

**Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, August 1, 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.

9:45 AM Annual Performance Evaluation:

Chairman Christopher announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(g) to review the performance, discipline, and/or qualifications of a public employee.

Workshop Session Agenda

10:00 AM – Public Works/Road Department Update

Attendance: Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Klickitat County Auditor Heather Jobe, Human Resources and Administrative Director Robb Van Cleave, Undersheriff Karmen Knopes, Fiscal Manager Jenn Neil and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Director Hunter discussed the remodel of the Veterans Service Office for the Auditors secure voters ballot counting area.

Director Hunter provided an update on the Title 12 Road Standards Public Hearing, Consent Agenda items, Construction and Road Design.

Director Hunter provided an update on the East and West end Maintenance Projects, Upcoming Facilities Work and Events.

Director Hunter presented other issues and follow up for new guardrail on Canyon Road, paving and chip sealing for Bingen, cell block vents to be replaced in the Klickitat County Jail and gifted chairs for the Dallesport Community Center.

10:47 AM Board Discussion

The Board discussed upcoming and new insurance rates.

Undersheriff Knopes commented on the help received from the Klickitat County Employees during the Newell Road Fire.

The Board and Fiscal Manager Jenn Neil discussed the process for funds in regards to the Newell Road Fire.

Commissioner Zoller asked the Board to add a discussion about Board goals to the August 3rd Workshop.

Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously). To recess for lunch at 11: 12 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): The Business Agenda as presented.

Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

No meeting minutes requiring approval at this time.

1:00 PM Citizen Comment:

Attendance: Officer Timothy Neher, Sheriff Bob Songer, Goldendale residents, Kathy Moco, Greg and Debra Wagner, Delmer Eldred, White Salmon resident Don Struck, Husum resident Sherri Bosquet, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Sherri Bousquet, resident of Husum, commented on land planning and Under Canvas.

Ron Consella, resident of Goldendale, commented on the American Flag.

Aia Walker, commented on requesting a meeting with Sheriff Songer and Prosecuting Quesnel.

Kathy Moco, resident of Goldendale, commented on the Newell Road Fire and the Parks and Recreation ballot.

Delmer Eldred, resident of Goldendale, commented on the Volunteer Fire Fighters.

Greg Wagner, resident of Goldendale, commented on EFSEC and land use zoning.

Candy Magnusen, resident of Goldendale, commented on the Newell Road Fire.

Commissioner Zoller commented on the Newell Road Fire and thanked the citizens.

Commissioner Anderson replied to Ms. Walker, Ms. Moco, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Consella.

Sheriff Songer replied to Ms. Walker.

Chairman Christopher replied to Ms. Bosquet, Ms. Moco and Mr. Eldred.

1:25 PM Public Meetings/Public Hearings/Bid Openings:

Public Hearing: Title 12 Transportation Road Standard

Attendance: Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Engineering Assistant Nathan Erickson, Goldendale residents, Kathy Moco, Matt Chiles, Carl Amidon, Greg and Debra Wagner, Dave Barta, White Salmon resident Don Struck, Husum resident Sherri Bousquet, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter provided a review in development of the Updated Title 12 Transportation Road Standards as proposed.

Klickitat County residents in the room and online commented on the proposed Title 12 Transportation Road Standards.

1:58 PM Consent Agenda:

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): Consent Agenda with 2 items.

1. Supplemental Agreement #1 with Baer Testing, Inc. This agreement increases the maximum amount payable to \$130,000.00 to cover additional materials testing services required to complete various projects still under construction in 2023.
2. Settlement Agreement for the right of way along East Road. Klickitat County is seeking right of way for the purpose of replacing a cattle underpass located on East Road at Mile Post 15.10. Two Settlement Agreements for signature between Klickitat County and landowner Marie Miller for 0.15 acres at \$250.00 and 0.13 acres at \$250.00.

