



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

October 16, 2023

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on October 16th, 2023, with Chairman Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner Marty J. Hall, Commissioner Jack G. Miller, Clerk of the Board Virginia Schmidt and Deputy Clerk Ashley Kilts 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.

9:30 AM - FINANCE COMMITTEE

Carla Rowe and Will Hutchens reviewed the 3rd quarter financial report.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

At 10:20 am, an executive session was held for 15 minutes with Tina Bobbitt to discuss contract negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(d). The session closed at 10:35 am; no action was taken; direction was given.

10:20 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

Kristi Zinn presented an amended salary schedule for the added part-time position of HR Coordinator and an hourly rate for the Administrator's part-time position.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the salary schedule amendment for the HR Coordinator position as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

10:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Grant Morgan and Amber Phinney were present to hold a discussion regarding the Sheriff's office ER&R rental rates and 2024 budget forecast.

CRAB contracts for the Vernon Smith Bridge were presented for signatures.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve and sign amendment #1 for the Vernon Smith Bridge Project on Rose Gulch Road. The motion unanimously carried.

Grant recommended the bid for the Tucannon River Road Project be awarded to Odyssey Contracting LLC concurrent with the DOT requirements.



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Commissioner Hall moved to award the bid to Odyssey Construction LLC contingent on WASDOT approval in the amount of \$792,797.00. The motion unanimously carried.

A public hearing was set for October 30th at 6:00 pm at the Fairgrounds Pavilion to hear comments on the 6-year transportation plan.

11:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY TREASURER

Carla Rowe and Will Hutchens were present to review the Treasurer's office's 2024 preliminary budget. No action was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the September warrants #40889-41271, excluding districts, and direct deposits in the amount of \$1,130,652.40. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 2nd, 9th, 12th, 2023. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to appoint Emmalee Cole to the Columbia County Fair Board. The motion unanimously carried.

No comment was made for the liquor license renewal for Dumas Station Wines, LLC.

12:00 PM - BREAK FOR LUNCH

Break for lunch.

1:30 PM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Dale Slack and employees of the Prosecuting Attorney's office were present for the 2024 preliminary budget review. No action was taken.

The Board recessed until 6:00 pm.

LOCATION CHANGE TO THE FAIRGROUNDS PAVILION

6:00 PM - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Time was allowed for public comment.

6:10 PM - PUBLIC HEARING: DRAFT RULES FOR SEASONAL ROAD CLOSURES



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A public hearing was held at 6:10 pm to discuss the proposed draft seasonal road closures. A list of those present is attached. The proposed rules were reviewed and public comment was taken. The hearing closed at 6:35 pm.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 6:35 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

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

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Meeting Date: 10-16-2023

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: All Comms + VS + AL		Time: 9:00am
1 Dave Schreck		
2 Tina Bobbitt		
3 Joe Helm		
4 Krissy Chapman		
5 Grant Morgan		
6 Amber Phinney		
7 Tyler Huff		
8 Carla Rowe		
9 Will Hutchens		
10 Tammy Kitterman		
11 Deena Martin		
12 Dale Slack (2)		
13 iPhone (2)		
14 Kristi Zinn		
15 Dale Slack		1:30pm
16 Kent Bigler		
17 Jennine Christensen		
18 Britni McCawley		
19 Rebecca Coaly		

Cont. Meeting Date: 10-16-23 Columbia County Commissioners Meeting Sign-In Sheet 2	
Meeting Date: 10-16-23	Place/Room:

Please Print Name:		Time:
	Pub. hearing	6:00pm
1	Greg Fullerton	
2	JEFF HEINZICH	
3	KELLY ALLEN	
4	AMY KRCMA	
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