



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

June 2, 2025

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on June 2, 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. Dave Shreck implored the County to purchase seat cushions for the chairs in the jury room. Julia Mead complimented Tyler Huff and Jason Laughery on the good job they do at the fairgrounds.

9:10 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY TREASURER

Carla Rowe held a discussion regarding the Treasurer's office moving to the new building. Carla presented quotes for filing systems and office renovations. The Board had no objections.

9:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Nancy Berensten and Desi Lockard (present virtually) updated the Board on the status of the radios and the Hartstock tower. Nancy gave quotes for a cabinet on the exterior of the repeater and/or restructuring the interior.

At 9:40 am, an executive session was held for 18 minutes to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 9:58 am; direction was given, no action was taken.

9:55 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY AUDITOR

Will Hutchens and Rachelle Oseth presented an updated payroll change form for approval. The Board had no objections to the revisions.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

A bid opening for the Tumalum Fish Passage Structure was held. One bid was received:

Titan Earthwork LLC, Pacific, WA - \$237,698.93

The engineer's office will review the bid for accuracy and award the bid.



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10:15 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Jan Strohbehn requested cell phone stipends for two Public Health employees. Jan also discussed the holiday schedule for the Public Health office, surrounding July 4th and Thanksgiving, which will be revisited to allow for time to clarify.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the cell phone stipends for Jasmin Helm and Jan Strohbehn. The motion unanimously carried.

10:25 AM - SUZANNE HANSON

Suzanne Hanson was present to discuss a proposal submitted for the indigent defense contracts. A contract for conflict attorney services will be drafted to move forward and reassess the contracts at the end of the year for 2026 contracts.

10:45 AM - JUVENILE JUSTICE

Norrie Gregoire was present virtually to discuss the 2026 contract with Walla Walla County for juvenile detention services. Contract renewal included an increased rate for daily bed rates from \$140 to \$150 per day.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the agreement between Columbia County and Walla Walla County for the Department of Court Services Juvenile Justice Center Detention Use Contract. The motion unanimously carried.

11:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

Kristi Zinn was present to review job descriptions for several positions that were revised due to the completion of the compensation policy.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the amended job descriptions for Chief Deputy Assessor, Chief Appraiser, Deputy Appraiser, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Clerk of the Board/HR, HR Director, Clerk of the Board/Public Records Officer, E911 Dispatcher, E911 Manager and E911 Operations Manager. The motion unanimously carried.

At 11:05 am, an executive session was held for 55 minutes with Kristi Zinn to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 12:00 pm; direction was given, no action was taken.

12:00 PM - BREAK FOR LUNCH

At 12:00 pm the Board recessed for lunch.



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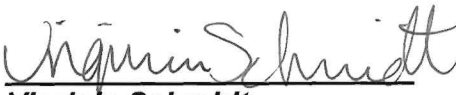
1:15 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL RCW 42.30.110(1)(G)

At 1:15 pm, an executive session was held for 35 minutes to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). At 1:50 pm, the session was extended for 50 minutes. The session closed at 2:40 pm; no action was taken.

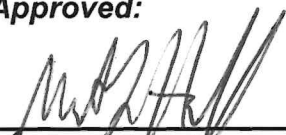
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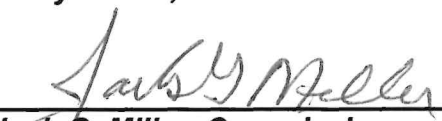
Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 19 & 27, 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Submitted by: 
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Marty J. Hall, Chairman


Jack G. Miller, Commissioner


Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner

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Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 6-2-25

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: BOCC + VS + AK		Time: 9am
1 Dave Schreck		
2 Erick Bengel		
3 Jason Langley		
4 Tyler Haff		
5 Julia Misd		
6 Lisa Norris (2)		
7 Nancy Bercastin (2)		
8 Columbia County (2)		
9 Carla Rowe		
10 Desi Lockard (2)		
11 Kristi Zinn		
12 Chris Pierce		
13 Jeff Melown		
14 Will Hutchens		
15 Bechelle Oseth		
16 Amber Phinney		
17 Lohme (2)		
18 Jan Stobeln		
19 Griffin Besch (2)		
20 Suzanne Hanson		

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1 Jon Cassette (2)	
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3 Norrie Gregor (2)	
4 Dana Martin	
5 Robert Stearns	
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