



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

March 16, 2026

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

The regular meeting of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners was held on March 16, 2026, with Chairman Ryan R. Rundell, Commissioner Jack G. Miller, Commissioner Marty J. Hall, Clerk of the Board Virginia Schmidt 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. Departments gave updates regarding the recent flooding and how it has affected certain areas of the county.

9:50 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY AUDITOR

Auditor Will Hutchens discussed the need to amend certain county budgets.

A public hearing was set for April 6, 2026, at 9:30 am to amend the 2026 budgets.

10:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS

Stephanie Konen presented the 2026 aggregate supply contracts with Barker Inc, Atlas Rock, and Konen Rock Crushing for approval.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the three contracts for 2026 aggregate supply with Atlas Rock, Konen Rock Crushing, and Barker, Incorporated, and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

10:10 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Joe Helm presented cost estimates for patrol vehicle fittings/accessories. RACOM was the lowest quote.

Commissioner Hall moved to authorize the Sheriff to accept the quote from RACOM to upfit a patrol vehicle in the amount of \$22,917.62. The motion unanimously carried.

Sheriff Helm requested credit cards for deputies Peterson and Beavers with a limit of \$1,000 each. The Board had no objections to the credit cards.



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10:25 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING AND BUILDING

Planning Director Andy Plieth presented short plat Colville Springs, LLC for review and approval. The short plat has been reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Hall moved to adopt the short plat revision for Colville Springs, LLC, SP2024-2, and authorize the chair to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

10:40 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Commissioners recessed at 10:30 am, and the Board of Health convened at 10:40 am.

Minutes of the Board of Health are available upon request.

The Board of Health adjourned at 11:00 am and the Board of Commissioners reconvened.

11:00 AM - COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Jan Strohbehn presented a contract with Ally Strategy Consulting for strategic planning for Public Health.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the contract with Ally Strategy Consulting for Public Health strategic planning, and authorize the Public Health Director to sign. The motion unanimously carried.

Jan presented an interlocal agreement with Garfield County Public Health for WIC services.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the interlocal agreement with Garfield County Public Health for WIC services. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board recessed at 11:05 am.

12:00 PM - BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:40 PM - LIBRARY BOARD INTERVIEWS

The Board reconvened to conduct interviews for the upcoming open position on the Library Board. Joe Huether, Sierra McKinley and Kelsey Gabel were interviewed.



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At 2:40 pm, an executive session was held for 20 minutes to discuss qualifications for candidate office pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h). The session closed at 3:00 pm; no action was taken.

The Board thanked all applicants for their willingness to serve on the Library Board.

Commissioner Hall moved to appoint Kelsey Gabel to the Library Board for a full term. The motion unanimously carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 2, 9 & 10, 2026. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Miller moved to appoint David McKinley to the open space committee. Commissioner Hall abstained. The motion carried with two votes.

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the February warrants, excluding districts, #51940-52329 and direct deposits in the amount of \$1,326,224.20. The motion unanimously carried.

The county will open the transfer station an extra day this week to allow for additional cleanup from the recent flooding.

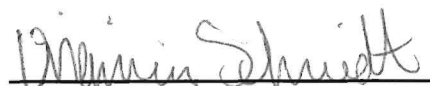
Commissioner Hall moved to approve the updated WWCCACAC bylaws as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve payment of the \$50 annual dues to the Dayton Historical Depot Society. The motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to pay the 2026 annual NACO dues in the amount of \$450. The motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly declared adjourned at 3:00 pm.

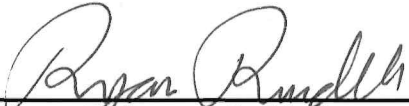
Submitted by:


Virginia Schmidt
Clerk of the Board

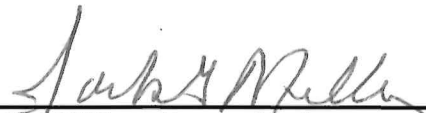


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Approved:



Ryan R. Rundell, Chairman



Jack G. Miller, Commissioner



Marty J. Hall, Commissioner

Columbia County Commissioners

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Date: 3-16-26

Place/Room:

Please Print Name: All Commis + VS

Time: 9:00 am

1 Dave Schreck

2 Tyler Huff

3 Carla Rowe

4 Melanie Mings

5 Ashley Kilts

6 Nick Ward

7 Will Hutchens

8 Lisa Norris

9 Nancy Berentsen

10 Desi Lockard

11 Andy Plieth

12 Diane Dill (z)

13 Jan Strohbehn (z)

14 Stephanie Koenen

15 Nancy Laughery

16 Chuck Belang

17 Jan Strohbehn

18 Jude Strode

1:40

19 Janice Hume

20 Joe Huefner

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Please Print Name:	Time:
1 Paul Hendrickson	
2 Ellen Brigham	
3 Kevin Rust	
4 Sierra McKinley	
5 Kelsey Gabel	
6 Robbie Patterson	2:25
7 Paula Murdock (z)	
8 Gracie Pearson (z)	3:00pm
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