



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

July 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 July 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

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

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 PLANNING AND BUILDING

Andy Plieth was present to discuss and present the Broughton short plat for review and approval. No objections from the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the proposed Broughton Short Plat SP2026-01. The motion unanimously carried.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Grant Morgan presented CRP project 26-02 and discussed the scope of the project along with the supporting resolution.

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt Resolution #2026-16 for County Road Project 26-02. The motion unanimously carried.

Grant held a discussion regarding the need to hire an assistant engineer to help with multiple, large projects, as well as for succession planning.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the Assistant Engineer job description, level 2, grade 19, and authorize Grant and HR to fill the position. The motion unanimously carried.

10:15 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the job descriptions for the following positions: Deputy Auditor, Chief Deputy Auditor, Chief Deputy Auditor/Chief



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Accountant, Supervisor of Elections, Community Health Nurse RN, Community Health Nurse LPN, Community Health Worker/WIC Coordinator, Environmental Health Generalist, Public Health Administrator, Public Health Business Manager, Public Health Program Coordinator and Senior Office Coordinator. The motion unanimously carried.

10:25 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Commissioners recessed and the Board of Health convened at 10:25 am.

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

A public hearing will be set to establish and amend the fee schedule for Public Health/Environmental Health.

A public hearing was set for August 17th at 11:00 am to hear comments on the amended fee schedule.

At 10:35 am, the Board of Health meeting was adjourned and the Board of Commissioners reconvened.

10:55 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Jan Strohbehn presented a lease agreement with the YWCA for leasing an office space.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the lease agreement between the Columbia County public Health department and the YWCA for leased office space. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board of Commissioners had no objection to the credit card request for Trina Cole, with a limit of \$1,000.

11:00 AM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL RCW 42.30.110(1)(G)

At 10:50 am, an executive session was held for 25 minutes to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 11:18 am; direction was given, no action was taken.

The Board appointed Desi Lockard as Emergency Management Director, beginning August 1, 2026, at step 3. The job description for emergency management business operations manager will be drafted and approved next week.



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MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 6 and 13, 2026. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the June warrants #53452-53835, excluding districts, and direct deposits in the amount of \$2,073,210.19. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the application for, and appointment of, Caysie Williams to the WWCCACAC. The motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 11:20 am.

Submitted by: Virginia Schmidt
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

Absent
Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman

Jack G. Miller
Jack G. Miller, Commissioner

Marty J. Hall
Marty J. Hall, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 7-20-20

Place/Room: 201

Please Print Name: All Comms + VS		Time:
1	Larry Zelaznik	
2	Bill Warren	
3	Joe Helm	
4	Desi Lockard	
5	Will Hutchens	
6	Diane Dill	
7	Lisa Morris	
8	Andy Plieth	
9	Ashley Kilts	
10	Carla Rowe	
11	Norrie Gregoire (z)	
12	Grant Morgan	
13	Nick Ward	
14	Jan Strohhahn	
15	Kim Boggs (z)	
16	Krissy Chapman (z)	
17	BoH-	
18	Chuck Beleny	
19	Jasmin Helm	
20	Greg Abramson	

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Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 7-20-26

Place/Room: Pg 2

Please Print Name:

Time:

1 Nancy Laughery

2 Jan Strohnbehn

3 Kim Emery

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