Voucher Certification and Payment Approvals:

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

Accounts Payable: (#323463 – 323527) for \$498,968.04 Direct Deposit #1008 for \$2594.98 Total Accounts Payable Warrants Approved of \$501,563.02; Payroll Warrants (#239265 – 239532) for \$479,919.29 Co. Benefit Warrants (#323431 – 323439) for \$372,268.99 Electronic Transfer #1077 \$272,496.88, Total Payroll Warrants of \$1,124,685.16

For a combined total of \$1,626,248.18 for the date ending July 31, 2019.

1:58 PM Payment Approvals/Pay Estimates/Change Orders:

First and Final Pay Estimate of \$19,000.00 for the SWC Bickleton area to provide pulverizing of the existing HMA/BST road surfaces 1 foot deep on the Bickleton Hwy between Mile Post 25.12 and Mile Post 27.26, also East and West Market Street. West Coast Soil Solutions Inc. was the lowest of 3 responsive bidders with a total bid amount of \$19,000.00. Project Costs are included in the 2023 Road Fund 101.

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): Approval of the First and Final Pay Estimate

2:00 PM

Chairman Christopher called for a 15-minute recess and re-opened the meeting at 2:15 PM

2:30 PM Public Meetings/Public Hearings/Bid Openings:

Public Hearing: In regards to the continuance of Ordinance O061323, Interim Official Control prohibiting large scale solar projects over one (1) acre in size located within Townships-Ranges 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 4-14, 4-15, 4-16, 4-17, 5-15, 5-16, 5-17 in Klickitat County, Washington.

Attendance: Kathy Moco, Sherri Bousquet, Carl Amidon, Greg and Debra Wagner, Candy Magnusen, Dave Jones, Delmer Eldred, Dave Barta, Dave West, Rob Kinsella, Sandy Crosland, Bev Essman, Joey Essman, Melissa Howtopat, Donovan Howtopat Sharla Green, Dennis Schroader, Gary England, Jeanne England, Randall Holycross, Richard Thies, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Planning Director Mo-Chi Linblad provided an update in regards to In regards to Ordinance O061323, Interim Official Control prohibiting large scale solar projects.

There were many Klickitat County residents in the room and online that commented on Ordinance O061323.

3:07 Board Discussion

Commissioner Anderson gave an update on the Bridge Authority Board stating that they are looking for one more Board applicant.

Human Resources and Administrative Director Van Cleave updated the Board on getting quotes for the microphone system in the Commissioners Chambers.

Human Resources and Administrative Director Van Cleave presented the number of Insurance Claims that were filed within Klickitat County between the years of 2013 and 2021. The Board unanimously agreed to raise the Insurance Deductible.

(3:20PM) Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): Motion to recess the regular meeting to 6:00 PM for Public Hearing/Continued/Open to further public comment regarding:

1. Title 12 Transportation Road Standard

2. Ordinance O061323, Interim Official Control prohibiting large scale solar projects over one (1) acre in size located within Townships-Ranges 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 4-14, 4-15, 4-16, 4-17, 5-15, 5-16, 5-17 in Klickitat County, Washington. There will be a Workshop scheduled Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

6:00 PM Continued Public Hearings:

Attendance: Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Public Works Engineer Seth Scarola, Public Works Engineering Assistant Nathan Erickson, Goldendale residents, Dave West, Jim Sizemore, Greg and Debra Wagner, Joey and Bev Essman, Thomas Tasto, Warren Dazey, Gary and Jeanne England, Elaine Harvey, Gene Canan, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter provided a review in the development of the Updated Title 12 Transportation Road Standards as proposed.

Jim Sizemore, resident of Centerville, commented on the Updated Title 12 Transportation Road Standards.

Chairman Christopher made a recommendation to close public verbal comment and leave written comment open until the scheduled August 10th Workshop for further discussion.

Approved (M/Zoller, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): To leave the Public Hearing open until August 10th, 2023 for further deliberations.

