



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

October 6, 2025

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on October 6, 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. No comments were received.

9:10 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Jeff McCowen and Stephanie Konen were present to open bids for the 2025 aggregate supply contract. The Engineer's estimate was \$450,000. The following bids were received:

Western Construction - Lewiston, ID - \$428,490.00

De Atley - Lewiston, ID - \$378,500.00

Konen Rock Crushing - Received Late.

The bids will be reviewed for accuracy and the engineer will recommend the bid be awarded at the next meeting.

A public hearing was held at 9:30 am to discuss the proposed speed limit changes on North Touchet Road. A list of those present is attached. The proposed speed limit change was reviewed and public comment was taken. The hearing closed at 9:41 am.

Commissioner Rundell moved to adopt Resolution #2025-21 in the matter of speed limit changes on the North Touchet Road, as outlined in the resolution. The motion unanimously carried.

10:00 AM - DAYTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Belinda Larson was present to hold a discussion regarding an REA Legacy grant application for funding for a sound system for Main Street as well as a sound system for the fairgrounds rodeo arena. There would be no cost to the county and the quote for the equipment is approximately \$18,000. The Board had no objection to the grant application request for the REA grant and a letter will be sent.



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10:15 AM - SEAN THURSTON

Sean Thurston updated the Board on the progress of the golf course irrigation project and grant funding. No action was taken.

10:45 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Nancy Berentsen and Desi Lockard were present to give general updates from the Emergency Management department.

At 10:40 am the Board recessed until 11:00 am.

11:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

Kristi Zinn and Ashley Kilts held a discussion regarding the county insurance fund and 2026 VEBA contributions. No action was taken.

At 11:25 am, an executive session was held for 30 minutes to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 12:00 pm; no action was taken.

11:20 AM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL RCW 42.30.110(1)(G)

At 12:00 pm, an executive session was held for 60 minutes with Kristi Zinn to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 1:00 pm; no direction was given, no action was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 3, 15 & 22, 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

No comment was made on the special occasion liquor license application for the Chamber of Commerce.

A public hearing was set for October 20th at 10:30 am to hear comments on the 5-year homelessness plan.

Preliminary budget reviews will begin next week.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 1:00 pm.



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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: 10-6-25

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: BOCC + VS + AK	Time: 9am
1 Dave Schreck	
2 Noel Mingo (2)	
3 Kristi Zinn (2)	
4 Mike Ostun	
5 Leighton Lunceford	
6 Stephanie Koenen	
7 Jeff McLowen	
8 Ryan Koenen	
9 Fred Clark	
10 Pearl Dennis	
11 Tyler Huff	
12 phone (2)	
13 Belinda Larsen	
14 Sean Thurston	
15 Will Hutchens	
16 Denise Koen	
17 Nancy Borenstein	
18 Bisi Lockard	
19 Carla Ponce	
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