

**Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, June 6th, 2023**

Morning Workshop Session

Chairman Dan Christopher called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM. Commissioners present: Dan Christopher, Jacob Anderson and Lori Zoller.

Chairman Christopher announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (g) for the performance evaluation of a public employee for fifteen (15) minutes. The Board reconvened from executive session at 10:00 AM. No actions were taken.

Workshop Session Agenda

10:00 AM – Public Works/Road Department Update

Attendance: Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Interim County Engineer Seth Scarola, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Director Hunter provided an update on the consent agenda items.

Interim Engineer Scarola provided an update on the Construction Program and Road Design.

Director Hunter provided an update on the East and West end Maintenance Projects, upcoming facilities work and events. Director Hunter commented on FERC comments and Fencing at Flat Top Radio site.

10:15 AM –Elected Official Report/Update: Attendance: Sheriff Bob Songer, Undersheriff Carmen Knopes, Chief Civil Deputy Karen Elings, Chief Jail Deputy Loren Culp, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Sheriff Songer provided an update on the calls for service, civil papers served, West End Posse Meeting in White Salmon, the Goldendale Home and Garden Event, a Press release on a fatal collision, a Press release on possible active shooter call at the White Salmon Columbia High School, a Press release on a domestic disturbance, a Press release on an inmate death and Deputy Dwayne Matulovich's resignation.

Undersheriff Carmen Knopes reported on Patrol Activities, a Missing Kayaker in Glenwood and the Flock cameras.

Chief Jail Deputy Loren Culp provided an update on Jail activities, the End of Watch Ride to Remember rolling memorial, an inmate hanging, a meeting with staff from Behavioral Health, jail policy and jail staffing.

Chief Civil Deputy Karen Elings provided an update on the Budget, the sex offenders tracking program, the Range-Timber program, the Body-worn Camera Program, the K-9 program, the Marine Program, the Posse Program, the 4th of July demand for Posse members and the animal shelter.

Sheriff Songer commented on the Posse Scouting Program.

11:00 AM -Department Update/Report: Attendance: Public Health Director Erin Quinn, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Director Quinn provided an update on the recruiting for the open Environmental Health Technician position. Director Quinn provided an update on items on the consent agenda and managing debt forgiveness. Director Quinn requested and received verbal approval to advertise for the vacant Accounting Admin III position. Ms. Quinn provided an update on the Behavioral Health Department.

Klickitat Valley Health CEO Leslie Hiebert via Zoom, commented on the challenges of transferring a person that has a mental health component and continuing a conversation with Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Director Quinn continued the Behavioral Health Department update.

Emergency Management Director Jeff King via Zoom, commented about the EMS board meeting and discussed a behavioral health interfacility transfers policy, Skyline and KVH have notified the district that they are terminating the lease for the EMS district stations and want to enter into a new agreement with increased fees. Neither hospital has nominated a person from either hospital to replace the current opening, there are only 3 members on the current EMS board with 2 openings.

Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously). To recess for lunch at 11:33 AM.

Commissioner's Business Meeting

Chairman Dan Christopher reconvened the meeting at 1:00 PM, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. All three (3) Commissioners were present.

Agenda:

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): Business Agenda with Consent agenda #8 being pulled and added to New Business.

Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2023 as presented.

Citizen Comment:

Kathy Moco commended Chairman Christopher on a job well done with the Goldendale Cleanup day.

Commissioner Zoller informed the Board that she had attended Southwest Washington Aging and Disability Group meeting and thanked Senior Services Director Sharon Carter and her crew for always doing a great job.

Greg Wagner, with CEASE, requested the Commissioners make comments at the EFSEC meetings, commenting on solar ordinances, zoom and recording Thursday workshops.

Sheri Bousquet, resident of Husum, commented on Economic Development in Klickitat County and thanked Sharon Carter with Senior Services for what she does.

Pat Arnold, resident of Trout Lake, commented on a conference held between Friends of the White Salmon and Columbia Gorge Community Action Network about Climate Change and recommended the Commissioners read the brief summary of the Energy Vision for the Columbia River Vision.

Commissioner Zoller responded to comments from Mr. Wagner, Ms. Bousquet and Ms. Arnold.

Chairman Christopher responded to comments from Mr. Wagner, Ms. Bousquet and Ms. Arnold.

Commissioner Anderson responded to comments from Mr. Wagner, Ms. Bousquet and Ms. Arnold.

Public Meetings/Public Hearings/Bid Openings:

Attendance: Interim Engineer Seth Scarola, Engineer Kevin Leis, Goldendale resident Kathy Moco, Emergency Management Director Jeff King, HR Manager KC Sheridan and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Bid Opening: Chairman Christopher informed the Board about the Bid Opening for the White Plastic Line Edge, CRP 368: This contract provides the improvement of 1.58 miles of Bickleton Hwy, 4.56 miles of Centerville Hwy, 5.66 miles of Klickitat Appleton road, and 6.36 miles of Pine Forest Road by installation of extruded thermoplastic line and other work, all in accordance with the Contract Plans, Contract Provisions, and the Standard Specifications.

