



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

September 16, 2024

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on September 16, 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.

9:00 AM - DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

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

Leann Literal and Dave Laughery were present to discuss holding Indian Relay Races at the Fairgrounds in the future. Further discussions will be held.

9:40 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Amber Phinney held a discussion regarding compensatory time for Public Works employees and adding clarification to the handbook policy in the future. No action was taken.

9:55 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Nancy Berensten presented the signature authorization form for the grant application for the SECO Equipment Contract, which the Board signed.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Dale Slack and Julie Bickelhaupt were present to discuss the offer for purchasing the REA/Pulp Building, with a 30-day feasibility time for inspections.

Commissioner Hall moved to extend/accept the offer of \$530,000 to the seller, Northwest Straw Pulp LLC, to purchase the building at 115 W Main Street, locally known as the REA building. The motion unanimously carried.

At 10:10 am, an executive session was held for 20 minutes with Dale Slack to discuss contract negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(d). The session closed at 10:30 am; no action was taken.

10:40 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING



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Dena Martin was present to discuss the findings and conclusions to the 2025 comprehensive plan annual update and presented corresponding Resolution #2024-20. A hearing was held, no comments were made and approvals were given.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2024-20 in the matter of adopting findings and conclusions for the 2025 comprehensive plan annual amendment review docket. The motion unanimously carried.

Dena also gave departmental updates for the Planning and Building Department to include an increase in permits and ongoing projects.

11:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

The WCIF rates and master application discussion was tabled until a further date.

At 11:10 am the Board recessed until 11:30 am.

11:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Commissioners recessed and the Board of Health convened at 11:30 am.

Meeting minutes of the Board of Health are available upon request.

The Board discussed the open position on the BOH and decided to move Nancy Laughery from position #1 to position #2.

At 11:50 am the Board of Health adjourned and the Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve moving Nancy Laughery from position #1 on the Board of Health to position #2 with the term of 7/1/2024-6/30/2027. The motion unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

A discussion was held regarding payments for risk pool deductibles as needed.

Commissioner Hall moved to authorize the Auditor's office to pay the risk pool deductible bill, due to WCRG, out of the current expense general fund. The motion unanimously carried.



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Commissioner Hall moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 3 and 9, 2024. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the July warrants #44917-45299 (excluding districts) and direct deposits in the amount of \$1,237,489.26. The motion unanimously carried.

12:00 PM - BREAK FOR LUNCH

At 12:00 pm the Board recessed until 1:30 pm.

1:30 PM - JOINT MEETING WITH ASOTIN AND GARFIELD COUNTIES

A joint meeting with Asotin, Columbia and Garfield Counties was held in Pomeroy to discuss the possibility of adding a second Superior Court Judge. Concerns were discussed regarding the additional costs to the counties. No action was taken.

At 2:00 pm the Board recessed until 6:00 pm.

6:00 PM - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

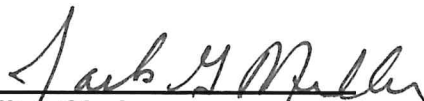
Time was allowed for public comment. No comments were made.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Submitted by:


Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Jack G. Miller, Chairman


Marty J. Hall, Commissioner



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Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner

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Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 9-16-24

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: BOCC + VS + Atk	Time:
1 Dave Schreck	9am
2 Dena Martin	
3 Nancy Berskine	
4 Mel Mings	
5 Kristi Zinn (2)	
6 Joe Helms	
7 Tyler Huff	
8 Jan Strohbehn (2)	
9 Leann Literal	
10 Dave Laughery	
11 Kim Biggs (2)	
12 Amber Phinney	
13 Krissy Chapman	
14 Carla Rowe	
15 Tim Dike	
16 Dale Slack (2)	
17 Cathy Abel (2)	
18 Julie Bickelmaier	
19 Sadie Gregg (2)	
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1 Corey Hargrett	
2 Jasmine Helm	BoH meeting 11:30am
3 Estica Collins	
4 chuck Belaney	
5 Barb Miller	6 pm
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