ORS.192.660(2)(f), to consider information or records that are exempt from disclosure by law, including written advice from your attorney.

Coming out of the executive session with no action taken.

Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded the approval of Amendment C99-2025-2 Courthouse Improvement Intergovernmental Agreement OJD Contract No. 250198. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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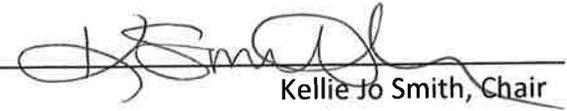
With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:28 pm.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting is on February 04, 2026.

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