

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

April 20, 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 20, 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

Julia Mead and Bette Lou Crothers were present to share concerns regarding the fairgrounds grants for the grandstands.

9:10 AM - DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

A department head meeting was held to discuss activities of the county departments; no action was taken.

9:50 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt resolution #2026-08 in the matter of establishing a petty cash fund for the Sheriff's office. The motion unanimously carried.

Civil Deputy Sarah Boudrieau held a discussion regarding a cost analysis study done to set the fees associated with redacting footage from body-worn cameras. The study showed a cost of .51 per minute to be appropriate for time spent redacting the footage. Additions to the Sheriff's Office fee schedule will require a public hearing.

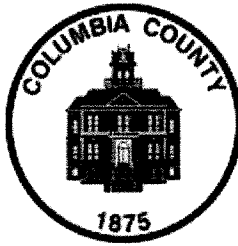
A public hearing was scheduled for May 4th, 2026 at 9:30 am.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

A bid opening was held for the 2026 hot mix asphalt supply. The following bids were received:

Humbert Asphalt, Milton-Freewater, OR - \$67,900.00
Central WA Asphalt, Milton-Freewater, OR - \$74,000
HERCO, Lewiston, ID - \$84,600

Commissioner Hall moved to authorize the Engineer to vet the bids and award the bid to the lowest, qualified bidder for the hot mix asphalt. The motion unanimously carried.



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At 10:05 am, the Board recessed until 10:20 am.

At 10:20 am, the Board reconvened, and a public hearing was held to discuss the proposed amendments to the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. A list of those present is attached. The proposed amendments were reviewed by Grant Morgan and time was allowed for public comment. The hearing closed at 10:28 am.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2026-09 in the matter of amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. The motion unanimously carried.

10:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING

Andy Plieth requested a Commissioner's signature for contract K2609.

Commissioner Miller authorized Commissioner Hall to sign the signature authorization form for contract K2609. The motion unanimously carried.

Andy presented and reviewed the amendments to the White Bluffs Consulting contract for the 2027 comprehensive plan update.

Commissioner Hall moved to amend the contract with White Bluffs Consulting for the 2027 comprehensive plan as presented, with no budget changes, and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

Andy gave general updates from the Planning and Building Department, to include updates on flooding damage impacts and repairs.

10:45 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Commissioners recessed and the Board of Health convened at 10:45 am.

Meeting minutes of the Board of Health are available upon request.

The Board of Health adjourned at 10:56 am, and the Board of Commissioners reconvened.

11:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

Ashley Kilts presented the job descriptions for Facilities Manager and Supervisor.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the job descriptions for Facilities Manager



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***with approved edits, and the Facilities Maintenance Supervisor as presented.
The motion unanimously carried.***

At 11:10 am, an executive session was held for 15 minutes to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 11:25 am; no action was taken.

11:30 AM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL RCW 42.30.110(1)(G)

At 11:30 am, an executive session was held for 45 minutes to conduct an interview pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 12:15 pm; no action was taken.

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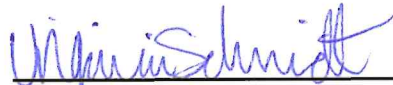
***Commissioner Hall moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 6 & 13, 2026.
The motion unanimously carried.***

***Commissioner Miller moved to approve the March warrants #52330-52751,
excluding districts, and direct deposits in the amount of \$1,600,447.23. The
motion unanimously carried.***

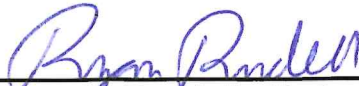
***Commissioner Hall moved to approve the annual contract with the Dayton
Chronicle for the legal newspaper. The motion unanimously carried.***

The Board recognized the retirement of Cathy Abel and directed the Auditor to remove Cathy's name from all banking accounts, such as the Bank of Eastern Oregon and the Bank of Eastern Washington.

**There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly
declared adjourned at 12:15 pm.**

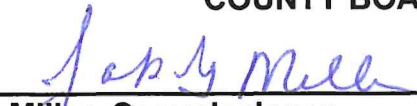
Submitted by: 
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman



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Jack G. Miller, Commissioner



Marty J. Hall, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 4-20-26

Place/Room: 91

Please Print Name: All comms +vs		Time: 9:00 am
1	Bette Lou Crothers	
2	Tulia Mead	
3	Larry Zelaznik	
4	Ashley Kilts	
5	Will Hutchens	
6	Andy Glieth	
7	Carla Rowe	
8	Tim Dyke	
9	Lisa Norris	
10	Desi Lockard	
11	Jol Helm	
12	Melanie Mings	
13	Nancy Berentsen	
14	Grant Morgan	
15	Tan Strohbehn (z)	
16	Krissy Chapman (z)	
17	Kim Boggs (z)	
18	Pro Ed Z (z)	
19	Sarah Boudrieau	
20	JASON JIRON	

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1 Chuck Belenay

2 Kim Emery

3 Jan Strahben

4 Nancy Laughery

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6 Ashley Kirts

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