Commissioner Anderson commented on the engineers estimate \$210,000 and opened the following bids:

1. Specialized Pavement Marking, Inc for a total bid amount of \$390,327.55 with a bid bond present.
2. Hicks Striping & Curbing LLC for a total bid amount of \$240,967.70 with a bid bond present.
3. Stripe Right Inc. for a total bid amount of \$323,481.90 with a bid bond present.

Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): to remand bids back to Public Works for review and recommendation.

Chairman Christopher informed the Board about the Bid Opening for the Slope Flattening and or Guardrail, CRP 368: This contract provides for the improvement of Trout Lake Hwy and Pine Forest Road by flattening of fore-slopes, or if not feasible, installing guardrail and other work, all in accordance with the Contract Plans, Contract Provisions, and the Standard Specifications.

Commissioner Anderson commented on the engineers estimate of \$280,000 and opened the following bid:

Frank Gurney, Inc for a total bid amount of \$337,826.00 with a bid bond present and addendum #1 acknowledged.

Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): to remand bid back to Public Works for review and recommendation.

Consent Agenda

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): Consent Agenda with seven (7) items noting item #8 pulled and added to New Business.

1. **Resolution No. 05723** in the matter of reappointing David McNeal and Kelly Regan to the Klickitat County Board of Equalization.
2. Service Agreement (**C11223**) between Klickitat County Health Department and Village Reach to provide an after-action review and report which will include a summary of the COVID-19 responses.
3. Security Equipment Grant (**C11323**) for West District Court hallway cameras.

4. Small Works Contract (**C11423**) between Klickitat County Public Works and West Coast Soil Solutions to provide pulverizing existing HMA/BST road surfacing on Bickleton Hwy, East and West Market Streets in Bickleton, WA.
5. Small Works Contract (**C11523**) between Klickitat County Public Works and J & S Enterprises for "Klickitat County Fairgrounds Landscaping Project".
6. Small Works Contract (**C11623**) between Klickitat County Public Works and DKB, Inc. for Klickitat County Services Building HVAC Insulation Project.
7. **Resolution No. 05823** in the matter of establishing the Klickitat County Burn Ban restrictions on open outdoor burning within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County Burn Ban Zone 3.
8. ~~Resolution in the matter of revising the Adult Probation's Organizational Chart to reflect updating the Litter Crew Supervisor job description and increasing the hours to a 1.0 FTE~~

New Business:

Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Chairman Christopher abstained): to approve the Resolution No. 05923 in the matter of revising the Adult Probation's organizational chart to reflect updating the Litter Crew Supervisor job description and increasing the hours to a 1.0 FTE

Payment Approvals/Pat Estimates/Change Orders:

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

Accounts Payable: (#322141-322229); for a total amount of \$188,242.78.
for the date ending June 5, 2023.

There were no Payroll warrants requiring approval

New Business:

At 1:45 PM Chairman Christopher recessed the Board of County Commissioners Meeting to conduct the Klickitat County Public Corporation Meeting

Recessed and opened the KC Public Corporation to appoint Alisa Grumbles as Secretary

Chairman Christopher reconvened the Board of County Commissioners meeting at 1:50 PM

1:50 PM - Manager Sheridan requested and received approval on the proposed Sheriff's office reorganization chart to reflect replacing the Chief Civil Clerk position with the Chief Civil Deputy position and updated the line of supervision effective January 1, 2023

Notice to Advertise and **Resolution No. 06023** to schedule a Public Hearing on June 20, 2023, at 1:30 PM at the Commissioner Chambers, Room 200, Klickitat County Services Building, 115 W. Court Street, Goldendale relating to a Sixth Addendum to the Agreement Regarding Solid Waste Handling between Klickitat County and Republic Services, Inc.

Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): to approve **Resolution No. 06023** to schedule a Public Hearing on June 20, 2023, at 1:30 PM at the Commissioner Chambers, Room 200, Klickitat County Services Building, 115 W. Court Street, Goldendale relating to a Sixth Addendum to the Agreement Regarding Solid Waste Handling between Klickitat County and Republic Services, Inc.

Board Pending

Commissioner Anderson gave an update on the Public Open House for the White Salmon Hood River Bridge replacement.

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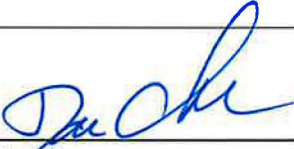
(2:10): Board Pending: Chairman Christopher announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session with HR Director Robb Van Cleave in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance, discipline, and/or qualifications of a public employee for fifteen (15) minutes. At 2:25 PM it was announced that the executive session would be extended ten (10) minutes. At 2:35 PM it was announced that the executive session would be extended ten (10) minutes. At 2:45 PM it was announced that the executive session would be extended five (5) minutes. The Board convened at 2:50 PM.

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): to give the HR Director Signature Authority over the Economic Development/Natural Resources Department.

Commissioner Anderson commented on submitting an application for the Bi-state Bridge Authority as an ex-officio member.

(3:18 PM) Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. There are no schedule workshops for Thursday June 8, 2023.

*Reference Document on File. The Board of Commissioners' minutes are action minutes. A digital recording is on file as part of the official record and available on file 06-06-2023 BoCC Zoom meeting. Please Note: All Commissioner meetings and workshops are open to the public to attend. Meetings are recorded, Workshops are NOT recorded.


Approved: **Dan Christopher**
Chairman of the Board



6.20.23
Date