

**Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, November 02, 2021**

Agenda Item - Comment/Disposition

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman David M. Sauter called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Commissioners present: David M. Sauter, Jacob L. Anderson, and Dan Christopher.

Workshop Session Agenda

10:30 AM – Public Works Department Update

Attendance: Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey, Public Works Deputy Director Jeff Hunter, Human Resource & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via Zoom.

Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey reported on the proposed Non-Capital Project Plan changes for 2022, followed by a brief discussion about the Trout Lake Park Attendant.

Director Kelsey reported on the Consent Agenda Items on this afternoon's agenda, noting the waiver requests for the indoor arena from the High School Equestrian Team and Rodeo team which will be offset by in-kind services from the teams, a construction program update followed.

A discussion was held about the sign and guidepost project, stating the State needs to do their inspections prior to installation, due to the use of Federal Funds, followed by a brief update on the West Darland and Roosevelt Grade Projects. Director Kelsey reported the Courtney Road Safety Projects are about ready for advertisement.

Director Kelsey reported he has not been able to reach the State Parks and Recreation Department regarding the Klickitat Path Project.

A report was given on the Klickitat County Services Building move-in date timeline for the Departments and Offices, followed by an update on the parking lot construction on the east side of the Courthouse, noting the parking lot will be finished next spring.

An update was given on the Klickitat County Service Building flooring, internal glass walls, and HVAC System.

A discussion was held about a plaque dedication for the Klickitat County Services Building.

Director Kelsey requested and received verbal approval to proceed with the advertising process for a Senior Accountant I / System Administrator.

Public Works Deputy Director Jeff Hunter advised of the surplus for the Annex 5 Building.

Director Kelsey advised the Oregon Trail Rally will be racing in Klickitat County this coming weekend.

A discussion was held about the WSU / Noxious Weed Department switching office space with the Human Resources & Administration Services Department in the Klickitat County Services Building, followed by comparisons of the square footage of the departments.

WSU Director Hannah Brause was present on zoom but due to connectivity issues was not able to provide comment, WSU Office Manager Erika Beasley read aloud the email Director Brause sent to the Commissioners earlier this morning. Chairman Sauter advised of the comparable square footage in each department, noting the amount of storage is quite adequate and comparable as well.

Advisement was made on the vaccination mandates that the WSU Department is required to follow and how it differs from Klickitat County Employees at this time, followed by an update from Commissioner Anderson on the layout he observed today on a walkthrough of the Human Resource and WSU Offices and the similarities.

Director Kelsey advised of the changes that will need to be made to the entry areas and offices, followed by the changes in furniture for WSU and Human Resource Department; a decision was made to leave the office furniture that is assembled and specified for the designated offices before the switch.

A discussion was held on the overall outcome of why the departments will be switching, what is the end goal and how does it benefit the citizens of the county. Director Kelsey advised of the construction changes within the departments themselves that will be made to incorporate the switch. The Board agreed this will be the best long-term plan for the department combinations and accessibility for the public.

Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad inquired if the Board was still interested in the Department of Ecology (DOE) Grant for \$84,000 to continue working on the Shoreline Master Plan (SMP) and the Critical Area Ordinance (CAO). The Board inquired how far will \$84,000 get the plans before the funds run out; Planning Director Lindblad stated they can be completed and the funds are available until 2023.

A discussion was held regarding potential litigation and timelines for completions. The Board was in support of proceeding with the updates and accepting the DOE Grant.

Planning Director Lindblad requested to submit amendment paperwork for next weeks Consent Agenda to update the Planning Department's Consultant's contract for work being done on the (SMP and CAO) extending the timeline to include work in 2023, an increase of \$20,000, the Board was in support of renewing the consultant's contract.

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): The Board recessed for lunch at 11:35 AM.

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chairman Sauter reconvened the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, November 02, 2021, at 1:00 PM. Opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. All three (3) Commissioners were present.

Agenda:

Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): with one add-on under New Business.

Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

***Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for September 28, 2021, as presented.

Citizen Comment: Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per individual

Goldendale resident Susan Kelsey stated she has been coming to the Citizen Comment period for a while and mostly to be present to ensure the vaccine mandate does not get implemented onto the Klickitat County Employees; Ms. Kelsey stated she has reached out to Public Health Director Erinn Quinn regarding the plan for

Klickitat County's COVID-19 Plan, she has not received any communication in response, so she is requesting the answers be provided by the County Commissioner's. Ms. Kelsey requested an answer be provided as soon as possible.

C.E.A.S.E Member Greg Wagner inquired how Commissioner Christopher recuse himself from a solar project named Carriage Solar project when the County has not received an application, followed by a request from Mr. Wagner to attend a town hall meeting. Mr. Wagner stated he believes the Klickitat County Service Building should be dedicated to the Klickitat County Citizens, the Board advised it is being dedicated to the Citizens.

Sheri Bouquet inquired about Chairman Sauter's attendance at a Town Hall Meeting, followed by statements about Solar Projects, the Conditional Use Permit Process, and a request to hold a town hall meeting to discuss Solar Projects.

Gabrielle Gilbert requested government be more transparent and more available, Ms. Gilbert requested the Commissioners attend a town hall meeting, followed by a request to put daycare on the 10-year economic plan, requesting any information the Commissioners have on the daycare proposals.

Lynn Mason stated she isn't a fan of the solar farms but does not agree with telling people what they can and cannot do with their farmland, or their property in general, noting she is not a fan of large corporations but each landowner has their rights to do with their land as they please to make it viable for themselves.

Lisa Evans from White Salmon reported on statements from the Republican Party, followed by a request for the Commissioners to support private daycare options, noting daycare is not a Government issue.

Debbie Wagner of C.E.A.S.E inquired how many citizens need to request a community meeting before there will be attendance from a Commissioner, Chairman Sauter stated he attends community meetings that are in his district such as the Community of Wishram, Dallesport, and Lyle, he is the District 2 Commissioner, and if there are citizens from Goldendale he will defer to the Commissioner of that district.

Commissioner Christopher advised that the proposed Knight road solar projects is not in his district, they are in fact in District 2.

Delmar Eldridge inquired if the Commissioners know of any filings or applications that have been filed for the Knight Road Solar Projects or any new solar projects in the Goldendale area. The Board stated there have been no applications or filings submitted in the Goldendale area, there are projects on the east side of the County.

Commissioner Anderson reported on the progress made by the Childcare Committee; noting daycare is not a core function of government followed by updates from Chairman Sauter on the importance of daycare in our area and what the County can do to support the daycares in the area.

Commissioner Anderson responded to Mr. Wagner and to Sheri Bousquet regarding the question of how Commissioner Christopher can recuse himself from a solar project in which there is no application. Commissioner Anderson stated he believes Commissioner Christopher is recusing himself because of the potential for litigation against the County. Commissioner Anderson stated his request for the solar projects to follow the Conditional Use Process is because it allows for the most public involvement and there will be public hearings that allow the residents in that area to be a part of the process.

Public Hearings/Public Meetings/Bid Openings:

***Plat Vacation, SPL2006-51V; Applicant: SDS Co., LLC.**

Attendance: Assistant Planner Denice Lee, various county employees, and residents via Zoom, Building Director Lynn Ward, and resident Debbie Culver in the Chambers.

Assistant Planner Denice Lee provided a staff review of Plat Vacation, SPL2006-51V; stating this is uncommon to follow up with a Millar recording but for clarification purposes, the Planning Department has chosen to follow up with a Millar; this proposed short plat is located within the Husum vicinity.

Assistant Planner Lee reported the administrative review of this short plat has been completed. Signatures have been obtained from the Road, Health, and Planning Departments, and the Treasurer's Office. All conditions attached to the preliminary approval have been met.

