

Columbia County Board of Commissioners
April 1, 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, with item C from the consent agenda moved to discussion. Commissioner Magruder seconded. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion Approved.

VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT

Brady Preheim of St. Helens, Oregon, is here to comment on Commissioner Garrett.

PRESENTATION

1. Nithish Thomas, Executive Director, SAFE of Columbia County, gave a presentation on statistics for Sexual and Domestic Violence in Columbia County for the 1st quarter of 2026.

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Supporting Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence in Columbia County, Oregon. Commissioner Magruder read the proclamation into the record. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the Proclamation Recognizing April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Supporting Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence in Columbia County, Oregon. Commissioner Magruder seconded. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion Approved. After signing. Commissioner Smith presented Nithish Tomas with a signed Proclamation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Jaime Aanensen, Public Health Director,
 - Request to Approve Environmental Health Specialist 1 and 2 Job Description Revisions. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the revisions to the Environmental Health Specialist 1 and 2 job descriptions. Commissioner Magruder seconded. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG All in favor. Motion Approved.
 - Request to Open Recruitment & Fill the Environmental Health Specialist Position 1 or 2. Commissioner Garrett moved to open recruitment and hold off on filling the Environmental Health Specialist Position 1 or 2. Commissioner Magruder seconded. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG All in favor. Motion Approved.
2. Commissioner Garrett had a question regarding the Work Plan Document for the CDBG Grant H23007. Jacyn Normine will bring more information back at the Work session meeting today for further discussion.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approve Select to Pay for March 25, 2026.
- B. Approve Personnel Action for Riley Baker, effective April 1, 2026, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- C. ~~Approve the Work Plan Document for the CDBG Grant H23007.~~ Pulled for discussion.
- D. Approve the Six Remnant Defendant Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form and Authorize Sarah Hanson to Sign.
- E. Approve the 2026 Columbia Century Challenge Road Event Permit for Saturday, June 13, 2026, and Authorize the Public Works Director to Sign.
- F. Approve the OLCC Annual Renewal Application #381316 for the Off-Premises Sales for the Scappoose Market in Scappoose, OR.
- G. Approve the OLCC Special Event License Application for the Wigwam Tavern, River City Speedway, Play Day Test & Tune Event on April 19, 2026, at 58892 Saulser Rd., St. Helens, Oregon, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- H. Approve the OLCC Special Event License Application for the Wigwam Tavern, River City Speedway, Alternate Play Day Test & Tune Event on April 26, 2026, at 58892 Saulser Rd., St. Helens, Oregon, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- I. Approve the OLCC Special Event License Application for the Wigwam Tavern, River City Speedway, Season Opener Event on May 3, 2026, at 58892 Saulser Rd., St. Helens, Oregon, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- J. Approve the OLCC Special Event License Application for the Wigwam Tavern, River City Speedway Event on May 10, 2026, at 58892 Saulser Rd., St. Helens, Oregon, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- K. Approve the OLCC Special Event License Application for the Wigwam Tavern, River City Speedway, Armed Forces Night Event, May 24, 2026, at 58892 Saulser Rd., St. Helens, Oregon, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- L. Approve the OLCC Special Event License Application for the Wigwam Tavern, River City Speedway, Ladies Night Event, May 25, 2026, at 58892 Saulser Rd., St. Helens, Oregon, 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. Motion Approved.

- A. Approve C37-2026 SAVNS Intergovernmental Agreement #7126 with the Oregon Department of Corrections.
- B. Approve C38-2026, Indemnity Agreement for the 2026 Columbia Century Challenge Road Event Permit for Saturday, June 13, 2026, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- C. Approve C39-2026, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, County Opportunity Grant Program Agreement, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.

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COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS

Encouraged folks to attend the NEXT Clean Renewable Hearings today and tomorrow and provide comments. He especially encourages those with comments in favor. He will be attending the hearing tomorrow evening to share his comments.

COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS

I echo Commissioner Garrett's comments and will also share my comments at tomorrow night's hearing. She shared some family history related to the property and noted that she has no personal financial gain from the proposed economic development.

She attended the Estuary Partners fundraiser last night and had a wonderful time. 10% of all purchases at Fort George went to the Estuary Partnership.

COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS

Happy April Fool's Day today and Happy Easter this weekend. Hope to see you out at the Fair Grounds for the MEEGA Egg Hunt.

We have a full schedule for this afternoon's work session. Please feel free to listen to the conversations.

ADJOURN

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM.

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

The next regular scheduled meeting is on April 8, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:  _____
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By:  _____
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By:  _____
Jacyn Normine, Board Office Administrator

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Margaret Magruder, Commissioner