



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

July 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 July 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 or taken.

9:10 AM - BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNSELING

Chrisann Christensen presented the annual agreement for behavioral services; no changes have been made to the contract.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the annual agreement between Columbia County and Blue Mountain Counseling for behavioral health services.

9:15 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

The YWCA lease agreement was tabled until the next regular meeting.

9:20 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

Ashley Kilts presented job descriptions for approval.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the job descriptions for District Court Assistant 3, District Court Assistant 1, District Court Administrator, WSU Office Manager, Noxious Weed Field Tech, 4H Agent Office Coordinator and Facilities Temporary Laborer. The motion unanimously carried.

Ashley held a discussion regarding a new policy for employee recognition and engagement. A new fund will be created to hold the funds for engagement activities.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the Employee Recognition, Wellness, and Engagement Policy. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve Resolution #2026-13 Creating the Employee Recognition Fund. The motion unanimously carried.

Ashley discussed the need to edit the employee evaluation form at the next regular meeting.



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9:35 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Grant Morgan was present to discuss the potential of hiring an assistant engineer position in the future for succession planning.

At 9:45 am, an executive session was held for 40 minutes to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 10:25 am; direction was given, no action was taken.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the job description for the Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant. The motion unanimously carried.

10:15 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF

At 10:28 am, an executive session was held for 17 minutes with Sheriff Helm to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 10:55 am; direction was given, no action was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 15 and 22, 2026. The motion unanimously carried.

A discussion was held regarding the Wesley Group annual contract.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the annual contract between Columbia and The Wesley Group for professional services, and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

The online auction for 215 E Clay St. will be held on July 27th at 10:00 am, with an open house to be hosted on July 13th. Minimum bid will be \$220,000.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 10:58 am.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Virginia Schmidt".
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board



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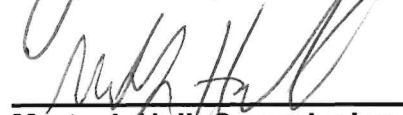
Approved:



Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman



Jack G. Miller, Commissioner



Marty J. Hall, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 7-10-26

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: All Comms + VS		Time:
1	Bill Warren	9:00 am
2	Dave Schreck	
3	Larry Zelaznik	
4	Chrisann Christensen	
5	Racheal Fletcher	
6	Will Hutchens	9:10
7	Desi Lockard	
8	Ashley Kihs	
9	Jason Laughery	
10	Grant Morgan	
11	Amber Phinney	
12	Joe Helm	10:30
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