



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

February 3, 2025

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on February 3, 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.

9:00 AM - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

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

9:10 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING

Dena Martin was present to request credit cards for Planning employees. The Board had no objections to credit cards for Kyleigh Hamilton and Robert Stearns with a limit of \$1,000 each and Dena's card with a limit of \$5,000.

9:15 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

At 9:15 am, an executive session was held for 15 minutes with Kristi Zinn to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 9:30 am; direction was given, no action was taken.

Kristi Zinn presented a resolution addressing specific details of health insurance benefits for county employees that are related.

Commissioner Rundell moved to adopt Resolution #2025-06 in the matter of provision of health insurance benefits for county employees. The motion unanimously carried.

9:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Nancy Berentsen and Desi Lockard were present to give updates on CEMP, CWPP Grant and CAD Quotes. The Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved, and a resolution will be drafted to adopt the plan.

CAD quotes are being collected and reviewed; continued discussions will be held regarding the next steps.

Desi led a discussion on staffing and stated that one more dispatcher would ensure full coverage of shifts. A payroll change form was presented for Audrey Watson as she was the only dispatcher that was missed when Emergency Management staff received increases. The Board had no objections to the increase and edits are needed before signatures.



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10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

A bid opening was held for purchasing a new pickup for the Planning Department. SR5 Toyota. The following bids were received:

Rogers Motors, Lewiston, Idaho - \$44,028.23
Tricities Toyota, Kennewick, Washington - \$46,801.33
Toyota of Walla Walla, Walla Walla Washington - \$45,209.31

The engineer will review the bids for accuracy and will recommend the bid to the lowest qualified bidder.

Commissioner Rundell moved to allow the county Engineer to award the lowest bid to the qualified bidder to purchase the new Toyota pickup. The motion unanimously carried.

Grant Morgan reviewed the 2024 bridge inspection report.

10:30 AM - THERESA EIER

Theresa Eier was present to discuss concerns over the Chaplaincy program and the Sheriff's Office.

11:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY TREASURER

Treasurer Carla Rowe was present to review the tax fund reports for 2024. No action was taken.

11:15 AM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL RCW 42.30.110(1)(G)

At 11:15 am, an executive session was held for 45 minutes with Kristi Zinn to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 12:10 am; direction was given, no action was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 21 and 27, 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the copier lease through Kelley Create. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt Resolution #2025-05 in the matter of setting the salary for the Commissioners for 2029. The motion unanimously carried.



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Commissioner Hall will be drafting a letter of support for legislative funding to assist with the costs of wolf degradation investigations, to which the Board had no objections.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Submitted by: Virginia Schmidt
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

Marty J. Hall
Marty J. Hall, Chairman

Jack G. Miller
Jack G. Miller, Commissioner

Ryan R. Rundell
Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner

SCANNED

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 2-3-25

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: All comms + VS+AK

Time: 9:00 am

1 Dave Schreck

2 Dain Nysoe

3 Kevin Rust

4 Erick Bengel

5 Dena Martin

6 Naodene Sheerer (z)

7 phone (z)

8 Nancy ~~Bertson~~ Berentsen

9 Desi Lackand

10 Elise (z)

11 Kristi Zinn

12 Rachael Fletcher (z)

13 Bret & Jude Strode

14 Dale Stok (z)

15 Jerry & Diann Wilson

16 Grant Morgan

17 Chuck Beking

18 Paul Hendrickson

19 Theresa Eier

20 chrisann christensen (z)

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Meeting Date: 2-3-25 Cont.

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