

**Columbia County Board of Commissioners  
March 11, 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 10:02 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.

**VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT**

No comment

**ORDINANCE READING**

1. Second Reading – Ordinance No. 2026-2, In the Matter of Adopting the Public Land Corner Preservation Fund Ordinance.

- a. Spencer Parsons, Senior County Counsel, briefed the Board regarding this ordinance and did the second reading of Ordinance No 2026-2 by title only.
- b. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve 2026-2, In the Matter of Adopting the Public Land Corner Preservation Fund Ordinance. 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 all in favor. Approved.
- A. Approve Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for February 4, February 11, and February 18, 2026.
  - B. Approve Board of Commissioners Work Session Minutes for February 4 and February 11, 2026.
  - C. Approve Select to Pay for March 4, 2026.
  - D. Approve Out-of-State Travel for Michael Russell to Attend the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) Conference in Arlington, Texas, April 12-15, 2026, with Costs to be Reimbursed by NACE.
  - E. Approve Order 4-2026, In the Matter of Accepting a Relinquishment Deed From the Oregon Department of Transportation for Right of Way Adjacent to Apiary Road and authorizing the Chair to sign that deed.
  - F. Approve Order 5-2026, In the Matter of Limiting Access to Reeder Road North of Retenaar Road Between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

- G. Approve Order 6-2026, In the Matter of the Deposit Forfeiture Appeal of Elizabeth and Hiram Barnes for permit #2022-048.

### **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 all in favor. Approved.
- H. Approve C4-2026, Personal Services Contract with Iron Tribe Network for Criminal Justice Commission Specialty Courts Grant Services.
- I. Approve C28-2026, Indemnity Agreement for the 2026 Vernonia Marathon, and Authorize the Chair to sign.
- J. Approve C29-2026, Intergovernmental Agreement No. 25-1049 with the Oregon Department of State Lands for Abandoned and Derelict Reimbursement and Authorize the Sheriff to Sign.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Commissioner Magruder is here to share information about the MOU with BLM. County Counsel Sarah Hanson will review the MOU and bring it back to the consent agenda.

### **COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS**

- Kudos to Ed McGlone and many others for their work on House Bill 4043. Ed and I worked on this four years ago to make amendments to the statute that opens up the ability to use system-qualified state Q-bonds for courthouse renovations and expansions rather than just replacements. There was a compromise that I don't agree with, so we still have work to do.

### **COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS**

- Thank you, Commissioner Garrett, for working on this for the last 4 years. You deserve lots of credit for your work.
- I was attending the 2026 Portland District Levee Sponsor meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers here at the St. Helens Library. We even had a commissioner from Wahkiakum County in attendance. I had to leave early to come to this meeting and will be getting an update.
- Rainier History Bowl is on March 29th, and there will be a viewing online.
- Tonight Congresswoman Bonamici will be at Scappoose High School.
- Please be aware of the amount of rain for the next three days. Be watchful of water issues and water on the roadways.

### **COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS**

- I just spent the last two days at the Oregon Governor's Conference on Tourism at the Oregon Convention Center, where Columbia Bakehouse, Glazed and Confused, The Klondike, and Crooked Creek all showed up and provided desserts for over 600 people. They showcase Columbia County very well. I was able to network with many individuals, and we may need to consider holding the DMO as a county.

### **ADJOURN**

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 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 March 18, 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