



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

August 21, 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 21, 2023, with Chairman Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner Marty J. Hall, Commissioner Jack G. Miller, and Clerk of the Board Virginia Schmidt present. List of attendees is attached.

9:01 AM - DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

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

Tina Bobbitt gave a power-point presentation on emergency preparedness for the county.

9:50 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Jan Strohbehn and Kristi Zinn presented an updated job description for the Public Health Administrator position as a 40-hour position. A salary schedule amendment will be needed.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the job description for the Public Health Administrator as edited, with changes as described. The motion unanimously carried.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

At 10:00 am, a bid opening was held for the Vernon Smith Bridge Project. 5 bids were received as listed below. The engineer's estimate for the project is \$2,741,988.00.

BIDS:

Apollo Inc. 3,188,963.00

Don Jackson \$3,099,966.69

Game Inc. \$2,745,096.10

Nelson Construction \$2,875,642.70

N.A. Degerstrom \$4,163,395.00

All bids will be reviewed by the County Engineer for qualifications and a recommendation for award will be brought to the Board for approval.



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A brief discussion was held regarding the cost of the roof replacement for the Senior Center, which is primarily covered by insurance. The deductible will be taken out of Capital Improvement.

10:15 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Joe Helm presented the Intergovernmental Agreement between Walla Walla County and Columbia County for prisoner transport and housing services. The contract has the prosecuting attorney's approval.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Walla Walla County and Columbia County for adult custody facilities. The motion unanimously carried.

10:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING

Dena Martin was present to give updates and present the FCAAP Grant for the Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt the FCAAP Grant Agreement #SEAFCAAC-2325-CCoPB-00034 Between the Department of Ecology and Columbia County Planning and Building for the Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan and authorize the Chair to electronically sign. The motion unanimously carried.

Dena requested a credit card for Robert Stearns with a limit of \$5,000, which the Board approved.

Dena presented the Howard Short Plat for approval with the staff report.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the Howard Short Plat as presented and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

11:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY AUDITOR

Auditor Will Hutchens reviewed the preliminary budgets that have been submitted thus far.

11:45 AM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS RCW 42.30.110(1)(D)

At 11:30 am, an executive session was held for 15 minutes with Will Hutchens to discuss contract negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(d). At 11:45 am, the session was extended for 5 minutes. The session closed at 11:50 am. Direction was given; no action was taken.



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MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the July warrants #40159-40533 in the amount of \$1,919,395.08. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Miller moved to appoint Dawn Rodriguez to the Columbia County Fair Board. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the meeting minutes from August 7, 14, 16, 2023. The motion unanimously carried.

No comment was made for the liquor license for the KOA at Lyon's Ferry Marina.

Commissioner Hall moved to sign the letter from EWCOG to the WDFW Commission regarding the Draft Management Policy. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board of Commissioners recessed until 6:00 pm.

6:00 PM - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

At 6:00 pm, the Board reconvened to allow for public comment. No comments were made.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Submitted by:

Virginia Schmidt
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

Ryan R. Rundell
Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman

Marty J. Hall
Marty J. Hall, Commissioner

Jack G. Miller
Jack G. Miller, Commissioner

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Meeting Sign-In Sheet #1

Meeting Date: 8-21-23 BACC + VS+AK

Place/Room:

Please Print Name:	Time:
1 Kristi Zion	9:00 am
2 Joe Helm	
3 Will Hutchins	
4 Tyler Huff	
5 Grant Morgan	
6 Tina Bobbitt	
7 Tim Dyke	
8 Jan Strohbehn (z)	
9 Tammy Kitterman	
10 Carla Rowe	
11 Melanie Mings (z)	
12 Diane Dill (z)	
13 Naedene Shearer (z)	
14 Kim Boggs (z)	
15 Krissy Chapman	
16 Gerald Kruser	
17 Deana Martin	
18 Ron Weeks (z)	
19 520-9396 (z)	
20 Kristen Thorstenson (z)	

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Meeting Sign-In Sheet

#2

Meeting Date: 8-21-23

Place/Room:

Please Print Name:	Time:
1 Tamra Morris	10:00
2 Gordon Evans	10 AM
3 Mah Tuhm	10 AM
4 Joel Guardado	10 AM
5 Cery Bell	10 AM
6 Austin Brown	10 AM
7 Sadie Gregg (z)	
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9 evening meeting	6:00 pm
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11 Barbara Miller	
12 Jess Nettles (z)	
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