



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

August 5, 2024

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on August 5, 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 - COLUMBIA COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Dale Slack was present to discuss the amount of public records requests recently and the possibility of hiring a part-time person to assist with the workload. No action was taken.

At 9:15 am, an executive session was held for ten minutes with Dale Slack to discuss litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The session closed at 9:25 am; direction was given, no action was taken.

Dale Slack informed the Board of a multi-county litigation against DSHS regarding juvenile detention concerns and suggested joining the suit.

Commissioner Hall moved to join the litigation against DSHS concerning juvenile defenders. The motion unanimously carried.

Time was allowed for public comment and Theresa Eier made public comments regarding concerns about Sheriff Helm and Undersheriff Robbie Patterson in his position as chaplain.

9:35 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Grant Morgan discussed a scope change for the Lower Hogeye Road Project and presented the contract with Don Jackson Excavation, LLC for the Lower Hogeye Project.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve and sign the scope change and request for additional funds from the CRAB Board for the Lower Hogeye Project. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve and sign the contract for the Lower Hogeye Project to Don Jackson Excavating and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.



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9:45 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Nancy Berentsen was present to give updates for the Emergency Management Department. No action was taken.

10:00 AM - PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT

Dianne McKinley and Terri Hessler were present to give updates from the Parks and Recreation District and discuss an excess tax levy. If the levy passes, it will cover operating costs to include a part-time clerk, postage, election costs, legal fees, bookkeeping, etc. The District would like to be funding partners with the County.

Terri gave updates regarding plans for and progress of building a pool.

10:30 AM - DAYTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - BELINDA LARSEN

Belinda Larsen was present to give updates from the Chamber of Commerce and request funds from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund for advertising for All Wheels Weekend and an upcoming music festival.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the funding requests of the Chamber of Commerce from the Hotel/Motel funds for \$3,000 each for All Wheels Weekend and the Music Festival. The motion unanimously carried.

10:50 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - CIVIL DEPUTY

Sarah Boudrieau was present to discuss an update on a digital forensics program and request funds from the law and justice fund to support the updated program.

Commissioner Hall moved to grant \$6,000 out of the law and justice fund for the annual use of the digital forensics program. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board of Commissioners presented Tim Quigg with a retirement plaque and thanked him for his 43 years of dedication and service to the County.

11:00 AM - WSU EXTENSION

Naedene Shearer was present to discuss the 2024 MOA between WSU extension and Columbia County.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the MOA between WSU Extension and Columbia County for the year 2024 and authorize the chair to sign. The motion



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unanimously carried.

Naedene presented a job description for a part-time, fill-in office manager to cover the office while employees are out of the office, as well as the salary schedule for the part-time position of noxious weed technician that was previously approved.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the job description for the part-time fill-in office manager for the extension agency. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the salary schedule for the part-time position of the noxious weed technician. The motion unanimously carried.

11:15 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Carla Rowe and Will Hutchens were present as the Finance Committee to give the 2nd quarter financial report. No action was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the re-appointments of John Laib and Judi Pilcher to the Board of Equalization for a term of 3 years. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 15 and 22, 2024. The motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 11:45 am.

Submitted by: Virginia Schmidt
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

Absent
Jack G. Miller, Chairman



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Marty J. Hall, Commissioner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan R. Rundell", written over a horizontal line.

Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 8-5-24

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: BOCC + VS + AK	Time:
1 Dave Schreck	
2 Numa (2)	
3 Will Hutchens	
4 Grant Morgan	
5 Dale Morgan Stock	
6 Theresa Eier	
7 Leanne Woods (2)	
8 Nancy B	
9 Diane McKinley	
10 Terry Hessler	
11 Belinda Loezin	
12 Tim Quigg	
13 Liz Quigg	
14 Jon Quigg	
15 Sarah B	
16 Joe Helm	
17 Carla Rouze	
18 Nadeene Sherer	
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