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): Granting final approval of Plat Vacation, SPL2006-51V; Parcel No's 04-11-1806-5101/00, 04-11-1806-5102/00, 04-11-1806-5103/00, 04-11-1806-5104/00, 04-11-1806-5104/00, 04-10-1306-5104/00, 04-11-1906-5104/00 and 04-10-2400-0001/00; Applicant: SDS Co., LLC.

***Short Plat Alteration, SPL 2021-23, Applicant: Joan Atkins.**

Attendance: Assistant Planner Denice Lee, various county employees, and residents via Zoom, Building Director Lynn Ward, and one (1) member of the public in the Chambers.

Assistant Planner Denice Lee provided a staff review of Short Plat Alteration, SPL 2021-23, stating this is a proposal to move Lots 2 & 3 of SPL2018-26 from Dancing Mountain Road (private) frontage, to Pine Forest County Road frontage, in order to provide easier access to utilities. The proposed short plat is located within the Goldendale vicinity.

Assistant Planner Lee reported the administrative review of this short plat has been completed. Signatures have been obtained from the Road, Health, and Planning Departments, and the Treasurer's Office. All conditions attached to the preliminary approval have been met.

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): Granting final approval of Short Plat Alteration, SPL 2021-23, parcel number 04-16-0418-2602/00, 04-16-0418-2603/00, and 04-16-0418-2604/00; Applicant: Joan Atkins.

Consent Agenda:

***Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** The Consent Agenda with six (6) items.

- 1) **Resolution No. 11121** in the matter of setting a public hearing to be held November 23, 2021, at 1:30 PM to consider a supplemental budget and amendments for 2021, budget for various funds in the sum of \$2,524,620.00, and that the Administrative Services Department of Klickitat County is and is hereby directed to publish notice of said hearing in the official newspaper of Klickitat County and that, at said hearing, any interested taxpayer may appear and be heard for or against the proposed supplemental budget appropriation.
- 2) Requests from the Building Department to allow Building Director Lynn Ward and Office Manager Cindy McHargue to carry over 40 hours each of vacation over the cap of 160 hours into 2022, to be used by July 1, 2022.

- 3) Fairgrounds fee waiver request from the Klickitat County High School Rodeo Club for the use of the indoor arena during the winter riding season and one-time use of the Exhibit Hall. The Rodeo Club will do in-kind service in lieu of payment.
- 4) Fairgrounds fee waiver request from the Klickitat County and Equestrian for the use of the indoor arena during the winter riding season. The Equestrian Team will do in-kind service in lieu of payment.
- 5) Signature Authorization Form from the Department of Emergency Management to update The Chief of Operations 9-1-1 Coordinator designated contact with the State of Washington State Enhanced 9-1-1 Coordination Office.
- 6) Grant Program Agreement (**C20421**) Amendment (21 SHSP E22 – 107 - Revised) between Klickitat County (Department of Emergency Management) and the Washington State Military Department for the purpose of providing State, local, territorial and tribal governments to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States. The period of performance is from September 1, 2021, to April 30, 2021.

New Business:

***Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): Resolution No. 11221** in the matter of adopting the 2022-preliminary budget and setting a public hearing to be held November 9, 2021, at 1:30 PM.

Payment Approvals:

***Approved Warrants (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):**

Accounts Payable: (#309562-309699, #309700-309700) and DOR Electronic Transfer (#943) \$186,877.97.17, for the date ending November 1, 2021.

There were no Payroll warrants requiring approval.

Elected Official Report/Update:

Attendance: Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel, various county employees, and residents via Zoom.

Commissioner Anderson inquired what the financial limit is for the Yakama Reservation Boundary Dispute, Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel responded, advising there is a 100-thousand-dollar cap for the year 2021.

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 PM.

Reference Document on File

* Reference Document on File. Please Note: The Board of Commissioners' minutes are action minutes. A recording is on file as part of the official record and available on file 11.02.2021 Board of Commissioner's Meeting.



Approved: **David M. Sauter**
Chairman of the Board



Date