



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

April 1, 2024

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on April 1, 2024, with Chairman Jack G. Miller, Commissioner Marty J. Hall, Commissioner Ryan R. Rundell, Clerk of the Board Virginia Schmidt and Deputy Clerk Ashley Kilts present. List of attendees is attached.

9:01 AM - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Public comment was taken regarding the legality of the official newspaper of record.

9:10 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Grant Morgan and Amber Phinney were present to discuss the job description for the Shop Foreman-Mechanic as well as the corresponding salary. Grant also gave updates on the progress on certain road and bridge projects.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the job description for the Public Works Shop Foreman-Mechanic as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

9:20 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING

Dena Martin presented a continuation of the professional services contract for Cramer Fish Services which is funded by the Conservation District.

Commissioner Hall moved to enter into the contract for monitoring with Columbia County Conservation District and Cramer Fish Services and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

9:30 AM - PUBLIC HEARING: 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A public hearing was held at 9:30 am to discuss the proposed budget amendments. A list of those present is attached. The proposed amendments were reviewed and time was allowed for public comment and no comments were made. The hearing closed at 9:34 am.

Commissioner Rundell moved to adopt Resolution #2024-11 Amending the 2024 Budgets. The motion unanimously carried.

9:45 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Tina Bobbitt was present to give updates of the Emergency Management Department.



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Tina informed the Board that signature authorization forms for certain grants will be amended to include Nancy Berentser's name. The Board had no objections to the change.

Tina presented a payroll change form for Christina Casimira, giving an increase for a 1-year anniversary, which the Board signed.

Tina presented Resolution #2024-12 and discussed April 14-20th as Telecommunicators Week; appreciation was expressed for all dispatchers.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2024-12 in the matter of proclaiming April 14-20th, 2024 as Telecommunicators Week. The motion unanimously carried.

10:00 AM - PUBLIC BID OPENING: NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

At 10:00 am a public bid opening was held for the legal newspaper of record. The following bid(s) were received and opened.

The Dayton Chronicle: \$8.73 per column inch. \$35.65 per 100 words.

Commissioner Hall moved to accept the bid from the Dayton Chronicle to be the newspaper of record from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

10:15 AM - WSU EXTENSION

Naedene Shearer updated the Board on temporary office hour changes for the extension office.

At 10:20 am, an executive session was held for one hour and ten minutes to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). At 11:25 am, the session was extended for 30 minutes. The session closed at 12:00 pm; direction was given; no action was taken.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:00 PM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

At 1:05 pm, an executive session was held for one hour to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 2:00 pm; no direction was given; no action was taken.



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2:00 PM - COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

At 2:05 pm, an executive session was held for one hour to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 3:15 pm; no direction was given; no action was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

No comment was made about the liquor license renewal for Red Band Cellars.

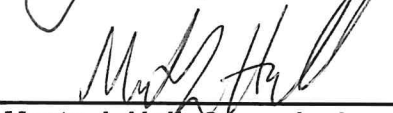
Commissioner Hall moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 18 and 25, 2024. The motion unanimously carried.

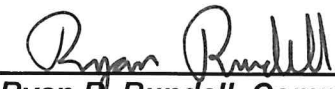
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Submitted by: 
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Jack G. Miller, Chairman


Marty J. Hall, Commissioner


Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 4/1/24

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: BOCC + VS + AK	Time:
1 Kevin Rust	
2 Dave Schreck	
3 Don Hicks	
4 Bob (2)	
5 Will Hubbens	
6 Naedene Shearer (2)	
7 Amber Phinney	
8 Grant Morgan	
9 Dana Martin	
10 Tina Babbitt	
11 Dale Slack (2)	
12 Loyal Baker	
13 Kristi Zinn	
14 Johnathon Gigg	
15 Sue Helms	
16 Jennine Christensen	
17 Amber Phinney	
18 Grant Morgan	
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