

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
April 29, 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, Ed McGlone, Assistant 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 Garrett moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Magruder seconded.
Vote: KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

Sam Owens of Deer Island commented on the county's work on his property while he was incarcerated. He was not appreciative and is seeking legal counsel.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Keeanna Stansbury, Columbia County Animal Officer, is here to request that Daniel Buckwalter's and Morgan Anderson's dog, Niko, be allowed to return to Columbia County. After discussion with the Board, Keeanna will follow up on a few items and will bring this back to the consent agenda.
2. Chris Wheatly, Transit Director, is here requesting to open recruitment and fill the utility worker position. After discussion, Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded to open recruitment for the utility worker position. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.
3. Grant DeJongh, Assistant Public Works Director, & Tatum Flowers, Solid Waste Coordinator, are here to request approval and award the transfer Station Slurry Seal and Pavement Marking Bid. After discussion, Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded the approval of C52-2026, Public Works Contract with C.R. Contracting LLC for Transfer Station Slurry Seal and Pavement Marking. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.
4. Mike Russell, Public Works Director & Tatum Flowers, Solid Waste Coordinator, are here to update the Board regarding a battery drop-off program. After the discussion, Tatum will start the program here in St. Helens.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Ratify the OLCC Local Government Recommendation-Special Event License Application for the RiverCity Speedway Events on May 2, 16, 23, 24 & June 6, 2026, and Authorize the Vice Chairs' signature.
- B. Approve the Board Meeting Minutes from April 1 and April 8, 2026.

- C. Approve the Board Special Meeting Minutes from April 6 and April 7, 2026.
- D. Approve the Board Work Session Minutes from April 1 and April 8, 2026.
- E. Approve the OLCC Local Government Recommendation-Special Event License Application for the RiverCity Speedway Events on June 20, 27, July 11, 25 & August 1, 2026, and Authorize Chair to Sign.
- F. Approve Resolution No. 7-2026, In the Matter of the Application of Columbia County to Participate In the Assessment and Taxation Grant (2026).
- G. Approve Personnel Action for Suzie Dahl, effective May 1, 2026, 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. Ratify C47-2026, Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington and Columbia County, Oregon as a Cooperating Agency for the Revision of the Northwestern and Coastal Oregon Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Southwestern Oregon Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan.
- B. Approve C5-2026, Personal Services Contract with Millennium Health for Criminal Justice Commission Specialty Court Services
- C. Approve C34-2022-2, Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Housing of Juvenile Offenders (Yamhill County and Columbia County) and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- D. Approve C48-2026, Permit and Hold Harmless for the 2026 American Lung Association Reach the Beach Bike Ride (Facility Use Permit) and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- E. Approve C53-2026, FY 2025-2027 Maintenance Assistance Grant Agreement with the Oregon State Marine Board and Authorize the Chair to Sign.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

Mother’s Day is coming up! Enjoy the wonderful things happening in Columbia County!

COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

No comment.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

I’m heading over to the Courthouse and taking a tour. Would you like to join me? We can look at the space on the first floor to see about the possibilities of bringing Land Development back to the Courthouse.

All three Commissioners headed to the Courthouse.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting is on May 13, 2026.

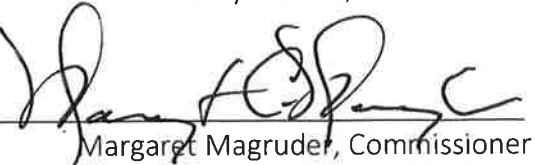
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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
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By: 
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