



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

November 10, 2025

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

A work session of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on November 10, 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 CORONER

Maci Hopwood was present to review the 2026 preliminary budget for the Coroners department. No action was taken.

With no objections from the Board, the contract for coroner services with Lisa Webber will be approved at the next regular meeting.

9:20 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY AUDITOR

Will Hutchens held a discussion regarding purchasing directional signs for the office building, vouchering from possibly the ARPA or Capital Improvement fund. The Board had no objections to the signage and directed Will to move forward with the signs.

At 9:15 am, an executive session was held for 20 minutes to discuss employee evaluations pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 9:35 am; no action was taken.

9:40 AM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL RCW 42.30.110(1)(G)

At 9:40 am, an executive session was held for 20 minutes to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 10:55 am; no action was taken.

10:00 AM - ATTORNEY SAM HERRICH

Attorney Sam Harrich was present for an interview regarding the indigent defense contract for District Court.

At 10:33 am, an executive session was held for 10 minutes to discuss employee evaluations pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 10:45 am; no action was taken.



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**10:45 AM - CLOSED SESSION: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING STRATEGY SESSION
RCW 42.30.140(4)(B)**

At 10:45 am, an executive session was held for 45 minutes with county employees to discuss collective bargaining strategy pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b). The session closed at 11:30 am; no action was taken.

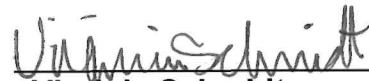
11:30 AM - EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL RCW 42.30.110(1)(G)

At 11:40 am, an executive session was held for 20 minutes to discuss employee evaluations pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 12:00 pm; direction was given, no action was taken.

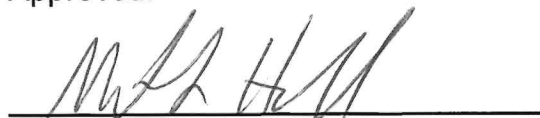
At 12:01 pm, an executive session was held for 35 minutes with Grant Morgan to discuss collective bargaining strategy pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b). The session closed at 12:35 pm; direction was given, no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 12:37 pm.

Submitted by:


Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Marty J. Hall, Chairman


Jack G. Miller, Commissioner


Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 11-10-25

Place/Room:

Please Print Name:	Time:
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1 Maci Hopwood	
2 Will Huthens	
3 Erick Bengel	
4 Tyler Huff	
5 Sam Harrisch	
6 Don Jackson	
7 Desi Lohend	
8 Mary Brenstein	
9 Diane Dill	
10 Joe Helen	
11 Nick Ward	
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