



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

January 20, 2026

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on January 20, 2026, with Chairman Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner Jack G. Miller, Commissioner Marty J. Hall, 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 taken.

9:10 AM - DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

A department head meeting was held to discuss activities of the county departments; no action was taken.

9:50 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE/PARKS & RECREATION

Tyler Huff was present to discuss the amended fee schedule for the fairgrounds facilities.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2026-01 in the matter of setting the Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule, with the corrected math. The motion unanimously carried.

A public hearing was set for February 2nd, 2026 at 9:00 am to hear comments on changes to the golf course fee schedule.

Tyler informed the Board that he is looking into a flag for the county office building.

10:10 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Grant Morgan presented and discussed Resolution #2026-02 for updating the special paths and trails fund.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2026-02 in the matter of regulatory updating and continuity of fund 122 special purpose paths and trails. The motion unanimously carried.



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10:20 AM - PORT OF COLUMBIA

Shane Laib was present to request additional funds for the advertising of the sesquicentennial event.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve \$5,000 of the Hotel/Motel lodging tax fund to the Port of Columbia for the sesquicentennial event. The motion unanimously carried.

10:35 AM - DISCUSSION: Fiber Project with the Port of Columbia

A discussion was held regarding a broadband fiber project with the Port of Columbia. Continued discussions will be scheduled with the Port.

11:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

At 11:05 am, an executive session was held for 30 minutes with Kristi Zinn to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 11:30 am; no direction was given, no action was taken.

11:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING

Dena Martin and Andy Plieth were present to discuss approvals of job descriptions in the planning department, for the Senior Planner and Planning Director. The Planning Director is proposed to be a 40-hour position and the Senior Planner position is proposed to be a 25-hour position. Andy will be taking the role of Planning Director and the position of Senior Planner will be advertised.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the job description for the Senior Planner as a 25-hour position, and the change to the Planning Director position to a 40-hour position. The motion unanimously carried.

Minor code updates are needed and, following approvals by the Planning Commission, a public hearing will be set for county approvals.

A public hearing will be set for February 17, 2026.

Dena gave general updates from the Planning Department.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 5 & 12, 2026. The motion unanimously carried.



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Commissioner Miller moved to reappoint Clayton McKinley and Josh Bowen to the Weed Board for the appropriate terms and locations. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the December warrants #51123-51521, excluding districts, and direct deposits in the amount of \$1,699,239.68. The motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 11:55 am.

Submitted by: Virginia Schmidt
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:

Ryan R. Rundell
Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman

Jack G. Miller
Jack G. Miller, Commissioner

Marty J. Hall
Marty J. Hall, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 1-20-20

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Please Print Name: BOCC +VS + AK

Time: 9am

1 Dave Schreck

2 Tyler Huff

3 Felice Wiens (2)

4 Nancy Berenskin

5 Desi Lockard

6 Tommy Letterson (2)

7 Will Hutchins

8 Nick Ward

9 Grant Morgan

10 Kristi Zinn (2)

11 Tim Duke (2)

12 Joe Helm

13 Cole Rowe

14 Dana Martin

15 Andy Pieth

16 Lisa Morris

17 Diane Dill (2)

18 Kim Briggs (2)

19 Jan Strohbehn (2)

20 Barbara (2)

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