



BOARD OF KLICKITAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes of:
Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

Regular Meeting Session

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners met in regular session on March 12, 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 was present, Commissioner Jacob Anderson joined by Zoom, Commissioner Christopher was absent but will join later in the meeting, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

8:45 AM Legislative Update

Potts & Associates Zak Kennedy updated the Board on the Washington State Legislature.

9:00 Approval of Agenda

- **Approved (M/ Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** The Business Agenda was approved as presented

9:00 AM Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2024 and February 27, 2024 as presented.

9:09 AM Commissioner Christopher joined the meeting.

Public Comments

- Jenne, Commissioner meetings posted on YouTube
- Virginia Fitzpatrick, Solar farms and battery storage, Energy Overlay Zone
- Gabrielle Gilbert, Youth Center
- Greg Wagner, Energy Overlay Zone

Consent Agenda

- **Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson Passed unanimously):** Consent Agenda with eight (8) items.

Behavioral Health

1. Amendment #4 (**C03624**) to the Facility Agreement between Carelon Behavioral Health, Inc and Klickitat County Behavioral Health for the purpose of identifying the statement of work to Klickitat County Behavioral Health for provision of Designated Crisis Response, Jail Transition Services, Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Services, and Workforce Development for Klickitat County.
2. Acceptance of Request for Credit Card Limit Increase for Behavioral Health to keep the amount of credit cards to a minimum and increase the existing credit card limit from \$3500 to \$5000.

Human Resources

3. Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill a vacant position of Legal Admin Assistant I or II, Grade and Step 35/1-3-36/1-3, (\$19.66-\$20.83, \$20.81-\$22.07) per hour, 40 hours a week for the County Clerk's Office.
4. Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill a vacant position of Office Manager I, Grade and Step 37/1-3, (\$22.06-23.41) per hour, 40 hours a week in the economic Development/natural resources Department.

Natural Resources

5. Certificate and Letter of Appreciation to Nicolas Romero for his three (3) years of service on the Klickitat Lead Entity Technical Committee after his term has ended and he chooses to not seek reappointment,

Planning Department

6. Memorandum from the Planning Department to schedule a Public Meeting to be held in the Board of County Commissioners meeting room Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 at 1:30 PM as follows:
 - To Consider approval of Short Plat, SPL 2023-13; parcel number 06-20-1400-0001/00 in Section 14, T6N, R20E, W.M. in the Bickleton vicinity. Applicants Juris Properties, LLC

Public Works

7. Renewal Fairgrounds Licensing Agreement Terms and Regulations (**C03724**) between Klickitat County Public Works and Washington State University for the rental of the Klickitat County Fairgrounds for multiple annual fundraising 4-H events.
8. Landfill Gas Improvement Funding Assistance Agreement (**C03824**) between Klickitat County and Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County for the purpose of providing funding from the Landfill Gas Improvement Fund to assist the Dallesport Wastewater Treatment Plant Clarifier #1 rehabilitation.

Payroll Warrant Certification and Payment Approvals

- **Approved Warrants (M/Christopher, S/Anderson):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$186,039.59 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$854,549.08 for the date ending March 11, 2024. Commissioner Christopher Abstained from vote, has not looked at the bills for the week

Commissioners Miscellaneous Reports/Comments

- Commissioner Anderson gave an update on the online Commissioner Town Hall

9:22 AM Department Update/Planning Department

Attendance: Ron Ihrig, Mr. Schroeder, Amanda Holtman Kitchings and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom

Planning Department Director Scott Edelman provided a staff update on:

- Planning Commission, Rummel Lambert CUP, Wilson Monroe Rezone, Port of Klickitat lot 38 SEPA, James Dean Aggregate Resource Overlay, Smith RV park, new Director tours and introductions and the Planning Department Pre-Sub summary for February.

Associate Planner Lori Anderson provided an update on:

- Public Hearing procedures for the Wilson Monroe Rezone, Smith RV Plan and uploading of the Solar Prohibition on the website.

The Board had a discussion on the Public Hearing for the Wilson Monroe Rezone.

The Board came to a consensus to post Ordinances and Resolutions by year on the Commissioners page on the County website.

The Board had a discussion regarding the upgrade of the Klickitat County website.

