



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

December 9, 2024

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

A special meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on December 9, 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 - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

Kristi Zinn was present to discuss the contract with PEBB through the Washington State Health Care Authority.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the PEBB contract for 2025 and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

At 9:10 am, an executive session was held for 10 minutes with Kristi Zinn to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 9:20 am; no direction was given, no action was taken.

9:25 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Grant Morgan presented Resolution #2024-37 and discussed multiple county road projects that the County Engineer is authorized to complete.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2024-37 in the matter of multiple preservation projects for County Road in 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

9:30 AM - PUBLIC HEARING: SOLID WASTE FEE SCHEDULE

A public hearing was held at 9:30 am to discuss the proposed changes to the Solid Waste fee schedule. A list of those present is attached. The proposed fee schedule was reviewed and public comment was taken. The hearing closed at 9:33 am.

Commissioner Rundell moved to adopt Resolution #2024-39 amending the 2024 solid waste fee schedule for 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

Grant gave general updates for the Public Works department.

**9:45 AM - PUBLIC HEARING: ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AND 6 YEAR
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

A public hearing was held at 9:45 am to discuss the proposed 2025 annual construction program and the 6-year transportation improvement program. A list of



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those present is attached. The proposed programs were reviewed and public comment was taken. The hearing closed at 10:11 am.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2024-35 in the matter of adopting the 2025 annual construction program and the six-year transportation program for 2025-2030. The motion unanimously carried.

10:15 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY AUDITOR

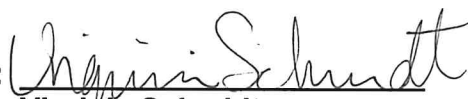
Auditor Will Hutchens was present to hold discussions regarding budgets, salary schedules, payroll change forms, and COLA increases. Further discussions will be held.

10:45 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

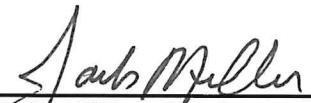
At 11:00 am, an executive session was held for 15 minutes with Dale Slack to discuss litigation potential pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The session closed at 11:15 am; no direction was given, no action was taken.

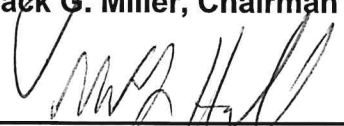
Dale Slack discussed the need for a coroner and possibly contracting with neighboring counties for services. The Commissioners will inquire of Asotin County and Walla Walla County.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 11:50 am.

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

Columbia County Commissioners
Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 12-9-24

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: Bocc + Vs + Ak

Time: 9am

1 Erick Bengel (2)

2 Carey Honeycutt

3 Kristi Zinn

4 Dale Slack (2)

5 Grant Morgan

Public hearing

9:30

6 Donnie Draper

7 Ted Penner

Public hearing

9:45

8 Delphine Bailey (2)

9 Tim Pyke (2)

10 Kristen Thorsen (2)

11 Maedene Shearer (2)

12 Bill Hutchens

13 Rachelle Osth

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