



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

February 17, 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 17, 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 made.

9:10 AM - DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING

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

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

Tyler Huff presented an updated job description for the maintenance assistant to be filled soon.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the job description for the maintenance assistant for Facilities Maintenance/Parks & Rec. The motion unanimously carried.

At 9:43 the Board recessed until 9:55 am.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING

A public hearing was held at 10:00 am to discuss the proposed code amendments. A list of those present is attached. The proposed code updates were reviewed and time was allowed for public comment. No comments were made. The hearing closed at 10:07 am.

The Planning Commission recommends adopting the code amendments ordinance.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Ordinance 2026-01 amending section 19.05.080 citations, and section 15.05.010 codes adopted, and removing section 16.05.310 interim development regulations of the Columbia County Code. The motion unanimously carried.



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10:15 AM - THE CLUB - JIM PEARSON

Jim Pearson was present to request funding for The Club, using the juvenile justice fund, in the amount of \$5,000.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the request for \$5,000 to The Club for their program. The motion unanimously carried.

10:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

At 10:28 am, an executive session was held for 32 minutes with Kristi Zinn to discuss personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session closed at 11:00 am; direction was given, no action was taken.

11:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

A bid opening was held for the 2026 aggregate supply. Bids/Pricing were received from the following companies:

Atlas Sand and Rock, Lewiston, ID
Konen Rock, Dayton, WA
Pat Barker, Dayton, WA

The bids are awarded to all bidders.

Grant Morgan discussed the job description for the Engineer Project Manager, which is a position for two upcoming projects.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the job description for the engineer project manager. The motion unanimously carried.

At 11:15 am, an executive session was held for 10 minutes to discuss contract negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(d). The session closed at 11:25 am; no direction was given, no action was taken.

11:30 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Commissioners recessed and the Board of Health convened at 11:30 am.

Meeting minutes of the Board of Health are available upon request.



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At 11:50 am, the Board of Health adjourned and the Board of Commissioners reconvened.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 2 & 9, 2026. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the 2026 Intergovernmental Agreement apportioning the salary of the court administrator, and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the WSAC Annual Dues totaling \$10,478.00. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the January Warrants #51522-51939, excluding districts, and direct deposits in the amount of \$1,782,535.44. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt Resolution #2026-04 setting the commissioner's salary for 2030, with no change from 2029. The motion unanimously carried.

Human Resources Director Kristi Zinn submitted a letter of resignation effective March 13, 2026.

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



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Marty J. Hall, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

SCANNED

Meeting Date: 2-17-26

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: All Comm's + VS, AK		Time: 9am
1 Heidi James		
2 Norrie Gregoire (2)		
3 Larry Zehznik		
4 Tyler Huff		
5 Desi Lockard		
6 Nancy Berenstein		
7 Andrew P		
8 Dena Martin		
9 Kristi Zion		
10 Will Hutchins		
11 Lisa Morris		
12 Tammy Ketterman (2)		
13 Jan Strohbehn (2)		
14 Jim Pearson		
15 Stephanie Krown		
16 Grant Morgan		
17 Chuck Bolany		Both 11:30am
18 Jasmin Helm		
19 Abbey Leachery		
20 Kim Emery		

Trina Cole