



MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 25, 2025

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

A work session of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on August 25, 2025, with Chairman Marty J. Hall, Commissioner Ryan R. Rundell, Clerk of the Board Virginia Schmidt present. Commissioner Jack G. Miller was absent for the morning session. List of attendees is attached.

9:00 AM - SHAKIRA BYE

Shakira Bye was present to discuss an event she is coordinating that will be held at the fairgrounds in October. The event is designed to bring together small businesses in the southeast region of Washington. The Board encouraged the use of Hotel/Motel funds for advertising.

MISCELLANEOUS

Cathy Abel held a brief discussion regarding seasonal decorations for the Office Building. The Commissioners had no objections to the decorating.

Grant Morgan held a brief discussion regarding ER&R and purchasing specific equipment. Grant will create a proposal for the next regular meeting.

Tyler Huff gave the Board some brief updates from the Facilities Maintenance Department to include work being done at Public Health and future projects at the Courthouse. A letter of support from the Friends of the Fairgrounds was received, and the Board had no objections to signing the letter due to the time constraints for grant application.

9:20 AM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL RCW 42.30.110(1)(G)

At 9:40 am, an executive session was held for 15 minutes to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). At 9:55 am, the session was extended by 5 minutes. The session closed at 10:00 am; direction was given, no action was taken.

At 10:00 am, an executive session was held for one hour and 15 minutes with Kristi Zinn to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 11:15 am; direction was given, no action was taken.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

At 11:15 am, the Board recessed until 1:00 pm.



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**1:00 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS RCW
42.30.140(4)(B)**

At 1:00 pm, an executive session was held for 45 minutes with representatives of the City and County to discuss collective bargaining strategy pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b). At 1:45 pm, the session was extended by 20 minutes. The session closed at 2:00 pm; direction was given, no action was taken.

At 2:00 pm, an executive session was held for 40 minutes to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 2:40 pm; no direction was given, no action was taken.

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

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 8-25-25

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: RR, MH, VS - Jim absent til 1:00		Time:
1	Shakira Bye	9:00 am
2	Tyler Huff	
3	Erault Morgan	
4	Kristi Zinn	
5	Will Hutchens	1:00
6	Kim Boggs	
7	Nancy Berentsen	
8	Roger Trump	
9	Deb Hayes	
10	Jim Suega	
11	Laura Auckerman	
12	Ryan Paulson	
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