

**Columbia County Board of Commissioners**  
**March 25, 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 10:00 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Commissioner Smith amended the agenda by adding an Executive Session pursuant to ORS. 192.660 (2)(h), to consult with our attorney regarding legal rights and duties regarding current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Magruder seconded. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion Approved.

**VISITOR COMMENTS - 3 MINUTE LIMIT**

No comment

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Smith read the consent agenda in full. Commissioner Garrett moved, and Commissioner Magruder seconded to approve the consent agenda with the correction of a spelling in item G. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion Approved.

- A. Ratify the Attestation of Updated BEAD Project Data (Rainier SD 13 - 85929) and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- B. Ratify the Attestation of Updated BEAD Project Data (Vernonia SD 47J - 85932) and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- C. Ratify the Attestation of Updated BEAD Project Data (Scappoose SD IJ - 85931) and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- D. Approve the Board Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2026.
- E. Approve the Board Work Session Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2026.
- F. Approve Select to Pay for March 18, 2026.
- G. Approve the OLCC Application 381510 for the Alston Country Store & Video Off-Premises Sales.
- H. Approve the OLCC Special Event Application for the Watering Hole, LLC, Chamber Happy Hour on April 15, 2026, 4 pm-6 pm at 105 Port Ave. St. Helens, OR., and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- I. Approve the OLCC Special Event Application for the Watering Hole, LLC, Graduation Party Open House on June 13, 2026. 1 pm- 8 pm at 450 B. St., Columbia City, OR., and Authorize the Chair to sign.

**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, Amendments. **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG **Vote:** KJS/MM/CG all in favor. Motion Approved.

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- A. Approve C160-2025-7, Prime Contract Change Order 002 to Contract with 2KG Contractors, PCO: 6-10, and Authorize the Chair to Sign.
- B. Approve C35-2026, Permit and Hold Harmless to use the Crown Z Trail for the 2026 Crown Stub Ultra Trail Race and Authorize the Chair to Sign.

**COMMISSIONER GARRETT COMMENTS**

No comments.

**COMMISSIONER MAGRUDER COMMENTS**

The Estuary Partnership will hold a fundraiser and informational gathering on March 31, 2026, at the Fort George Brewery from 5 pm- 8 pm.

Rainier History Bowl will be on March 29, 2026, in a virtual format from Rainier Jr.-Sr. High School, room 118. For more information, contact Mr. Demko.

Eloise the Elephant is visiting homes around Clatskanie, celebrating its 45th anniversary of when elephants swam in the Clatskanie River, and raising funds for a marquee at the Clatskanie Cultural Center. When I returned from Bend this weekend, Eloise was on my porch. I think that Eloise may visit Mayor Bob next.

Please turn your headlights on when it is foggy out. The trip this morning was difficult because oncoming traffic was hard to see, and those without headlights were nearly invisible.

**COMMISSIONER SMITH COMMENTS**

We have lengthy conversations in our work session prior to items coming to this meeting on the consent agenda. If you would like to join in to listen to the conversations, the public is welcome during our work sessions.

Congratulations, Scappoose High School Vision Dancers, on your 1<sup>st</sup> place win at State.

April 18, 2026, will be the Rainier Revisited. I look forward to attending.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board recessed from the regular scheduled meeting to enter a breakout room and hold an executive session pursuant to ORS. 192.660(2)(h), to consult with our attorney regarding legal rights and duties regarding current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed.

After the executive session, with no action taken, the Board returned to the regularly scheduled meeting room.

**ADJOURN**

With nothing further to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM. The recording of this meeting is posted at [www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings](http://www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings)  
The next regular scheduled meeting is April 1, 2026.

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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