



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

May 5, 2025

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on May 5, 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 - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

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

9:10 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Nancy Berensten and Desi Lockard were present to give general updates from the Emergency Management Department; updates include grants, CEMP and the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

A public hearing was held at 10:00 am to discuss the proposed surplus of county vehicles. A list of those present is attached. The proposed surplus list of vehicles was reviewed and time was allowed for public comment. No comments were taken. The hearing closed at 10:02 am.

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt Resolution #2025-11 in the matter of surplus county property. The motion unanimously carried.

Grant Morgan, Stephanie Konen and Amber Phinney were present to recommend a bid award for the delineator/stripping project. The bid from Brightline Pavement Markings, LLC was the lowest, qualified bidder.

Commissioner Rundell moved to award the bid for delineation and striping to Brightline Pavement Markings, LLC of Otis Orchards, WA in the amount of \$399,879.00 and authorize the chair to sign the contract. The motion unanimously carried.

Grant Morgan presented and discussed the Interlocal Agreement for the Tumalum Creek Fish Passage Restoration Project. Signatures from the Nez Perce tribe are needed.

Commissioner Miller moved to sign the Interlocal Agreement for the Tumalum Creek Fish Passage Restoration Project pending signatures from the Tribe. The motion unanimously carried.



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10:30 AM - BLUE MOUNTAIN ACTION COUNCIL

Danielle Garbe-Reser and Meghan DeBolt from BMAC were present to update the Board on programs and services that are provided to the community. The Housing and Homeless 5-year Action Plan will be addressed in the future.

10:50 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Dale Slack was present virtually to discuss a law library for the county and inquired of the Board whether a law library would be useful. No action was taken.

11:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY WSU EXTENSION

Lisa Norris was present to give general updates and program awareness from the WSU Extension office. No action was taken.

11:15 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING

Kyleigh Hamilton presented short plat 2025-01, the Whetstone-Talbott short plat. Zoning requirements were met.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Whetstone-Talbott Short Plat as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

11:30 AM - COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Kristi Zinn and members of the compensation committee led a discussion regarding the compensation plan implementation and sought clarification on details of the plan.

Commissioner Miller moved to adopt and implement the compensation plan as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

12:00 PM - BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:15 PM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

Kristi Zinn and Ashley Kilts briefly discussed health and wellness incentives for county employees that participate in the wellness programs. The details of payments to employees will be worked out with the Auditor's office.

At 1:25 pm, an executive session was held for one hour and twenty minutes with Kristi Zinn to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 2:45 pm; direction was given, no action was taken.



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MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 21 & 28, 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the extension of the annual contract, for one year, with the Touchet Valley Golf Course/Country Club and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Rundell moved to \$750 out of the Commissioners Miscellaneous fund to authorize Cathy Abel to make signs for the offices in the new building. The motion unanimously carried.

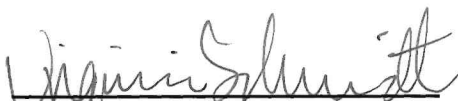
The Board directed the Clerk to make arrangements for an appraisal for the building located at 114 S. 2nd St.

The Board received notice of a special occasion liquor license for the Chamber of Commerce and had no objections.

Bette Lou Crothers appeared before the Board to address replacing trees near the new building. The Dayton Development Task Force has a tree fund and will replace the dead/missing trees and the City takes care of the maintenance. The Board had no objections to the improvements.

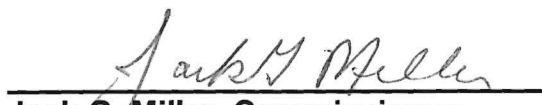
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Submitted by:


Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

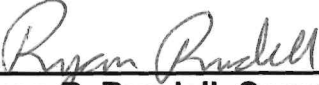
Approved:


Marty J. Hall, Chairman


Jack G. Miller, Commissioner



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Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

SCANNED

Meeting Date: 5-5-25

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: BOCC + VS + AK		Time: 9am
1 Ericka Bangal		
2 Iphome (2)		
3 Delphonie Bailey (2)		
4 Desi Lockard		
5 Nancy Brenstein		
6 Lisa Norris (2)		
7 Stephanie Korman		
8 Amber Phoney		
9 Grant Morgan		
10 Michelle McLearcy		
11 C.C. HR (2) Kristi Zinn		
12 Bette Lou Crothers		
13 Carla Rowe		
14 Danielle Gabe - Reser		
15 Meghan DeBolt		
16 Will Hutchens		
17 Melanie Mings (2)		
18 Tina Dyke		
19 Dale Slack (2)		
20 Kyleigh Hamilton		

Tyler Huff

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