



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

December 18, 2023

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on December 18, 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 comments. 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. Kristi Zinn invited employees to volunteer to sit on a compensation committee, a safety committee and the handbook committee.

10:00 AM - PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET ADOPTIONS

A public hearing was held at 10:00 am, to discuss the proposed adoption of the 2024 budgets. A list of those present is attached. The proposed budgets were reviewed and public comment was taken. The hearing closed at 10:05 a.m.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2023-36 in the matter of adopting the final budget for fiscal year 2024 for the Current Expense Fund in the amount of \$7,546,313. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt Resolution #2023-37 in the matter of adopting the final budget for fiscal year 2024 for Columbia County Various Budgets in the amount of \$6,069,965. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2023-38 in the matter of adopting the 2024 Public Works budgets totaling \$28,632,019. The motion unanimously carried.

10:40 AM- EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

At 10:40 am, an executive session was held for 15 minutes with Jan Strohbehn to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 10:55 am; no action was taken, no direction was given.

11:00 AM - BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNSELING

Dimita Warren and Chrisann Christensen were present for a discussion regarding appointing Chrisann as the GCBH-ASO representative for Columbia County. Dimita



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Warren will be retiring at the end of the year and the Board thanked Dimita for her 39 years of hard work.

Commissioner Miller moved to appoint Chrisann Christensen to the alternate position on the GCBH-ASO for Columbia County. The motion unanimously carried.

11:10 AM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: POTENTIAL LITIGATION RCW 42.30.110(1)(I)

At 11:10 am, an executive session was held for 50 minutes with Dale Slack and Joe Helm to discuss litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The session closed at 12:00 pm; direction was given, no action was taken.

12:00 PM - BREAK FOR LUNCH

At 12:00 pm, the Board recessed until 1:15 pm.

1:15 PM - PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A public hearing was held at 1:15 pm to discuss the proposed 2023 budget amendments. A list of those present is attached. The proposed budget amendments were reviewed and public comment was taken. The hearing closed at 1:20 pm.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2023-39 in the matter of amending the 2023 budgets as noted in attachment A. The motion unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board discussed board assignments for 2024 and appointment of Jack G. Miller as Chairman for 2024. Official motions will be made at the first meeting in 2024.

The Board discussed an additional paid holiday in 2024, on December 24th.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2023-40 in the matter of establishing December 24, 2024, as a paid holiday. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Sheriffs Deputy Association to update the health insurance coverage and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the AFSCME local 1191 to update the health insurance coverage and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.



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Commissioner Hall moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 4 and 10, 2023. The motion unanimously carried.

No comment was made regarding the cannabis license renewal for Blue Mountain Cultivation.

No comment was made regarding the liquor license renewal for Cedar Rain Spirits and The Last Resort.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the November warrants #41652-41974 (excluding districts) and direct deposits in the amount of \$1,025,782.20. The motion unanimously carried.

A discussion was held regarding roll-over vacation and sick time for certain county employees.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve vacation pay out to Cathy Abel, due to extenuating circumstances, of 160 hours of accrued time. The motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 1:40 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

Jack G. Miller
Jack G. Miller, Commissioner

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Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 12-18-23

Place/Room:

Please Print Name:	Time:
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1 Dave Schreck	
2 Grant Morgan	
3 Krissy Chapman	
4 Carla Rowe	
5 Dena Martin (2)	
6 Sadie Gregg (2)	
7 382-2907 (2)	
8 Amber Phinney	
9 Will Hutchens	
10 WW JJC (2)	
11 Columbia County (2)	
12 Jan Strohbehn	
13 Tina Bobbitt	
14 Kristi Zinn	
15 Diane Dill (2)	
16 Tammy Kitterman	
17 Joe Helm	
18 Melanie Mings (2)	
19 Tim Dyke	
20 Cathi Ahol	

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Cont.

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Meeting Date:

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Time:

1 Kim Boggs (2)

2 302-4541 (2)

3 Dale Slack (2)

4 Dimita Warren

5 Chrisann Christensen

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