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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

COOS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 21, 2026

In Attendance: Chair Drew Farmer, Commissioners Rod Taylor and John Sweet, County Counsel Colton Totland, Business Operations Manager Bobbi Brooks (see roster for others)

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ORS 192.660- small conference room

This portion of the meeting took place in the small conference room. Chair Farmer read the statutory authority for the Board to meet in executive session; no media were present.

1A. (2)(d) Labor Negotiations

Mr. Totland gave the commissioners an update on negotiations with CADS that happened last week.

1B. (2)(e) Real Property Transactions

Mr. Totland discussed a matter with Northwest Natural regarding the natural gas pipeline, and then he and Commissioner Sweet talked about negotiations with regards to a motocross track lease.

1C. (2)(f) Information or Records Exempt from Public Inspection

Mr. Totland talked about the MOU that he is working on with the Coquille Tribe.

1D. (2)(h) Consultation with Counsel

Mr. Totland said that he should have an update regrading the tax foreclosed properties soon.

These sessions were informational only; no decisions were made during these sessions. At 9:30, the Board met in the large conference room, where Chair Farmer led the pledge of allegiance and the moment of silence, and he opened the public portion of the meeting.

2. PUBLIC SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

DEPARTMENT HEADS- citizens will be given 2 minutes each to comment on the agenda item after Board discussion

3A. Introduction of Miss Coos County 2026- Brinkley Webb

Ms. Webb introduced herself as Miss Coos County 2026, and she read the attached statement about MENO-mentum, her Community Service initiative, and she said that she would ask that the Board sign a proclamation, proclaiming June 2026 as Menopause Awareness Month in Coos County. At the end of the presentation, Chair Farmer asked if Ms. Webb had a draft of the proclamation, and Ms. Webb replied that she would email it to the Board's office.

3B. Recognition of Tammy Dalton for 25 Years of Service- Clerk

County Clerk Julie Brecke recognized Tammy Dalton for her 25 years of service to the county. She thanked Ms. Dalton for her talent, insight and steady presence in the office, and for her dedicated service. Ms. Brecke presented Ms. Dalton with a plaque to thank her.

3C. Request Approval to Hire Brittany Felton at Step 5- Coos Health & Wellness (CHW)

Deputy Director Eric Gleason read from the agenda coversheet: "Request Board of Commissioners approve step 5 hire for Brittany Felton as a Prevention Services Outreach Specialist. Brittany Felton has been working as a Prevention Specialist for Curry County and handling their alcohol and other drug prevention programs. She also runs their social media pages and websites. She has extensive experience in the community, creating work plans and community events. She is also a certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist. She brings over 2 years of experience leading a prevention team in

another county, demonstrating direct and relevant leadership in community-based prevention work. She is also on track to obtain her Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) credential within the next year. In addition, she has 18 years of experience with the Sheriff's Office as a Dispatcher, providing her with extensive expertise in crisis response, high-pressure decision-making, and cross-system collaboration. This background directly supports the outreach and community engagement components of the minimum qualifications for this role. Offering a higher step would appropriately recognize her depth of experience, support internal equity for similarly qualified staff, and increase the likelihood of securing a highly qualified candidate in a competitive hire environment. This placement would still represent a significant pay reduction for her. Given her level of experience and qualifications, it will be an attempt to stay competitive and support successful recruitment."

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve hiring Brittany Felton at Step 5 of paygrade 416, effective May 4, 2026. Commissioner Sweet seconded the motion.

Dr. Gleason then added that this position has been vacant for a very long time, and that they are fortunate to find someone with Ms. Felton's qualifications.

Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

3D. Request Approval of Resolution Making Additional Appropriations- Fair

Office Manager Lisa Dumire said that they received enough funds to put a roof on the new pavilion.

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve Resolution 26-04-036B, In the Matter of Making an Additional Appropriation in the Amount of \$27,000 Within the County Fair Fund. Commissioner Sweet seconded the motion.

Commissioner Taylor thanked Commissioner Sweet for pulling this together, and Commissioner Sweet said that this was the effort of several people. Commissioner Taylor then explained the 40'x60' structure, located near the food vendors and within sight of the small stage.

Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

3E. Request Approval of Resolution Making Additional Appropriations- SCINT

Capt. Sean Sanborn began by thanking Ms. Webb for her advocacy, and he then stated that these are grant funds for marijuana eradication that are being added to the budget.

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve Resolution 26-04-033B, In the Matter of Making an Additional Appropriation in the Amount of \$45,400 Within the SCINT Fund. Commissioner Sweet seconded the motion.

Commissioner Sweet then said that he would like to give a shout-out to SCINT and the Sheriff's Office for all of the work that they do. He then gave background information on SCINT, and the assistance that they used to get from all of the cities, and the state.

Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

3F. Request Approval of Contract with Lyndsey Cotton- District Attorney

Due to the absence of staff from the DA's Office, Commissioner Taylor read from the agenda

coversheet: "The Coos County DA's Office has a need for a contractor to review certain cases and sign death certificates if/when the County's Medical Examiner is unavailable. Contractor shall assist the Coos County Medical Examiner's Office to certify and sign death certificates, provide limited diagnostic testing, and review cases."

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the personal service contract with Lyndsey Cotton as presented in the amount of \$1,500 per month. Commissioner Sweet seconded the motion. Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

3G. Request Approval of Resolution for CAFFA Grant Application- Finance

Treasurer/Finance Director Megan Simms said that this application is filed yearly, for funding to remain in compliance with property taxation.

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve Resolution 26-04-034B, In the Matter of the 2026-2027 Property Tax Program Grant Document. Commissioner Sweet seconded the motion. Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

3H. Request Approval of Joint Funding Agreement for Stream Gages- BOC

Commissioner Sweet explained that this agreement funds 3 stream gages on the Coquille River. He said that former Commissioner Bob Main always used these gages to determine whether or not to go fishing, but they are also used by farmers and ranchers to warn them of flooding conditions. Capt. Sanborn added that they are also used by Emergency Management staff.

Commissioner Sweet moved to approve the joint funding agreement as presented in the amount of \$13,850. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR- administrative matters not up for discussion

A. Approval of Minutes

- i. Worksession- Budget- March 9, 2026
- ii. Worksession- Budget- March 10, 2026
- iii. Workgroup Meeting Minutes- March 24, 2026
- iv. Regular Meeting Minutes- April 7, 2026

B. Orders & Resolutions

- i. Order 26-04-019C, In the Matter of Appointing Christina Brakebill to the Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee
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- iv. Resolution 26-04-032P, In the Matter of Granting Salary Merit Step Increases for Various Employees Retroactive to March 1, 2026
- v. Resolution 26-04-035P, In the Matter of Classifying and Placement of Various Employees on the Regular Coos County Payroll Effective Their Hire Date

C. Post-Action Notifications Pursuant to County Rule 10.043 (5)

- i. Sign On Bonus Agreement- CHW- Angela Hall
- ii. Contract with Multnomah Education Service District- CHW- MAC services
- iii. Amendment #1 to IGA 185631- CHW- revises state contact info
- iv. Contract with Civil West Engineering- Road- Seven Devils guardrail project
- v. Contract with Agri-Tech- Road- ash trench maintenance
- vi. Contract with South Fork Logging LLC- Forestry- site prep & brush piling

Commissioner Sweet moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Vote was taken and unanimously carried.

6. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Chair Farmer talked about the worksession that the Board held to discuss the possibility of regulating kratom and nitrous in the county. He said that the worksession ended with CHW to look at what others have done around the country, and once they have completed their research, another worksession will be scheduled to continue the conversation.

Commissioner Sweet said that he would like to give a shout-out to Southport Lumber, who is producing and exporting wood pellets at the former Weyerhaeuser location in North Bend.

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS- comments limited to non-agenda items only- 3-minute time limit

Greg Chisholm said that he has concerns about the unhoused population, and that the city approved camping zones are a joke. He said that resources have disappeared with the loss of the Deveraux Center, so the county, cities and towns need to work together to find a solution. Chair Farmer stated that housing is a big part of the experience that he has, and that he would be happy to talk with Mr. Chisholm after the meeting.

Chair Farmer adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Bobbi Brooks
Business Operations Manager



Commissioners Approval for Submission to the Board

AGENDA

COOS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Owen Building Large Conference Room, 201 N. Adams, Coquille
or Virtually at <https://meet.goto.com/865921461>
April 21, 2026

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5. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

- i. Item 1

6. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS- comments limited to non-agenda items only

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Meeting: Pool meeting

Date: 4/21/26

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David Tenny	log
PHIL THOMPSON	CB
Brinkley Webb	Banden
Greg Dalton	CASA
Melvin Simms	Finance
Sean Sehorn	S.O.
Lisa Dumire	Fair/Road
Rick Osborn	Coos Bay
Sarah Layton	CLerk
Lois Blum	care

Hello, my name is Brinkley Webb, I am a UC Davis graduate, currently sitting on two nonprofit boards: The Coos County Friends of Public Health, and Coos Health Initiatives. I am also the current Miss Coos County. I wanted to formally introduce myself to you and to the community in this role.

As Miss Coos County, I serve as a representative at local events and community initiatives, with a focus on service, awareness, and advocacy. I am here to share my community service initiative through the Miss America Organization, called MENOmentum, a community-driven women's health initiative focused on increasing awareness, education, and advocacy around menopause, an often overlooked yet universal stage of life that significantly impacts long-term health.

I am here today to respectfully ask the Coos County Board of Commissioners to consider issuing a formal proclamation recognizing **Menopause Awareness Month for June 2026**. As I prepare for the Miss Oregon Competition, this timing would allow me to carry Coos County's leadership and commitment to women's health onto a broader state platform, amplifying the work and values of our community at a statewide level.