6:14 PM Public Hearing: in regards to Ordinance O061323, Interim Official Control prohibiting large scale solar projects over one (1) acre in size located within Townships-Ranges 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 4-14, 4-15, 4-16, 4-17, 5-15, 5-16, 5-17 in Klickitat County, Washington.

Attendance: Goldendale residents, Tom Holub, Dave West, Greg and Debra Wagner, Joey and Bev Essman, Thomas Tasto, Warren Dazey, Gary and Jeanne England, Elaine Harvey, Gene Canan, Centerville resident Jim Sizemore and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

There were many Klickitat County residents in the room and online that commented on Ordinance O061323.

Chairman Christopher replied to the citizen's comments.

Commissioner Zoller replied to the citizen's comments.

Commissioner Anderson replied to the citizen's comments.

6:50 PM Chairman Christopher closed the Hearing to both verbal and written comments.

The Board voted on the amended motion to direct Staff to create an Ordinance and Findings of Facts for signature.

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

Chairman Christopher made a Motion to extend the Ordinance O061323, Interim Official Control prohibiting large scale solar projects over one (1) acre in size located within Townships-Ranges 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 4-14, 4-15, 4-16, 4-17, 5-15, 5-16, 5-17 in Klickitat County, Washington.

Approved (M/Christopher, S/Zoller. Passed, Commissioner Anderson Abstained citing Legal Counsel advise): to approve Ordinance O061323.

(7:33PM) Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned, until 9:00 PM on Thursday, August 3, 2023.

August 3, 2023 Workshop Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Christopher reconvened the meeting at 9:00 AM. All three (3) Commissioners were present.

Workshop Session Agenda:

9:00 AM Emergency Management Director Jeff King and Public Works Director Jeff Hunter: To discuss how to best implement and utilize a plan to utilize the County Fairgrounds in an emergency with Emergency Management and Public Works.

Attendance: Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Emergency Management Director Jeff King, Public Works Deputy Director of Finance and Administrative Services Pam Beierle, Undersheriff Carmen Knopes, Goldendale resident Greg Wagner.

Director Hunter discussed the problems with using the Fairgrounds as a place to house animals due to an evacuation notice when the Fairgrounds has an event in progress and suggested creating a call list to refer evacuees to places where they can house their animals.

Director King stated that an evacuation is situational, based on the area being affected. The Department of Emergency Management (KCDDEM) has Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff that coordinate the housing of animals being evacuated by whatever means is best suited at the time, given the circumstances. Which includes the use of local community members properties and facilities that have offered sheltering and hauling of evacuees' animals.

Undersheriff Knopes suggested that the county find out what other counties' protocols are in the event of an evacuation.

10:15 AM- Fiscal Manager Jenn Neil – Quarter 2 Financial Report

Attendance: Goldendale resident Greg Wagner, HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Auditor Heather Jobe, Nicole Barnes, Fiscal Manager Jenn Neil.

Fiscal Manager Neil provided an update on the 2nd Quarter Financial Report, the National Opioid Settlement money.

Lunch Recess: (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): Motion to recess for lunch at 12:00 PM.

1:30 PM – Board Pending

Attendance: HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Auditor Heather Jobe, Nicole Barnes, Fiscal Manager Jenn Neil.

Auditor Jobe discussed the Salary Commission and basing Elected Officials salaries off of the Judges salaries.

The Board discussed putting the Coroner position in the budget, meeting with the Prosecuting Attorney to discuss the position, whether it should be appointed or elected and also the possibility of sharing the position with Skamania County.

The Board discussed Directors training, the cross training of staff and Monthly department updates on goals and policies.

The Board discussed the possible offices to move the Veterans Services Officer since an area in the Auditors is needed for elections.

Approved (M/Christopher, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): The workshop was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

*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 08.01.2023 Board of County Commissioner Zoom. 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



9.5.2023
Date