



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

February 2, 2026

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on February 2, 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 HEARING: GOLF COURSE FEE SCHEDULE

A public hearing was held at 9:00 am to discuss the proposed fee schedule for the golf course. A list of those present is attached. The proposed fee schedule was reviewed and time was allowed for public comment. The hearing closed at 9:08 am.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2026-03 establishing the 2026 golf course fee schedule. The motion unanimously carried.

9:20 AM - PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Time was allowed for public comment. Fred Clark commented on the fiber project with the Port of Columbia.

9:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Carla Rowe and Will Hutchens were present as the finance committee to review the 4th quarter financial report for 2025. Carla discussed concerns about recent banking changes.

10:15 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Nancy Berentsen and Desi Lockard presented a mutual aid agreement with WSDOT and discussed suggested edits. The agreement will be resubmitted for approvals once the proper edits are made.

Nancy and Desi gave updates from the Emergency Management Department and E911.

10:30 AM - UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST REPRESENTATIVES

Eric Watrud and representatives from the Umatilla National Forest were present to give updates on their annual programs and projects.



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11:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

Kristi Zinn presented a payroll change form for Mackena Culley; the position was reclassified as deputy clerk and an adjustment was needed.

Commissioner moved to approve the payroll change form for the reclassification of job title for Mackena Culley to new step 8:1. The motion unanimously carried.

At 11:20 am, an executive session was held for 30 minutes with Nick Ward to discuss potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The session closed at 11:50 am; direction was given, no action was taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 20 & 26, 2026. The motion unanimously carried.

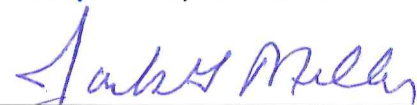
The Board directed the Clerk to inquire about the anniversary events.

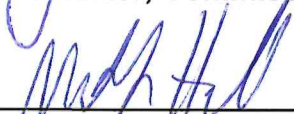
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 11:50 am.

Submitted by: 
Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

Approved:


Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman


Jack G. Miller, Commissioner


Marty J. Hall, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 2-2-26	Place/Room:
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Please Print Name: BOCC + Atty vs	Time: 9am
1 Dave Schreck	
2 Claudia Mysore	
3 Tyler Huff	
4 Fred Clark	
5 Denise Moon	
6 Sean Thurston	
7 Carey Honeycutt	
8 Barbara (2)	
9 Grant Morgan	
10 Carla Rowe	
11 Will Harkins	
12 Nancy Berenshan	
13 Desi Lockard	
14 Tara Mack/cut	
15 Johnny Collin	
16 Aaron GAGNON	
17 Eric Watrud	
18 Kristi Zlan	
19 Nick Ward	
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SCANNED