



TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Paul Fournier - Mary Faith Bell - Erin Skaar

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 9:00 AM

Join In Person:

County Courthouse, Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room 106, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook

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CALL TO ORDER – April 15, 2026 9:00 a.m.

1. Welcome & Request to Sign Guest List
01:19
2. Pledge of Allegiance
01:29
3. Public Comment
01:51

Supports Item #15; Chris Laity fiscally responsible/April Bailey, Neskowin

4. Non-Agenda Items: There were none.
04:30

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Consideration of a New Liquor License Application for Full On-Premises, Commercial for Riverside Lounge
04:32

A motion was made by Commissioner Skaar and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board approved the consent calendar.

LEGISLATIVE - ADMINISTRATIVE

6. Consideration of a Letter of Support to the Oregon Department of Transportation for the City of Rockaway Beach Application for a Small City Allotment Grant/Mary Mertz, Public Works Director, City of Rockaway Beach
04:57

A motion was made by Commissioner Skaar and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the letter.

7. Consideration of Personal Services Agreement #25/26-011 with Michelle Jenck for Rural Health Project Coordination/Marlene Putman, Administrator, Health and Human Services
06:52

A motion was made by Commissioner Skaar and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the agreement.

8. Consideration of a Personnel Requisition for a New, Regular Full-Time Health Data Analyst and EMR Systems Manager in the Health and Human Services Department/Marlene Putman, Administrator, Health and Human Services
10:34

A motion was made by Commissioner Skaar and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Chair signed the requisition.

9. Consideration of a Personal Services Agreement with Alliance Solutions Group, Inc. for Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan Full-Scale Exercises 2026/Randy Thorpe, Director, Emergency Management
11:56

A motion was made by Commissioner Skaar and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the agreement.

10. Consideration of a Professional Services Agreement with Trout Unlimited Inc. for the Project Management of Design and Construction of Slide Bridge/Chris Laity, Public Works Director
14:17

A motion was made by Commissioner Skaar and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the agreement.

11. Consideration of a Professional Services Agreement with Trout Unlimited Inc. for the Project Management of Design and Construction of Hatchery Bridge/Chris Laity, Public Works Director
17:45

A motion was made by Commissioner Skaar and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the agreement.

12. Consideration of a Contract for Goods with Road & Driveway Co. for the 2026 Tillamook County Asphalt Procurement Project/Chris Laity, Public Works Director
18:04

A motion was made by Commissioner Skaar and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the contract.

13. Consideration of a Contract for Goods with S-C Paving Company for the Tillamook County 2026 Asphalt Procurement Project/Chris Laity, Public Works Director

20:59

A motion was made by Commissioner Skaar and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the contract.

14. Consideration of a Contract for Goods with Bayview Asphalt Inc. for the 2026 Tillamook County Asphalt Procurement Project/Chris Laity, Public Works Director

21:14

A motion was made by Commissioner Skaar and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the contract.

15. Consideration of Letters of Support to Senator Ron Wyden, Senator Jeff Merkley, and Representative Suzanne Bonamici for the Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act/Chris Laity, Public Works Director

21:29

A motion was made by Commissioner Skaar and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the letters.

16. Consideration of in the Matter of Proclaiming a Resolution for Supplemental Budget Adjustments in the Adopted Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget/Debra Jacob, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer

27:38

A motion was made by Commissioner Skaar and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed #R26-008.

17. Consideration of a Letter of Support to the United States Forest Service for the Stimson Lumber Company Wood Innovations Grant Application/Commissioner Erin Skaar

29:12

A motion was made by Commissioner Skaar and seconded by Vice-Chair Bell. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed the letter.

18. Board Concerns

31:41

Stepping Down from Salmonberry Trail Board/Commissioner Erin Skaar

OTHER MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

32:39

The Commissioners will hold an executive session on **Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.** The executive session is being held pursuant ORS.660(2)(h), to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed; and ORS 192.660(2)(f), to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection. The executive session will be held in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room 106 in the Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook. The executive session is not open to the public.

A budget workshop of the Tillamook County Budget Committee will be held on **Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.** The budget workshop will be held in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room 106 in the Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook. The teleconference number is 1-971-254-3149, Conference ID: 866 914 607#.

There is **NO** Board Briefing scheduled for **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**.

The Local Public Safety Coordinating Council teleconference will be held **Monday, April 20, 2026** at **12:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room 106 in the Tillamook County Courthouse, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook. The teleconference number is 1-971-254-3149, Conference ID: 155 858 952#.

The Commissioners will attend a potluck/presentation at the Netarts Community Club on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026** at **5:30 p.m.** The potluck/presentation will be held at the Netarts Community Club, 4949 Netarts Hwy. W., Netarts.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

	Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Paul Fournier	☒	☐	Rachel Hagerty	☒	☐
Mary Faith Bell	☒	☐	Bryan Libel	☒	☐
Erin Skaar	☒	☐			

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Email or Address</u>	<u>Item of Interest</u>
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There were no sign-ins

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TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-IN SHEET

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Tillamook County Board of Commissioners

201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, OR 97141

Phone: 503-842-3403

Paul Fournier, Chair
Mary Faith Bell, Vice-Chair
Erin D. Skaar, Commissioner

April 15, 2026

TO: United States Forest Service

RE: Stimson Lumber Company Wood Innovations Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

As Tillamook County Commissioners serving the Tillamook area, we are writing to express our strong support for Stimson Lumber Company's Wood Innovations Grant application in connection with its Tillamook mill operation.

