



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

November 20, 2023

### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on November 20, 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 - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**

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

### **9:10 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY AUDITOR**

Auditor Will Hutchens was present to discuss the need for a fund transfer in the amount of \$30,000 to the parks and recreation fund from the rural county excise tax fund.

*Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2023-27 in the Matter of Approving a Transfer of Funds from the Rural Excise Tax Fund to the Parks and Recreation Fund. The motion unanimously carried.*

### **9:20 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES**

Kristi Zinn was present to discuss the risk management loss control recommendations that were received and the steps needed to complete the recommended improvements to certain facilities.

At 9:40 am, an executive session was held for twenty minutes with Kristi Zinn and Dale Slack to discuss litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The session closed at 10:00 am; no action was taken.

### **10:00 AM - DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING**

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

A discussion was held regarding possible changes to employee benefits/insurance plans. An additional meeting will be held at 3:00 pm for county employees to be informed of the possible plan changes.

### **12:00 PM - BREAK FOR LUNCH**

At 12:05 pm, the Board recessed until 3:00 pm.



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**MISCELLANEOUS**

*Commissioner Hall moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 6th and 13th, 2023. The motion unanimously carried.*

*Commissioner Hall moved to approve the October warrants #41272-41651, excluding districts, and direct deposits in the amount of \$1,048,371.50. The motion unanimously carried.*

*Commissioner Hall moved to adopt the Interlocal Agreement Between Walla Walla County and Columbia County, and the Bylaws, for the Walla Walla Columbia County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (WWCCACAC). The motion unanimously carried.*

*Commissioner Hall moved to approve the contract between Columbia County and the Office of Public Defense and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.*

**3:00 PM - EMPLOYEE MEETING (Fairgrounds Pavilion)**

A continued discussion was held regarding possible changes to the county employee insurance plans. Commissioner Rundell reviewed proposed insurance plans with attending employees, noting the need for changes to make health insurance more affordable for all employees.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 3:40 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



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Jack G. Miller, Commissioner

# Columbia County Commissioners

## Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 11-20-23

Place/Room: pg 2

| Please Print Name: BOCC + VS + AK | Time: |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 1 Dave Shreck                     | 9am   |
| 2 Desi Lockard (2)                |       |
| 3 Will Hutchens                   |       |
| 4 Naedene Shearer (2)             |       |
| 5 Bob (2)                         |       |
| 6 Dale Slack (2)                  |       |
| 7 Grant Morgan                    |       |
| 8 Kristi Zinn                     |       |
| 9 Kristen Thorstensen (2)         |       |
| 10 Tyler Huff                     |       |
| 11 Melanie Mings (2)              |       |
| 12 Tammy Kitterman                |       |
| 13 Jan Stro                       |       |
| 14 Dena Martin                    |       |
| 15 Amber Phinney                  |       |
| 16 Tina Bobbitt                   |       |
| 17 Krissy Chapman                 |       |
| 18 Diane Dill                     |       |
| 19 Joe Helm                       |       |
| 20 Carla Buwe                     |       |

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Time:

1 Kim Boggs (2)

10am

2 Tim Dyke (2)

3 Jasmin Helm (2)

4 Delphine Bailey

5 Chip Wood

6 Dan Herbst

7 Dean Wass

8 Shawn Towery

9 Alishia Tomas

10 Janice Brodhead

11 Greg Fullerton

12 Ialeb Bryant

13 Marc Souza

14 Justin Aulze

15 Cathy Shocket

16 Jeff McLaren

17 Cathy Abel

18 Sadie Gregg

19 Estassia Collins

20 Jan Manwell

Employee  
Meeting  
Fairgrounds  
3pm

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Place/Room:

| Please Print Name: | Time: |
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| 1 Jennifer Price   |       |
| 2 Alan Wessels     |       |
| 3 Dakota Baker     |       |
| 4 Jason Laughery   |       |
| 5 Audrey           |       |
| 6 Gina Bruce       |       |
| 7 Sarah Boudreau   |       |
| 8 Matt Weins       |       |
| 9 John Lewiston    |       |
| 10 Rachelle        |       |
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