



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

November 3, 2025

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on November 3, 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 comment was taken.

9:10 AM - JUVENILE JUSTICE

Kayla Zimmer was present virtually to review the 2026 preliminary budget for the Juvenile Justice fund.

At 9:10 am, an executive session was held for 10 minutes to discuss collective bargaining strategy pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b). The session closed at 9:20 am; no action was taken.

9:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Nancy Berentsen and Desi Lockard were present to discuss the 2025 comprehensive emergency management plan.

Commissioner Rundell moved to adopt Resolution #2025-24 in the matter of adopting the 2025 comprehensive emergency management plan. The motion unanimously carried.

At 9:30 am, an executive session was held for 20 minutes to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 9:20 am; no action was taken.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Two bid openings were held to receive bids for the 2025 Pavement Preservation and the Kellogg Hollow Road Phase II projects. The following bids were received:

Pavement Preservation Project: Engineers Estimate: \$1,290,670.10

Tommer Construction, Ephrata, WA - \$983,246.42 (written), \$983,174.37 (calculated)

Central WA Asphalt, Moses Lake, WA - \$899,899.00

Interstate Concrete, dba American Rock - \$938,208.98 (written), \$937,860.80



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(calculated)

Arrow Concrete and Asphalt Specialists, Spokane, WA - \$1,502,554.22

Poe Asphalt Paving, Inc, Clarkston, WA - \$858,943.20

Sierra Sante Fe Corp , Ridefield WA - \$933,777.00

Granite Construction, Yakima, WA - \$989,813.00

Kellogg Hollow Road Phase II: Engineers estimate \$3,347,981.50

Moreno and Nelson Construction Corp, Walla Walla, WA - \$3,540,834.50

Shamrock Paving Inc, Spokane, WA - \$3,946,152.65

Liberty Northwest Construction, Coeur d'alene, ID - \$ 2,595,963.10

Rotschy Inc, Vancouver, WA - \$3,954,576.05

Culbert Construction, Pasco, WA - \$2,894,422.88

NA Baegerstrom Inc, Spokane Valley, WA - \$4,132,347.00

ML Albright & Sons, Inc, Lewiston, ID - \$3,655,051.60

Don Jackson Construction, Milton Freewater - \$2,733,189.00 (written), \$2,731,869.00

(calculated)

Corridor Contractors, Spokane WA - \$3,277,496.00 (written) \$3,277,240.00

(calculated)

M.A. De Atly Construction, Lewiston, ID - \$ 2,941,653.00

Knife River Corp, Clarkston, WA - \$2,918,000.00 (written), \$2,917,999.55 (calculated)

Granite Construction Co, Yakima, WA - \$4,373,671.00

The engineer will review all bids for accuracy and recommend awards at the next regular meeting.

Public Hearings were set to hear comments on the 6-year transportation plan/annual construction program and a fee schedule increase for the solid waste fees.

Two public hearings were scheduled to be held on Monday, November 17th, at 10:30 am and 10:45 am.

Grant Morgan was present to review the 2026 budgets for the Public Works Department funds. No action was taken.

11:15 AM - DAYTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - BELINDA LARSEN

Belinda Larsen was present to request \$5,000 in hotel/motel funds for the Christmas kickoff event.

Commissioner Runell moved to approve the request for hotel motel lodging tax revenue for the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$5,000. The motion



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unanimously carried.

11:30 AM - ASSISTANT STATE AUDITOR - DANIELLA LANDA

An audit exit conference was held with the state auditor's office (virtually) to review the accountability audit. The audit report showed no findings.

11:55 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

A brief discussion was held regarding PEBB fees for employees that waive insurance. More information will be gathered.

12:00 PM - BREAK FOR LUNCH

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

1:00 PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL RCW 42.30.110(1)(G)

The Board reconvened at 1:00 pm.

At 1:00 pm, an executive session was held for one hour with Nick Ward to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). At 2:00 pm, the session was extended by 45 minutes, following a 10-minute break. The session reopened at 2:10 pm, scheduled to end at 2:45 pm. At 2:45 pm, the session was extended again until 3:00 pm. The session closed at 3:03 pm; no direction was given, no action was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 20 & 27, 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Rundell moved to approve the request from Public Health to issue a credit card to Miki Fulbright with a limit of \$1,000. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board received a recommendation to appoint Zane Patton to the fair board.

Commissioner Rundell moved to appoint Zane Patton to the fair board, effective November 3, 2025. The motion unanimously carried.

The board discussed an additional attempt at surplussing the Planning Department building due to no bids being received during the first auction.

Commissioner Miller moved to reduce the price on the Planning Building to \$175,000 and relist it for sale. The motion unanimously carried.

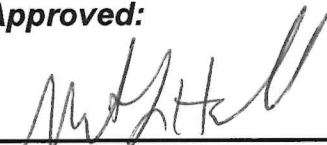


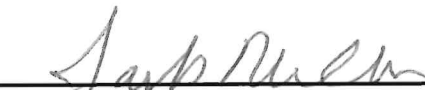
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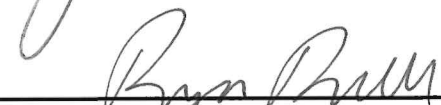
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 3:03 pm.

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: 11-3-25

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: BOCC + VS + AK		Time: 9am
1 BA (2)		
2 Kayla Zimmerman (2)		
3 Will Hutchins		
4 C.C. HR (2)		
5 Desi Lockard		
6 Nancy Berenslein		
7 Dan Newbury		
8 Wayne Albright		10:00
9 Chris Roberts		10:00
10 Tamra Morris		9:54
11 CHRIS EDEN		9:55
12 Josh Ziegler		9:55
13 Ken Schucider		9:55
14 JEREMY WIMBOR		9:55
15 Hyle Schmits		
16 Dranna Howard		
17 Troy McDaniels		9:57
18 Joshua Powell		9:57
19 GRANT BULL (NELSON CLIP)		9:58
20 SCOTT AYLOE (DEGERSTRUM)		9:55

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Meeting Date:

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Please Print Name:	Time:
1 DAVID ZIMMERLY	
2 Dalton Dixon (Shamrock Paving)	
3 Justin Smith (KRC)	
4 Tyler Hillman CWA	
5 Amber Phinney	
6 Jeff McLowen	
7 Grant Morgan	
8 Stephanie Koenen	
9 Ted Penner	
10 MLA (2)	
11 Tyler Huff	
12 Belinda Blum Lersan	
13 Sadie Gregg	
14 Daniella Landa (2)	
15 Ginny Wattman (2)	
16 Carla Rowe	
17 Nick Ward	
18 Kristi Zinn	
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