



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

January 26, 2026

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

A work session of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on January 26, 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 - PORT OF COLUMBIA

A discussion was held regarding the broadband fiber project extending to the Thorn tower. The Port has received a grant to install the fiber, and the project is proceeding. While the County did not request the project, it will benefit from it and will consider providing matching funds at a future date. The Port will be responsible for any federal audits and will continue to manage existing broadband service agreements. No action was taken.

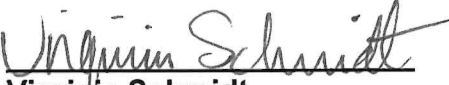
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At 9:25 am, an executive session was held for 35 minutes with Prosecuting Attorney Nick Ward to discuss litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The session closed at 10:00 am; no action was taken.

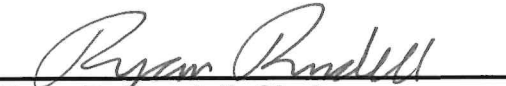
Tyler Huff and Jason Laughery were present to discuss moving specific doors in the courthouse to facilitate a move of District Court to the second floor.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 10:50 am.

Submitted by:


Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman



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Jack G. Miller, Commissioner



Marty J. Hall, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 1-26-26

Place/Room: 9.

Please Print Name: BOCC + VS + AK	Time: 9am
1 Desi Lockard	
2 Nancy Brenden	
3 Teresia Dickinson	
4 Will Harkins	
5 Tormey Rhinney	
6 Fred Clarke	
7 Michael D (Z)	
8 Nick Wood	
9 Joe Helmer	
10 Kristi Zinn	
11 Tyler Huss	
12 Jason Loughrey	
13 Greg Kunguak	
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