



BOARD OF KLICKITAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes of:
Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Morning Session

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners met in regular session on January 2, 2024 beginning at 9:00 AM in the Board of County Commissioners Chambers at the Klickitat County Services Building, 115 W Court St. Goldendale, Washington 98620. Chairman Lori Zoller, Commissioner Dan Christopher and Commissioner Jacob Anderson were present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:00 AM Approval of Agenda

- **Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** The Business Agenda was approved and amended as follows *with 2 add-ons, 1 under New Business, discussion of 2024 Board and Committee Assignments and 1 under Unfinished Business, discussion of Board applicants for Klickitat County Boards*

Public Comments

- Delmer Eldred, Commissioner improvements and accomplishments of 2023
- Sheri Bousquet, Government Corporations, Under Canvas

Consent Agenda

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Consent Agenda with two (2) items.

Economic Development

1. Support Services Agreement (**C0124**) between Klickitat County Economic Development and the Greater Goldendale Area Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of providing economic development support to the County. The start date of this contract will be January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 for the reimbursement type contract and to not exceed budget of \$10,000.
2. Support Services Agreement (**C0224**) between Klickitat County Economic Development and Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of providing economic development support to the County. The start date of this contract will be January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 for the reimbursement type contract and to not exceed budget of \$10,000.

Payroll Warrant Certification and Payment Approvals

- **Approved Warrants (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):**
Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$18,385.58 and no Payroll Warrants requiring approval for the date ending December 26, 2023.

9:15 AM Department Update/Planning Department

Attendance: Goldendale residents Dave Barta and Dave West, HR and Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom

Planner Lori Anderson provided a staff update on:

- Planning Commission, Planning Commission members, Request for Proposals, weekly Routings, pending projects and new Planning Department fees in that are in effect

Miscellaneous Reports/Comments

- Discussion of the proposed 2024 Commissioner Workshop schedule

9:30 AM Department Update/Public Works/ Road Department Update

Attendance: Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Goldendale residents Dave Barta and Dave West, HR and Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter and County Engineer Seth Scarola provided a Staff update on:

- Consent Agenda items, Construction Program and Road Design, West and East end maintenance projects, upcoming facilities work, events, other issues and follow ups.

New Business

- Discussion of the 2024 Board and Committee Assignments

Chairman Zoller stepped down and made a motion to do a change to the Washington Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee representative to Commissioner Anderson from Commissioner Christopher. Commissioner Anderson Seconded the motion for discussion. Discussion followed. A vote was not taken until after the 10:23 AM recess.

10:00 AM Unfinished Business:

- Discussion of received applications for Klickitat County Boards and the Planning Commission
- Commissioner Christopher made a recommendation to appoint applicant Matt Chiles to the Planning Commission for District 3.

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller) No/ Christopher: Commissioner Anderson made a motion to table the discussion of filling vacant positions until Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

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10:23 AM Recess

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher passed unanimously): to recess the regular meeting until 11:00 AM to receive further clarification of appointing a Commissioner to the Washington Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee.

11:00 AM Meeting resumed

Chairman Zoller updated the Board on the process to appoint a Board member to the Washington Association of Counties Legislative Committee.

Approved (M/Zoller, S/Anderson) No/Christopher: Chairman Zoller stepped down and made a motion to appoint Commissioner Anderson to represent Klickitat County on the Washington Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee for 2024.

Board Discussion

- Top priorities of the Board for 2024
- Discussion of transitioning for a Planning Director

11:34 PM Meeting Adjourned

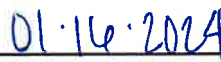
- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** There being no further business before the Board. There will not be a workshop on Thursday, January 4, 2024.

**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 01-02-2024 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: Lori Zoller

Chairman of the Board



Date