



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

August 7, 2023

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on August 7, 2023, with Chairman Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner Marty J. Hall, Commissioner Jack G. Miller, Clerk of the Board Virginia Schmidt and Deputy Clerk of the Board Ashley Kilts present. List of attendees is attached.

9:01 AM - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

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

9:10 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS - FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Tyler Huff and Grant Morgan were present for a discussion regarding the need to repair/replace certain restaurant equipment in the Golf Course restaurant and Clubhouse. Tyler presented a list of projects to be completed through the 108 Excise Tax Fund.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the three projects from the 108 Tax fund as presented to be the Range Hood, Water Heater and Clubhouse Restroom Repairs. The motion unanimously carried.

Repairs to the Courthouse steps will be needed soon and bids will be collected for the project before moving forward.

A discussion was held regarding issues with the security alarm system for county facilities. Steps are being taken to get the system back online.

9:30 AM - PUBLIC HEARING: 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

At 9:30 am, the public hearing previously opened and recessed on July 17th was continued to discuss the proposed budget amendments. A list of those present is attached. The proposed budget amendments were reviewed and time was allowed for public comment. The hearing closed at 9:34 am.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2023-19 in the Matter of Budget Amendments. The motion unanimously carried.

9:45 AM - OBENLAND AND LOW - ADAM HODGES

Adam Hodges reviewed the Risk Pool Assessment for county facilities. No action was taken.



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10:10 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Tina Bobbitt was present to discuss the need to transfer funds from E911 to Emergency Management for radio replacement.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2023-20 in the matter of Approving a Transfer of Funds from Fund 128 E911 to Fund 275 Emergency Management. The motion unanimously carried.

Tina gave departmental updates for E911 and Emergency Management.

10:30 AM - DAYTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - BELINDA LARSEN

Belinda Larsen was present to give updates from the Chamber of Commerce.

11:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Commissioners recessed and the Board of Health convened at 11:00 am. Meeting minutes of the Board of Health are available upon request.

At 11:55 am, the Board of Health adjourned and the Board of Commissioners reconvened.

12:00 PM - BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:15 PM - WSU EXTENSION - NAEDENE SHEARER

Naedene Shearer was present to request an increase in pay for Siera Hall.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the pay increase for Siera Hall as the 4-H director, with a one-step increase. The motion passed with a 2 to 1 vote; Commissioner Hall abstained.

Naedene also updated the Board on the status of the noxious weed, white bryony, and the need to hire temporary part-time employees to help eradicate the noxious weed. Grants will be applied for to help control the prevalence of the weed in the county.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the Weed Board to hire 1 or 2 employees to help with the white bryony problem. The motion unanimously carried.

1:25 PM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

At 1:30 pm, an executive session was held for twenty-five minutes with Kristi Zinn and Dale Slack to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed



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at 1:55 pm; direction was given; no action was taken.

At 2:00 pm, an executive session was held for 5 minutes with Kristi Zinn and Dale Slack to discuss litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The session closed at 2:05 pm; no direction was given; no action was taken.

2:10 PM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Prosecuting Attorney Dale Slack was present for a discussion regarding criminal justice and mental health awareness issues and possible litigation against DSHS through WSAC. The Board directed Dale to join the lawsuit against DSHS; Dale will move forward with the proceedings.
No executive session was held.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 17 and 24, 2023. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the WSAC Special Assessment request to support the National Center for Public Lands for the amount of \$7866.00. The motion unanimously carried.

Clarification was made regarding the payroll change form for Jan Strohbehn to receive a stipend while acting as interim director of Public Health.

Commissioner Hall moved to re-appoint Alan Harris to the Board of Equalization for the term of 3 years beginning August 1, 2023. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the preliminary budget worksheets for the Commissioners fund, Senior Center and Law and Justice funds.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Virginia Schmidt".
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

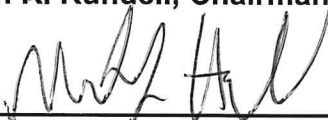


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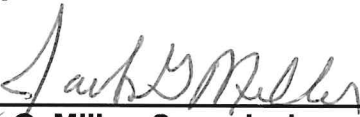
Approved:



Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman



Marty J. Hall, Commissioner



Jack G. Miller, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 8-7-23

Place/Room:

Please Print Name:	Time:
All comms HVS +AK	9:00 am
1 Desirae Lockard (2)	
2 Tina Bobbitt	
3 Bill Ayotte	
4 Grant Morgan	
5 Tyler Huff	
6 Tim Dyke	
7 Will Hutchens	
8 Joe Helm (2)	
9 Adam Hodges	
10 Belinda Larsen	
11 Mackay Smith	
12 Jan Strahbehn	
13 Jason CHT	
14 chuck B	
15 Debbie Davis	
16 Nancy Laughery	
17 Jasmine Helm	
18 kristen (2)	
19 Kristy Zinn	
20 Ole Slack	