Stimson Lumber Company has been a long-standing and respected forest products operator in Tillamook County, and its Tillamook mill has played an important role in the local economy for decades. We have been impressed by the company's continued investment in modernizing its operations, maintaining a skilled workforce, and adapting its facilities to meet the evolving demands of the forest products industry. The Tillamook mill produces essential wood products that serve both regional and national markets and support downstream manufacturing and construction activity.

Equally important, the Tillamook operation provides high quality jobs in a community that benefits directly from stable employment and continued industrial investment. The mill also serves as a critical outlet for timber harvested from both public and private forestlands, supporting landowners while reinforcing the infrastructure necessary for active forest management. Maintaining and strengthening this forest products infrastructure is vital to the cost effective, responsible management of National Forests and privately owned timberlands alike, particularly as we look for practical ways to improve forest health, reduce wildfire risk, and keep working forests productive.

For these reasons, we support Stimson Lumber Company's plans to further invest in its Tillamook facility and respectfully encourage the U.S. Forest Service to award Wood Innovations Grant funding to this project. Investments of this nature help ensure that rural manufacturing, sustainable forest management, and economic opportunity remain strong in Tillamook County and across the region.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Oregon Department of Transportation
Small City Allotment Program
355 Capitol Street NE, MS 11
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: City of Rockaway Beach's Application for a Small City Allotment Grant

Dear Oregon Department of Transportation:

The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners respectfully offers this letter of support for the City of Rockaway Beach's application to the Small City Allotment Grant Program for the paving of South Crest Terrace, South Terrace Drive, and South Pacific View Drive.

These streets serve established residential areas and provide essential access for residents, visitors, emergency responders, and service providers. In addition, these routes support access to infrastructure, including the city's water reservoir and booster station, as well as the emergency communications radio shack. Existing degraded roadway conditions create safety concerns, increase maintenance demands, and reduce reliability—particularly during periods of heavy rainfall typical of the Oregon coast. Paving these corridors will improve vehicle and pedestrian safety, enhance accessibility, provide more resilient transportation, infrastructure and emergency systems.

The proposed project aligns well with the objectives of the Small City Allotment Grant Program by making a cost-effective investment improving pavement conditions, extending roadway service life, and reducing long term maintenance costs. These improvements will also enhance surface drainage, minimize erosion and sediment runoff, and support efficient use of limited public works resources—benefits that are consistent with statewide transportation system preservation goals.

Tillamook County recognizes the importance of proactive infrastructure investment and supports the City of Rockaway Beach's efforts to pursue grant funding for these improvements.

We commend the City of Rockaway Beach for its commitment to improving local transportation infrastructure and strongly support the city's application for Small City Allotment funding for these paving projects.

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Via Email To: rachel.bornstein@mail.house.gov

The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici
U.S. House of Representatives
2231 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Bonamici:

On behalf of Tillamook County, Oregon we write today to respectfully ask you to include in the next surface transportation package and cosponsor H.R. 7437, the Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act. This bipartisan legislation – developed with strong input from counties and other local government groups – would improve Tillamook County access to federal formula funding for important road, bridges and multimodal projects in their communities.

Oregon counties play a vital role in our transportation system, owning and maintaining 60 percent of road miles and 40 percent of bridges in the state. Tillamook County is known as the “Land of Many Waters” and has one bridge per every three miles of road. We have jurisdiction over 368 miles of road (the length of the Oregon Coast is 363 miles). These assets are vital for connecting people to jobs, kids to school, and freight to their destination. However, it is getting increasingly difficult for counties to keep up with the maintenance requirements for these roads and bridges, especially amid persistently rising costs and tight budgets with revenue that is essentially flatlined.

Federal dollars can help support this work – especially for regionally significant projects, bridge projects, and safety projects – but Oregon counties currently struggle to access federal funds. Approximately 90 percent of federal transportation funding moves through formula programs administered by the Federal Highway Administration to state departments of transportation, but analysis shows that counties and other local governments only receive roughly 15 percent of these funds.

Discretionary grant opportunities have historically provided counties with another avenue to access federal funding, but they are not without their own challenges. Tillamook County and many other counties lack staff to prepare grants, resulting in the inability to fund projects under the current financial structure. Similarly, we understand that there is a desire from leadership to focus more on formula funding in the next surface transportation reauthorization bill, shifting away from the grant-heavy approach taken by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. If discretionary grant opportunities are reduced, then counties need greater access to formula funds to ensure that our overall access to federal transportation funding does not decrease.

We believe that the bipartisan BASICS Act would help do that. This legislation would increase the share of federal formula dollars that are “suballocated,” or made available to regional planning organizations to advance locally selected projects – including Tillamook County projects. Importantly, this would include ensuring suballocation of funding for use on bridge projects and safety projects.

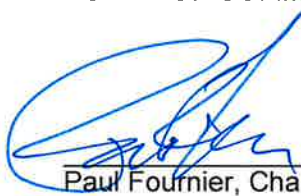
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As the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure continues to develop its text for the surface transportation reauthorization bill, we hope that you will cosponsor H.R. 7437 to show widespread support for ensuring that counties have improved access to federal funding.

Thank you for your consideration, and please let us know if you have any questions.

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Via Email To: Hanna_Sweet@merkley.senate.gov

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United States Senate
SH-531 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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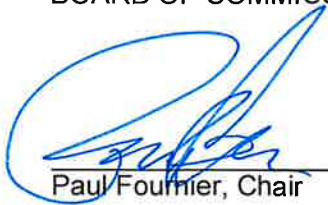
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