My purpose today is to be a voice for my mom and millions of women. After watching my mother struggle through years of unrecognized perimenopause symptoms before her breast cancer diagnosis, I knew this conversation needed to change. I thought to myself, how many other daughters and husbands are having their mothers and wives experience this same misdiagnosis. That lit a fire in me to create MENO-mentum. For

me, this is about making sure the next generation of women, and the families who love them, have answers, support, and understanding long before they need it.

Less than 1% of biomedical research funding is dedicated to women outside of cancer worldwide. In 2021 the National Institute of Health reported that approximately 5 billion dollars in federal funds in the United States was allocated in the area of research for Women's Health, of this amount, research on menopause received a mere 15 million dollars. Which equals 0.003% of all federal funds for women's health research. This lack of funding directly affects the kind of care women will have access to during menopausal transition and into menopause. What is startling is that according to a Johns Hopkins survey they found that only 20% of OBGYN residencies offered training in menopause and as a result, currently 80% of OBGYN residents admit to being ill prepared to discuss menopause with patients. That gap is not just data — it represents real women, real families, and real moments where people are left without answers. Investing in this research is how we change that.

I am grateful to the leadership of Sheriff Gabe Fabrizio for graciously agreeing to be the entertainment of the evening as the guest of honor for the first Menopause Research Grant Gala fundraiser in Coos County on June 13. This is a lighthearted, sheriff-approved comedy roast of himself supporting MENOmentums initiative to invest in research. This is an evening where we come together, not just to support a cause, but to truly enjoy ourselves while doing it. Hosted at Wildflour, who has generously donated their space for the evening, this night is designed to be fun,

elevated, and full of energy. Momentum turns awareness into action, and action into real change.

And that is exactly why I created my Community Service Initiative, MENOmentum.

The mission is to promote research while eliminating the stigma socially and in healthcare while encouraging open dialogue about menopause early. This initiative also prepares younger women to understand, anticipate, and advocate for their health long before menopause begins while supporting midlife women navigating this transition today.

Because of my mother's health issues and hormone positive breast cancer, my personal connection to this issue is deep and drives every aspect of this work. Through my four years in Alpha Phi International Fraternity, I also advocated and raised funds with GO RED for women's heart health, while witnessing my godmother's experience with cardiovascular disease. These experiences showed me how silence and lack of awareness delay care and endanger lives. And what I began to realize...

Is that the warning signs are often there, we just don't always recognize them.

I call these "sneakers," symptoms that don't look like they're connected, but show up randomly, and we don't fully understand them... And it makes you wonder how many answers are still missing?

Symptoms hiding in plain sight, not recognized, not connected by doctors, and not taken seriously enough.

And the thing about sneakers is that there's not just a few. There are a plethora of symptoms that a woman can experience and not all women will experience the same ones or amount. Additional sneakers are: migraines, painful intimacy, chronic fatigue, accelerated bone loss, frozen shoulder, gastro intestinal issues, acid reflux, inflammation, and IBS. And with time, with research, with attention, we will continue to uncover more connections within the mystery of menopause.

Menopause is not only a biological transition it is a long-term driver of women's health outcomes across the lifespan. National Institute of Health supported research shows that the hormonal changes occurring during the menopausal transition are closely linked to increased risk of cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, metabolic disorders, and cognitive changes later in life. These are not temporary effects; they are long-term health shifts that influence how women age, function, and live for decades after menopause. This is why menopause research matters even for women who feel they are "past it" or who did not experience significant symptoms. The impact of menopause does not end when menstruation stops, it becomes part of the foundation of long-term health. In other words, menopause research is not just about treating discomfort, it is about understanding and preventing disease, improving longevity, and ensuring that women receive the same level of scientific attention in midlife and beyond as they do in other stages of healthcare.

But this conversation does not stop with women alone.

Because menopause does not happen in isolation, it happens inside families, marriages, partnerships, and households. It affects

communication, intimacy, emotional well-being, and daily life in ways that often go unspoken and misunderstood. And for many men, this is not something they are taught to recognize, prepare for, or even talk about.

To the men who have wives, partners, mothers, or daughters going through this transition or will in the future, this is not a distant issue. This is part of your home, your relationship, and your quality of life as well. When symptoms are misinterpreted or dismissed, it can create distance where there should be understanding, frustration where there should be support, and silence where there should be communication.

And I would challenge that indifference does not come from lack of care, but often from lack of awareness.

That is exactly where education changes everything.

When partners understand that fatigue is not laziness, that mood shifts are not “overreactions,” and that physical symptoms are medically rooted rather than personal flaws, it transforms how families respond. It replaces confusion with clarity and frustration with empathy.

This is why MENOmentum is not only a women’s health initiative, it is a family health initiative. Because when we educate one person, we change the experience of everyone around them. And when men are included in this conversation, they become allies in care, support, and understanding rather than bystanders to confusion.

Menopause is not just a women’s issue. It is a relationship issue, a household issue, and a community issue. And the more we bring it into the

open, the more we strengthen the families it touches. Thank you for having me today.