10:00 AM Department Update/Public Works/ Road Department

Attendance: Ron Ihrig, Mr. Schroeder, Amanda Holtman Kitchings, Economic Development Specialists Chelsea Jones and Keaton Curtice, Economic Development Director Richard Foster, 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.
- Trout Lake Park, Director Hunter requested and received verbal approval to advertise an opening for a Camp Host due to the retirement of the past host.
- Lester Street Road Vacation vicinity

10:15 AM Department Update/Economic Development

Attendance: Ron Ihrig, Mr. Schroeder, Amanda Holtman Kitchings and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom

Economic Development Specialist Keaton Curtice provided an update on:

- Lead Entity, Washington Salmon Coalition executive meeting that was attended, Endangered Species Act Policy and RCO recreation grants.

Economic Development Specialist Chelsea Jones provided an update on:

- Klickitat Mill Site, Department of Commerce, Columbia Gorge Regional Airport, Evergreen Manufacturing Grant, Regional Innovation HUB, Affordable Housing, Business retention and expansion, Broadband, Columbia Gorge Childcare Committee and Job Fair planning.

Economic Development Director Richard Foster provided an update on:

- Commerce, City Engagement, KCPEDA, Infrastructure and Legislative updates

Bingen Office Administrator Krista Loney joined via Zoom and updated the Board on the Bingen waterline funding options.

11:07 AM Adjournment for Lunch

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously).** To recess for lunch at 11:07 AM.

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners Business Meeting reconvened at 1:00 PM, Chairman Zoller and Commissioner Christopher were present, Commissioner Anderson joined via Zoom.

1:00 PM Public Hearings

Attendance: Kathy Moco, Ron Ihrig, Amanda Holtman Kitchings, Planning Director Scott Edelman, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom

Building Department Office Manager Cindy McHargue gave a briefing on the continuation of the Adoption of the State of Washington Building Department Building Codes Title 2021 code cycle.

- **Motion (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously)** to Approve and Adopt **OØ31224** Title 15 update with removal of 15.30 and 15.13.

Building Department Office Manager Cindy McHargue gave a briefing on the continuation of the Adoption of the State of Washington Building Department Building Code 16, Title 2021 code cycle.

- **Motion (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously)** to Approve to adopt **OØ31224-1** Title 16 to reflect the 2021 code cycle.

1:09 PM Recess

- **Motion (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously)** to recess the regular meeting for the Public Corporation Meeting

1:20 PM Meeting reconvened

1:30 PM Department Update/Senior Services

Director Sharon Carter provided an update on:

- 2023 Service Statistics for Senior Services programs, public transit services for Mt. Adams transportation, fixed rate transit schedules, Dial-a-ride Transportation Service, Nutrition programs, Aging & Disability Resources Assistance, Case management, volunteer connections program and volunteer support for programs.
- Director Carter requested and received verbal approval to advertise for 2 full time Transportation Drivers.

2:25 PM Emergency Medical Services Update:

Attendance: Kathy Moco, Ron Ihrig, Amanda Holtman Kitchings, Sheriff Bob Songer, Chief Jail Deputy Loren Culp, Emergency Management Director Jeff King and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom

Klickitat County EMS District #1 Chief William Harryman and Board Chair KCEMSD #1 Charles Virts had a discussion with the Board on the Klickitat County Ambulance and Medical Transport.

Undersheriff Carmen Knopes, Behavioral Health Director Erinn Quinn and Behavioral Health Manager Tyrone Bryan provided an update on the process and protocols of Behavioral Health patients and inmates needing Medical Transport.

3:45 PM New Business:

Motion (M/Christopher, S/Zoller.) Commissioner Christopher made a motion to propose a on zoning changes in Townships Ranges 3-11 and 4-11 in the Snowden area until the Comprehensive Plan has been updated to address citizen's concerns. **(Yea/Christopher, Nay/Anderson, Zoller. Motion Failed)** Commissioner Anderson stated he believed the motion was out of order as to process and not adding the discussion to the agenda. He stated he could not vote on the motion without facts presented. Commissioner Anderson noted the Snowden and Dallesport areas were the most recent subarea rezones completed.

Commissioner Zoller stated she would appreciate a workshop with facts from staff. She stated a moratorium in one area would slight other areas.

The Board agreed to schedule a workshop to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.

4:01 PM Meeting Adjourned

- **Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** There being no further business before the Board. There will not be a workshop on Thursday, March 15, 2024.

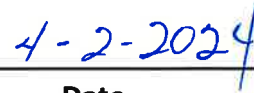
**Reference Document on File. The Board of Commissioners' minutes are action minutes. A digital recording is on file as part of the official record and available on file 03-12-2024 BoCC Zoom meeting. Please Note: All Commissioner meetings and workshops are open to the public to attend. Meetings are recorded, Workshops are NOT recorded.*



Approved: Lori Zoller

Chairman of the Board





Date