



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

March 17, 2025

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on March 17, 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.

9:01 AM - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Time was allowed for public comment and public comments were taken regarding the use of the name 'Dayton Days' for the local, annual event. Comments regarding the wind facility ordinance were also made.

9:10 AM - DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

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

9:50 AM - FACILITIES MAINTENANCE/PARKS & REC

Tyler Huff was present to open bids for the Golf Course Irrigation Project. A 50% match of county funds is needed, and grant funds are available from the Conservation District. The following bid was received:

Kyle's Towing and Demolition, Dayton, WA - \$259,449.89

The bid will be reviewed for accuracy.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING

A public hearing was held at 10:00 am to discuss proposed Ordinance 2025-01 concerning wind energy facilities. A list of those present is attached. The proposed ordinance was reviewed and public comment was taken. The hearing closed at 10:28 am.

The Board postponed taking action until further information could be gathered.

Dena presented a cost reimbursement agreement with PSE. It was approved by the Prosecuting Attorney and was heard at a land use hearing with no objections.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the cost reimbursement agreement with PSE and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.



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

Dena presented a payroll change form for Robert Stearns and stated that Robert completed the required trainings as was verbalized at the time of hiring.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the payroll change form, from old step 4 to new step 6 as presented, due to completed training as agreed upon. The motion unanimously carried.

10:20 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY I.T.

Tim Dyke was present to open bids for the sound system in the conference room in the Columbia County Office Building. The following bid was received:

Ted Brown Music, Richland, WA - \$28,462.74

The Board directed Tim to move forward with reviewing the bid for accuracy and award the bid at the next meeting.

10:35 AM - DAYTON DAYS - LOYAL BAKER

Loyal Baker and members of the public were present to request use of the fairgrounds on Memorial Day weekend for a rodeo, and also requested the use of Hotel/Motel funds for advertising. Disagreements were heard regarding using the name 'Dayton Days' for the event in 2025.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the use of the Fairgrounds, particularly the arena, on May 23 & 24, 2025, and the request for Hotel/Motel funds in the amount of \$2,700 for advertising. The motion unanimously carried.

10:45 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Grant Morgan was present to open bids for the emulsified asphalt. The following bid was received:

Ergon Asphalt, Pasco, WA - \$136,625.19; unit price -\$699.18; rapid cure -\$522.49

The engineer will review the bid for accuracy and award the bid.

Grant recommended awarding the bid for the South Touchet Bridge Project to Harry Johnson Plumbing and Construction.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the award of the bid for the South Touchet Bridge rehabilitation project to Harry Johnson Plumbing and



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

Construction in the amount of \$386,437.00 and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board had no objections to a credit card for Kayden Gallaher with a limit of \$5,000.

11:00 AM - BERRI - DAVE DRESSLER

Dave Dressler held a discussion regarding using the county compost site to test composting, involving green waste and food scraps. This process is estimated to take a total of four months. The Board directed Mr. Dressler to draft an agreement for further review.

11:20 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY AUDITOR

Auditor Will Hutchens was present to review needed budget amendments.

A public hearing was set to be held on March 31, 2025 at 9:00 am.

11:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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

Minutes of the Board of Health are available upon request.

The Board of Health adjourned and the Board of Commissioners reconvened at 11:40 am. The Board then recessed for lunch at 11:40 am.

12:00 PM - BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:15 PM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

A public hearing was held at 1:15 pm to discuss proposed Ordinance 2025-02. A list of those present is attached. The proposed ordinance was reviewed and time was allowed for public comment. The hearing closed at 1:20 pm.

Commissioner Rundell moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-02 amending the health code section of the County code. The motion unanimously carried.

1:35 PM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

At 1:35 pm, an executive session was held for 45 minutes with Kristi Zinn and Dale Slack to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 2:13 pm; direction was given; no action was taken.



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

2:15 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL RCW 42.30.110(1)(G)

At 2:15 pm, an executive session was held for 55 minutes with Tyler Huff to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 3:10 pm; direction was given, no action was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tyler Huff presented three contracts for approval for the HVAC systems on the new building and the Youth Building as well as the siding/painting project on certain buildings at the Fairgrounds, to include the Youth Building, Pavilion, and fair office.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the contracts for the siding/painting for the fairgrounds buildings, and the HVAC systems on the new building and on the Youth Building. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 3 and 10, 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the warrants #47227-47507, excluding districts, and deposits in the amount of \$1,123,234.34. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall noted that the name of the new building will be the 'Columbia County Office Building'.

Commissioner Rundell moved to reappoint Chuck Beleny to the CCRL Board of Trustees for a term of 5 years beginning April 1, 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

No comment was made about the liquor license renewal for Red Band Cellars.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 3:10 pm.

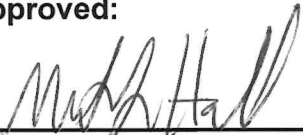
Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia Schmidt".
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

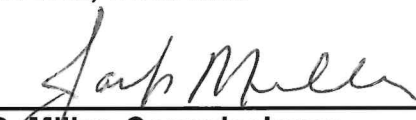


**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLUMBIA
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Approved:



Marty J. Hall, Chairman



Jack G. Miller, Commissioner



Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner

COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

SCANNED

Meeting Date: 3-17-25

Place/Room: IIS E. Main

BOCC + VS + AK

Please Print Name:	Time:
1 Deanna Vandever (2)	
2 upland (2)	
3 Wanda Baldwin (2)	
4 Dale Slack (2)	
5 Barbara (2)	
6 Noedene Shearer (2)	
7 Dena Martin	
8 Tyler Huff	
9 Nancy B	
10 Desi Lockard	
11 Dave Schreck	
12 Grant Morgan	
13 Kristi Zinn	
14 Fred Clark	
15 Will Hutchens	
16 Carla Rowe	
17 Mel Mings	
18 Carrie Honeycutt	
19 Felice Wiens (2)	
20 Tim Dyke	

COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Date: 3-17-25

Place/Room:

Cont-1

Please Print Name:	Time:
1 Kim Boggs (2)	
2 Joe Helm (2)	
3 Norrie Gregorie (2)	
4 Kate Smith (2)	
5 Jeff McLowry (2)	
6 Sarah Boudrieau (2)	
7 Ted Penner	
8 Tim Peterson	
9 Blaine Bickelhaupt	
10 Kathy Arneson	
11 Andria (2)	
12 Loyd Baker	
13 Kelly A. Arneson	
14 Kelly D. Gallaher	
15 ROSIE GALLAHER	
16 Kim LYONNAIS	
17 Dave Dressler	
18 Shelli Bryant	
19 Robert Bryant	
20 Marcene Hendrickson	

COLUMBIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Date: 3-17-25

Place/Room:

Cont. 2

Please Print Name:	Time:
1 Virginia Thompson	
2 Corey Corona (2)	
3 Amber Phinney	
4 Stephanie Koven	
5 STAN BROGDON - ELGON ASPHALT & EMBLEMING	
6 Dave Dressler +	
7 chuck Beleng	11:30 am Board of Health
8 Jasmin Helm	
9 Greg Abramson	
10 Nancy Leungberg	
11 Lisa Naylor	
12	
13	
14	
15	
16	
17	
18	
19	
20	