

Columbia County Board of Commissioners  
June 17, 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, Ed McGlone, Assistant County Counsel, Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator.

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Smith called this meeting to order at 10:02 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.

Commissioner Smith stated that Columbia County has joined the City of St. Helens in flying our flag at half-staff for John Walsh. We then observed a moment of silence.

**VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT**

No comment

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Mike Russell, Public Works Director, and Tatum Flowers, Solid Waste Coordinator
  - a. Briefing and Request to Set Hearing for Transfer Station Disposal Rates and Household Collection Rate Adjustments for FY26/27. Tatum Flowers and Mike Russell, joined by staff from Waste Management and Hudson Garbage, briefed the Board on the proposed rate increases for FY26/27. After the discussion, **Commissioner Magruder moved to approve the Request to set a Hearing for the Transfer Station Disposal Rates and Household Collection Rate Adjustments on July 1, 2026. Commissioner Garrett seconded. KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion 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. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Approved.

- A.** Ratify Notice - Offer of Terrorism Insurance Coverage and Authorize Sarah Hanson to Sign.
- B.** Ratify NetGuard Plus Cyber Liability Insurance Declaration and Authorize Sarah Hanson to Sign.
- C.** Ratify SAIF Authorization to Issue Policy and Authorize Sarah Hanson to Sign.
- D.** Ratify Acknowledgment of Columbia County Property Schedule and Authorize Sarah Hanson to Sign.
- E.** Ratify Brown and Brown Self-Insurance Fund Notice of Financial Condition and Authorize Sarah Hanson to Sign.
- F.** Approve the Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2026, and June 10, 2026.
- G.** Approve the Board of Commissioners Work Session Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2026, and June 10, 2026.
- H.** Approve the Budget Hearing Minutes for Columbia County FY26/27.

- I. Approve the Budget Hearing Minutes for 4-H Extension Services for FY26/27.
- J. Approve the Budget Hearing Minutes for Meadowview SDL-1 for FY26/27.
- K. Approve Myrtle & Oak Townhomes Final Subdivision Plat.
- L. Approve Order No.12-2026, In the Matter of Reimbursing the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2) [2026 Distribution- Mist Gas Field Revenues]
- M. Approve Order No.13-2026, In the Matter of Reimbursing the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District Pursuant to ORS 275.275(2) [2026 Distribution- Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District]
- N. Approve Order No. 17-2026, In the Matter of Adopting A Furlough Schedule for Fiscal Year 2027.
- O. Approve Order No. 21-2026, In the Matter of a Fiscal Emergency and Modifying Recording Dates under ORS 205.242 for the Columbia County Clerk.

#### 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 in favor. Approved.

- A. Approve C69-2026, Letter of Agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1442 for Health Benefits.
- B. Approve C70-2026, Letter of Agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 697 for Health Benefits.
- C. Approve C71-2026, Letter of Agreement with the Columbia County Deputy Sheriff's Association for Health Benefits.
- D. Approve C72-2026, Letter of Agreement with the Columbia County Sergeants Association for Health Benefits.
- E. Approve C73-2026, Letter of Agreement with the Federation of Parole and Probation Officers for Health Benefits.

#### COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

No Comments.

#### COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

Reminders about upcoming local events: this Saturday, the Kiwanis parade in St. Helens; next Saturday, the car show; and the Pie-in-the-park event in Clatskanie.

#### COMMISSIONER SMITH

The events committee held a staff activity last night, and it was a lot of fun. It was discussed to possibly do these monthly. Last night's winners were Merle and Melinda.

A letter from the Assessor was acknowledged, expressing to withdraw a request for a Budget Committee member's removal after an apology.

Discussion about keeping the flag at half-staff through June 26 to coincide with the City of St. Helens for the loss of John Walsh. Both Commissioner Garrett and Commissioner Magruder agreed.

#### ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 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 July 24, 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