

# Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission (HSEMC)

10 March 2026  
14:00 – 15:00 In Person CC Public Works/Zoom Meeting  
Meeting Minutes

Columbia County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Commission Membership Table		
Representation	Primary Member	Alternate Member
Law Enforcement	Chris Fluellen, Scappoose PD	Ryan Murphy, CCSD
Fire/EMS	Jeff Pricher, Scappoose Fire	Bruce Holsey, Clatskanie Fire
C911CD	Jeremy Hipes, C911	Dannell Hooper, C911
North County	Jeff VanNatta, Rainier	Greg Hinkelman, Clatskanie
South County	Mike De Roia, St. Helens	Benjamin Burgener, Scappoose
Mid County	Iwalani Leininger, Vernonia PD	
Public Health	Jaime Aanensen, Columbia County Public Health	Jessica Kosydar, Columbia County Public Health
Industry	Tracy Oliver, InRoads	Fran Erikson, Columbia River Nitrogen
Port of Columbia County	Miriam House, Port of CC	Lacey Tolles, Port of CC
Utilities	Kyle Boggs, Columbia River PUD	Sarah Johnson, Clatskanie PUD
Schools		Jim Helmen, Vernonia SD
At Large Position 1	Mike Russell, CC Public Works	
At Large Position 2	Lonny Welter, Retired Public Works	Terry Martin, ARC/SAR
Ex-Officio	Corey Padron	
County	Kellie Jo Smith, Margaret Magruder, Casey Garrett	
Guests	Dave Sukau, Mark Pacheco, Josette Mitchell, Larry Hill, Kim Karber, Sarah Busch, Marleen Munden	

**KEY:** Member Present  
Member Not Present  
Chair – Mike Russell  
Vice Chair – Mike De Roia  
Secretary – Sarah Johnson

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Topic	Desired Outcome
<b>Called to Order</b>	Call to Order by Mike Russell at 14:00 hrs. Quorum met. Quorum needed – 7 Voting Members. Present – 11
<b>Amendments to Agenda</b>	None -approved as presented
<b>Welcome, Introductions, Minutes, and Guest Speakers</b>	Welcome, flag salute, and Introductions - Conducted Minutes of the January 13, 2026 meeting were presented. Upon motion by Margaret Magruder and seconded by Jeremy Hipes, the minutes were approved as presented with the correction of the spelling of Margaret’s name. Motion passed unanimously. No guest speaker.
<b>Emergency Management Updates Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Padron provided a written update for the Emergency Management Department activities.</li> <li>• Jessica Kosydar reported on a partnership with the Oregon Department of Human Services to launch safe rest pod pallet homes for 16 to 24 year- olds experiencing houselessness.</li> <li>• Corey Padron reported on obtaining two Scappoose airport hangers to use as storage and to service the trailers. Everything needs to be taken out of the trailers to be properly serviced and to re-outfit them with supplies. The hangers provide a secure location for access to the trailers and the supplies. A list of assets including trailers, vehicles, and equipment was provided in the written report.</li> <li>• Corey Padron explained that a Community Resilience and Support Hub is being developed at the Trojan site. This hub would serve as a base to support responder operations, function as a point of distribution during activations, and provide a community training venue during non-emergency periods.</li> <li>• Community meetings are being held for wildfire preparedness education. A steering committee will be created to help develop a new wildfire emergency plan.</li> <li>• Chief Pricher reported on the capabilities and possible uses for the Genasys Protect App. They are still in the beginning stages of setting it up for the City of Scappoose and then the hope is it can be used countywide. A separate meeting to look at the possible applications for this will be scheduled at a later date.</li> <li>• Corey Padron went over the current HSEMC budget. The need for a finance subcommittee for HSEMC was discussed. The subcommittee will meet with Corey and the county finance director.</li> <li>• A lot of the 2025 grants are on hold. They continue to look at other grant opportunities.</li> <li>• The IGA subcommittee still needs to schedule a meeting to continue their work to update the expired IGA.</li> <li>• Emergency management staff will be attending the State Preparedness Conference in April that is being held in Bend, Oregon.</li> <li>• Corey Padron presented a request for funds for two items. The first item is the previously discussed need for a vehicle for Columbia County Search and Rescue. The second is a new item, the development of a Community Resilience &amp; Support Hub at the Trojan site. Chief Pricher asked that the items be considered separately and not in the same vote. The SAR vehicle funds request was discussed. The funds would be used for necessary repairs to extend the life of an existing SAR vehicle. Chief Pricher asked for clarification from Commissioner Magruder regarding SAR being under the Sherriff’s department and if budget funds are being</li> </ul>
<b>Request for HSEMC Funds</b>	

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	<p>allocated for this. Commissioner Magruder explained that the Sherriff is elected and has an independent budget.</p> <p>Corey Padron explained that SAR is a non-profit operating under the Sherriff's department, but the department has its own priorities.</p> <p>Mike Russell called for a roll call vote on the request for funds for SAR vehicle repairs. Chris Fluellen moved to approve \$10,000 of HSEMC funds to be used for repairs on a SAR vehicle. Jeremy Hipes seconded the motion.</p> <p>Voting members present at the time of the vote and their vote:</p> <p>Chris Fluellen – Aye          Jeff Pricher – Nay          Jeremy Hipes – Aye          Greg Hinkelman – Aye          Mike De Roia – Aye          Kyle Boggs – Aye          Mike Russell – Aye          Terry Martain – Abstained</p> <p>Motion passes</p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formation of a HSEMC finance subcommittee: Mike Russell called for volunteers to serve on the new finance subcommittee. Chris Fluellen, Jeff Pricher, and Mike DeRoia volunteered for the subcommittee. Chris Fluellen will serve as the Chair.</li> <li>• A request for HSEMC funds for the Prescott/Goble Area Community Resilience &amp; Support Hub was presented in Corey Padron's report. Mike Russell requested this discussion and action be moved to the May meeting agenda.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Member Updates Closing Comments</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<p><b>Meeting Adjourned</b></p>	<p>Adjourned by Mike Russell at 15:11 hrs.</p>

**Next Meeting: May 12, 2026 14:00.**