



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 6, 2026

9:00 AM - CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on April 6, 2026, with Chairman Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner Jack G. Miller, Commissioner Marty J. Hall, Clerk of the Board Virginia Schmidt present. List of attendees is attached.

9:00 AM - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Time was allowed for public comment. No comments were made.

9:10 AM - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - BELINDA LARSEN

Belinda Larsen and Bette Lou Crothers were present to give updates from the Chamber of Commerce and request advertising funds for the All Wheels Weekend and 4th of July Celebration events.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the request of Hotel/Motel funds to use for advertising for the 4th of July Celebration in the amount of \$5,000, and All Wheels Weekend in the amount of \$6,000. The motion unanimously carried.

9:20 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

Ashley Kilts discussed renewing the contract with HRCC for services to assist with amending job descriptions in the future as needed.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the Ad-Hoc agreement with HRCC as needed and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

A discussion was held regarding use of the courthouse for a wedding and any future private events. The risk management group sent their recommendations and the consensus of the involved departments and the Board was to decline the request. A consultation with the Prosecuting Attorney will be held before making any final decisions.

9:30 AM - PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A public hearing was opened at 9:30 am to discuss the proposed budget amendments. The public hearing was paused to continue a previous discussion. The public hearing continued at 9:39. A list of those present is attached. The proposed budget amendments were reviewed by the County Auditor and time was allowed for public comment. The hearing closed at 9:43 am.



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Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2026-07 in the matter of amending the 2026 budgets. The motion unanimously carried.

9:40 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY IT

Tim Dyke was present to give updates from the I.T. Department. No action taken.

10:00 AM - BID OPENING: LEGAL NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

A bid opening was held at 10:00 am for the legal newspaper of record. The following bid was received:

Dayton Chronicle - \$37.79 for insertions and \$9.25 per column inch.

Commissioner Hall moved to accept the bid from the Dayton Chronicle as the lowest, qualified bidder, as the legal newspaper of record for July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. The motion unanimously carried.

10:15 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Grant Morgan was present to give updates from the Public Works Department, to include the damages from recent flooding.

A public hearing was set for April 20, 2026, at 10:20 am to hear comments on amending the Six-Year Transportation Plan.

A bid opening was held at 10:15 am for the 2026 road stabilization project. The following bids were received:

Envirotech Services - \$124,454.52

Commissioner Miller moved to approve awarding the bid to EnviroTech, pending the vetting process is completed. The motion unanimously carried.

Bid openings were set for the suggested dates and times.

10:30 AM- COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/E911

Desi Lockard was present virtually to give updates from the dispatch department and to share the proclamation for the telecommunicators week. The proclamation was read aloud.



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Nancy Berentsen was present to discuss the quotes for microwave updates.

Commissioner Hall moved to authorize the Emergency Management business manager to move forward with the microwave updates. The motion unanimously carried.

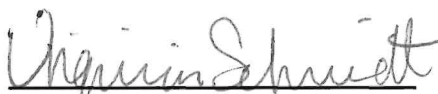
10:45- COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF

At 10:45 am, an executive session was held for 30 minutes with counsel present to discuss litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). At 11:20 the session was extended until 11:40 am. The session closed at 11:45 am; no action was taken.

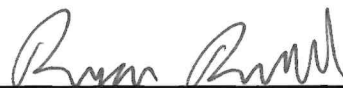
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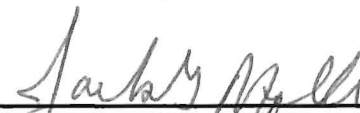
Commissioner Miller moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 13, 16, and 23, 2026. The motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 11:45 am.

Submitted by: 
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman


Jack G. Miller, Commissioner


Marty J. Hall, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 4-6-26

Place/Room:

Please Print Name:	Time:
1 Larry Zelaznik	
2 Belinda Larsen	
3 Ashley Kilts	
4 Tyler Huff	
5 Jason Laughery	
6 Will Hutchens	
7 Jess Nettles	
8 Christy Nettles	
9 Jenae Nettles	
10 Loyal Baker	
11 Desi Lockard	
12 Nancy Berentsen	
13 David AUSTED	
14 Joe Helm	
15 Nick Ward	
16 Sarah Boudrieau	
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