

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION #2025-15**

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN COLUMBIA COUNTY, THE TOWN OF STARBUCK AND THE CITY OF DAYTON FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CLIMATE CHANGE ELEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 39.34, local governmental units are permitted to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities, and

**WHEREAS**, Columbia County is planning under the Growth Management Act under RCW 36.70A and must update its Comprehensive Plan through the Department of Commerce periodically, and

**WHEREAS**, Columbia County served as the project lead for the 2019 periodic plan updates for Columbia County, The City of Dayton and the Town of Starbuck, and has agreed to serve as project lead for the 2027 periodic update process, and

**WHEREAS**, Washington State legislation passed and signed into law in 2023 ([HB 1181](#)) adds a climate goal to the Growth Management Act (GMA) and requires local comprehensive plans to have a Climate Element with a Resiliency Sub-Element, and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Legislature has provided funding through the Washington Department of Commerce for local governments to develop a Climate Element and Resiliency Sub-Element, and

**WHEREAS**, funding and timing efficiencies and economies of scale in use of grant funds can be realized by cooperative and collaborative climate change planning, and

**WHEREAS**, climate-related issues cross jurisdictional boundaries, and analysis and goal and policy development is best achieved through cooperative and collaborative planning, and

**WHEREAS**, Columbia County, the City of Dayton and the Town of Starbuck applied jointly to pool grant funds, and

**WHEREAS**, interlocal agreements set forth the administrative responsibilities, agreed-upon-goals and identified tasks and responsibilities of the climate planning and element development process, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners finds and determines that said agreements are in the best interest of the residents of Columbia County and will promote general health, safety and welfare,

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT:**

The Chairman of the Board is authorized, on behalf of Columbia County, to execute Interlocal Agreements with the City of Dayton and the Town of Starbuck for Columbia County to serve as lead agency in accepting and administering grant funds for the development of a Climate Element and Resiliency Sub-Element to be incorporated into each jurisdiction's periodic comprehensive plan update.

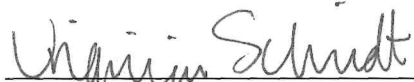
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Board of County Commissioners authorizes the County Planning Director to administer the grant on behalf of Columbia County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, State of Washington, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.

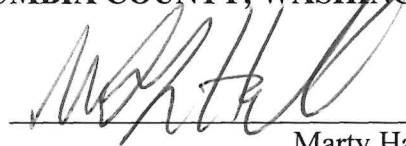
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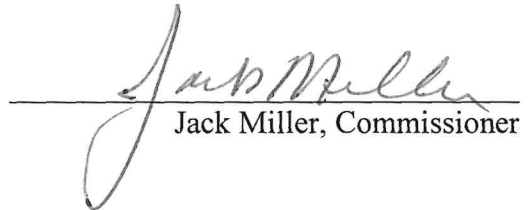
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