



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

January 6, 2025

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on January 6, 2025, with Chairman Marty J. Hall, Commissioner Jack G. Miller, Commissioner Ryan R. Rundell, Clerk of the Board Virginia Schmidt and Deputy Clerk Ashley Kilts present. List of attendees is attached.

Commissioner Rundell moved to appoint Marty Hall as Chairman of the Board for 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

9:01 AM - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

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

9:10 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Grant Morgan and Amber Phinney were present to discuss the rock royalty payment and quarry site use agreement with Penner Farms.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the quarry site use contract between Columbia County Public Works and Penner Farms Quarry. The motion unanimously carried.

Grant presented Resolution #2025-01 and discussed the needed amendments to the 2025-2030 six-year transportation plan, due to changes in CRAB funding.

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt Resolution #2025-01 amending the 2025-2030 six-year transportation plan. The motion unanimously carried.

Amber Phinney held a discussion regarding hiring a part-time employee to do janitorial work at Public Works.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the job description and salary schedule for the part-time janitorial position at Public Works. The motion unanimously carried.

9:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

A discussion was held regarding a new CAD system for Emergency Management/Dispatch. A new CAD system coordinated with Walla Walla County is of great expense so other options are being explored.



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A discussion was held regarding the Emergency Management vehicle and its use. Further discussions will be held.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

Kristi Zinn was present to hold a discussion regarding ADA compliance within the county facilities and a policy for compliance grievances.

Commissioner Rundell moved to adopt the Notice under the Americans disabilities act grievance policy and add it to the Handbook and put it on the county website. The motion unanimously carried.

Kristi gave general updates for the Human Resources department. Resignation notices were received from Naedene Shearer and Siera Hall of the WSU Extension Office.

10:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

At 10:25 am, an executive session was held for 30 minutes with Dale Slack to discuss litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The session closed at 10:55 am; no direction was given, no action was taken.

12:00 PM - BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:15 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: UNION NEGOTIATIONS RCW 42.30.110(1)(B)

At 1:15 pm, an executive session was held for 1 hour with representatives from the Sheriff's Deputy Association to discuss collective bargaining strategy pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b). The session closed at 1:52 pm; direction was given, no action was taken.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve and sign the settlement agreement between Columbia County and the Columbia County Deputy Sheriff's Association for the call out/overtime grievance settlement. The motion unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 16, 23, 30, 2024. The motion unanimously carried.

A brief discussion was held regarding the impact of wolves on local livestock.

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt Resolution #2025-02 in the matter of



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declaring wolves to be a nuisance in Columbia County. The motion unanimously carried.

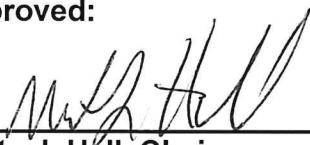
No action was taken on the PGE Tucannon River Wind Farm Habitat Project Fund grant application request.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Submitted by:


Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Marty J. Hall, Chairman


Jack G. Miller, Commissioner


Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 1-6-25

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: BOCC + VS + AK	Time:
1 Dave Schuck	9am
2 Barbara (z)	
3 Dale Slack (z)	
4 Amber Phinney	
5 Grant Morgan	
6 Desi Lockard	
7 Nancy B	
8 Tammery Phinney	
9 Michael Field	
10 Kristi Zinn	
11 David Walling	
12 Matt Weins	
13 Kevin Wesley	
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