



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

September 22, 2025

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

A special meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on September 22, 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 - COLUMBIA COUNTY AUDITOR

Auditor Will Hutchens gave a review of the exit conference. There were no findings for the federal or financial audits.

9:15 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING

Dena Martin presented and reviewed the contract and scope of work with White Bluffs Consulting, LLC.

Commissioner Miller moved to authorize the chair to sign the agreement with White Bluffs Consulting, LLC for the climate element project. The motion unanimously carried.

9:30 AM - BLUE MOUNTAIN ACTION COUNCIL

Members of Blue Mountain Action Council were present to review the draft plan for the Columbia County Housing and Homelessness 5-year action plan. A two-week comment period is required before adopting the plan, tentatively set for the end of October.

10:25 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

Ashley Kilts held a brief discussion regarding security cameras in certain areas on County property. No action was taken.

Ashley discussed insurance rates for county insurance plans and PEBB increases for 2026.

At 10:35 am, the Board recessed until 11:10 am.



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11:15 AM - BLUE MOUNTAIN COUNSELING

Chrisann Christensen and Racheal Fletcher were present to discuss the possibility of leasing office spaces at the BMC building. Additional details from the risk group and insurance will be gathered before moving forward. No action was taken.

11:30 AM - DEREK YOUNG- WSAC VISIT

Washington State Association of Counties representatives Derek Young and Rob Coffman were present for an annual visit with the Board to give updates from WSAC.

12:00 PM - BREAK FOR LUNCH

At 12:12 pm, the Board recessed until 1:00 pm.

1:00 PM - INTERIM PROSECUTING ATTORNEY INTERVIEW

A follow-up interview with Attorney Nick Ward was conducted in consideration for the interim Prosecuting Attorney position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL RCW 42.30.110(1)(h)

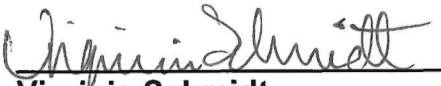
At 1:20 pm, an executive session was held for 15 minutes to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 1:32 pm; no direction was given; no action was taken.

Commissioner Miller moved to appoint Nick Ward as the interim Prosecuting Attorney effective November 1, 2025-December 31, 2026. The motion unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

A department head summit meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday, October 2nd at 1:30 pm.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Submitted by: 
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

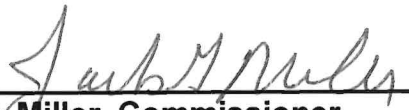


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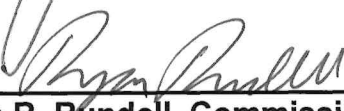
Approved:



Marty J. Hall, Chairman



Jack G. Miller, Commissioner



Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 9-22-25

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1 Casey Honeycutt	
2 Grant Morgan	
3 Will Hutchens	
4 Kristi Zinn (2)	
5 Caryn Vande Griend (2)	
6 Carla Rowe	
7 Jennie Christensen (2)	
8 Dana Martin	
9 Andy Wright Plicht	
10 Jacob Loring	
11 Mitchell McEllany	
12 Meghan DeBolt	
13 Danielle Garbe	
14 Paul Ikel	
15 chrisson christien	
16 Rachael Fletcher	
17 Derek Young	
18 Rob Giffman	
19 Krissy Chapman	
20 Erick Bengel	

21. Nick Word

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Time: 1pm

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