



BOARD OF KLICKITAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes of:
Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Morning Workshop Session

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners met in regular session on January 23, 2024 beginning at 8:45 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.

8:45 Legislative Update

Potts and Associate Zak Kennedy gave an update on Washington State Legislation.

9:02 AM Approval of Agenda

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** The Business Agenda was approved and amended as follows: *one (1) add-on being a discussion in regards to Health Care Authority, following the Health Department Update.*

Public Comments

- Tracy McKune, Fire Management Plan
- Klickitat County Assessor Billie Bare, Destroyed Property Assessment
- Greg Wagner, Energy Overlay Zone
- Sheri Bousquet, Corporations

9:20 AM Consent Agenda

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Consent Agenda with one (1) item.

West District Court

1. **Resolution No. 00224** in the matter of closing the Petty Cash fund for West District Court.

Payroll Warrant Certification and Payment Approvals

- **Approved Warrants (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$555,064.17 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$0.00 for the date ending January 16, 2024.

- **Approved Warrants (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$345,301.03 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$0.00 for the date ending January 22, 2024.
- **Approved Warrants (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$74, 837.79 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$0.00 for the date ending January 23, 2024.

Department Update/Planning Department

Attendance: Interim Planning Director Lori Anderson, Goldendale resident Ron Ihrig and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom

Associate Lead planner Lori Anderson provided a staff update on:

- Planning Commission, weather related office closure, Pre-submission meeting tracking for 2023, Request for Proposals, routing and pending projects.
- Discussion of the Board of Adjustment

Miscellaneous Reports/Comments

- Discussion of the 2024-25 Washington State Archives Local Record Grant Program. The Board agreed to add it to the Workshop for January 25, 2024.
- Discussion of the Dallesport Wastewater Plant PUD Budget. The Board agreed to invite Klickitat County PUD and Public Works to a Workshop for further discussion.
- **Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** All Thursday Workshops will be recorded and available on Zoom.
- Discussion of the vacant Coroner position

10:05 AM Department Update/Public Works/ Road Department Update

Attendance: Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Undersheriff Carmen Knopes, HR and Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Goldendale resident Ron Ihrig, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter 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.
- Director Hunter provided an update on the winter storm and thanked all of the Public Works Employees for all of their hard work and time put in during the winter storm.

Discussion of essential and non-essential workers and policies during Klickitat County Facilities closures.

Pay Estimates:

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate #1 for the Curve Warning Signs & Guideposts, CRP 371 in the amount of \$188,372.72

10:15 AM Department Update/ Health Department:

Attendance: Undersheriff Carmen Knopes, Human Resources Manager KC Sheridan, Goldendale resident Ron Ihrig, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Director Erinn Quinn provided a Staff update on:

- Environmental Health, Clinical Health, vacant d=Dietician position, upcoming contracts and Behavioral Health.
- Discussion of the Housing Care Authority
- Discussion of Behavioral Health patient transports

Undersheriff Carmen Knopes gave an update on the winter storm and thanked all of the Klickitat County Departments who came together to get through the storm.

Miscellaneous Board Discussion

- Discussion of White Paper taxation on renewables
- Commissioner Anderson updated the Board on the House Senate Bill 2051, the \$200,000,000.00 grant received for the Bi-State Bridge Authority.

11:00 AM Unfinished Business:

- Discussion of the WSU Programs menu
- Discussion of the Klickitat County Technical Committee Board applicant
- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** to appoint Patrick Hayden to the Klickitat County Technical Committee Board

11:40 AM Adjournment for Lunch

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously).** To recess for lunch at 11:40 AM and will return to regular session at 1:30 PM.

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners Business Meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM, all three Commissioners were present.

1:30 PM New Business

Attendance: Goldendale residents Bob and Kathy Moco, HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Fiscal Services Manager Jenn Neil, Board of Health member Sunday Sutton and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

- Discussion of WSU programs menu list

2:02 PM Meeting Recess

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** There being no further business before the Board the Board will recess until the workshop on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

2:00 PM Board of Health Meeting

Thursday January 25, 2024

WORKSHOP

9:00 AM –Permit projects Fire Management Plan/Policy discussion

Attendance: All 3 Commissioners were present along with Building Department Director Lynn Ward, HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Planning Department Interim Director Lori Anderson, Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Code Enforcement Officer Jorge Sendejas, Department of Emergency Management Director Jeff King, Lyle resident Tracy McKune, Goldendale residents Ron Ihrig and Dave Barta and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Fire Management Plan -Commissioner Christopher discussed implementing a wildfire management plan review policy to be required for development permits. It would be reviewed by the Fire Commissioner, Emergency Management, the BOCC, and then there would be a Public Hearing. The BOCC would have final approval. Interim Planning Director Anderson explained the current permit process and requirements for a fire management plan. It was agreed that a meeting with Fire Authorities, Commissions and Emergency Management would be beneficial.

Nuisance Ordinance discussion-Director Van Cleave and Code Enforcement Officer Jorge Sendejas discussed areas of the Title 24 Public Nuisance ordinance that need to be revisited.

Title 12 discussion- Changes in the draft Title 12 Road Standards were discussed. The Board gave verbal approval for Public Works to schedule a Public Hearing.

Other items discussed:

- Coroner position and budget impact
- Short Term Rental permitting and tracking software
- Essential and non-essential employees
- Elk Meadows RV park variance permit for the burn ban policy inquiry

11:40 AM Adjournment

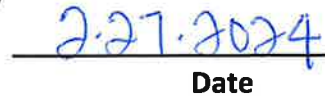
- **Motion (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously).** There being no further business before the Board the workshop session was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

**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 01-23-2024 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