



BOARD OF KLICKITAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes of:
Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Regular Meeting

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners met in regular session on June 4, 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 Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments

- Andrew Smith, Klickitat County Jail
- WJ Morris, Landfill Gas Fund appropriation
- Candy Magnusen, Klickitat County Jail
- Anthony Rizzi, Klickitat County Jail
- Delmer Eldred, Commissioners and Klickitat County Jail
- Leslie Naramore, Klickitat County Jail
- Greg Wagner, Franchise Agreement, Klickitat County Jail
- Rita Pinchot, Klickitat County Jail
- Roger Nichols, Sherriff Press Release
- Don Bryan, Public Office Ballots, Klickitat County Jail Report
- Tracy Mccune, Burn Ban
- Sheri Bousquet, Fire Districts, Public Record Request of Corporations

Consent Agenda

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

Behavioral Health

1. Contract Amendment (**C09524**) between Klickitat County Behavioral Health and Relias for a training platform that is used for staff training and continuing education to meet contractual requirements.

Economic Development

2. Grant Agreement (**C09424**) between Klickitat County Washington State Department of Commerce Office of Economic Development & Competitiveness Industrial Site Readiness Grant Program in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of completing the engineering design work necessary to install critical infrastructure for development of Phase II of the Aviation Business Park at the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport.

Emergency Management

3. Acceptance of Request for a credit card limit increase for Department of Emergency Management to allow the coverage of certain expenses expeditiously and efficiently.
4. Notice to Contractors to advertise a bid opening for the Remote Public Safety Radio Site Security Camera Project to be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 1:00 PM in the Board of Commissioners meeting room. All sealed Bids must be received by 12:00 PM, June 14, 2024.

Payroll Warrant Certification and Payment Approvals

- **Approved Warrants (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$306,952.19 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$1,149,253.49 for the date ending May 28, 2024.

Commissioners Miscellaneous Reports/Comments

The Board came to a consensus to submit a Letter of Support for Klickitat Valley Health funding for a Ground Source Heat Pump system and microgrid initiative.

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

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 and events.
- Circus, ATV request, Summer help, Rodeo Bible Camp and grants.

10:22 AM Department Update/Economic Development/Natural Resources

Economic Development Director Richard Foster, Natural Resources Specialists Keaton Curtice and Chelsea Jones provided a staff update on:

- Lead Entity, well monitoring, Goldendale Park Plan, grant agreement time extension for Dry Creek and Butler Creek,
- Klickitat County Mill Site RFP for the Integrated Planning grant, Columbia Gorge Regional Airport, Regional Innovation HUB, Affordable Housing, Business Retention & Expansion, Columbia Gorge Childcare Committee, Broadband, Job Fair hosted at the Goldendale High School, WorkSource Fair at the Goldendale Library, Roosevelt Landfill Tour and the Consent Agenda item for the Grant Agreement.

11:02 AM Columbia Gorge Commission Update

Columbia Gorge Commission Commissioner Valerie Fowler and Executive Director Kristina Wolniakowski gave an update on land management in Klickitat County.

11:30 AM Board of Adjustment Applicant interview

Applicant Mike Villamar-Vader read a statement to the Board. **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller, Nay, Christopher):** Approval of Mike Villamar-Vader to be appointed to the Board of Adjustment.

11:58 AM Adjournment for Lunch

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** To recess for lunch at 11:58 AM.

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

1:00 PM Continuation of Public Hearing: Dallesport Wastewater Rate Increase

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter gave a brief overview of the evaluation of options for the increase of Dallesport Wastewater Rates. Discussion followed.

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Approval of **Resolution No. 06624** to increase the Dallesport Sewer Rate per EWU by 5% and the connection fee 3%.

1:05 PM New Business

Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group Margret Newman gave a presentation on Snyder Creek Restoration at the Klickitat Mill site.

The Board discussed the Skamania County Workshop they attended on May 21, 2024.

Chairman Zoller updated the Board on the White Salmon Veterans Day Memorial Celebration she attended on May 27, 2024.

Commissioner Anderson updated the Board on the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge progress.

1:44 PM Meeting Recessed

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** There being no further business before the Board.

Thursday, May 30, 2024

WORKSHOP

All 3 Commissioners were present along with various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

9:05 AM Klickitat County Jail Report Discussion

Human Resources and Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave and Fiscal Services Manager Jenn Neil had discussions with the Board on the Klickitat County Jail Report.

HR & Administrative Service Robb Van Cleave and Senior Services Director Sharon Carter requested and received verbal approval to hire a Transportation Driver and place them at a Step 6, and to hire an internal driver within the department to fill a vacant position.

Chairman Zoller updated the Board on the KPUD presentation she attended regarding Green Energy and Power.

1:27 PM Miscellaneous Reports/Comments

Potts and Associates Zak Kennedy updated the Board on the Washington State Legislative

The Board came to consensus for Human Resources Manager KC Sheridan to advertise for the Behavioral Health Outpatient Services position.

2:00 PM Closed Session/HR & Administrative Services Robb Van Cleave

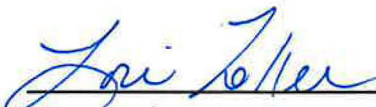
Chairman Zoller announced the Board would be going into Closed Session with Human Resource and Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, in accordance with RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) to discuss collective bargaining. Chairman Zoller announced they would be in closed session for fifteen (15) minutes ending at 2:15 PM. It was announced that the Board is not expected to take any further action following the closed session. At 2:15 PM the Board extended closed session for a period of ten (10) minutes, until 2:25 PM. At 2:25 PM the Board extended closed session for a period of ten (10) minutes, until 2:35 PM. At 2:35 PM the Board extended closed session for a period of five (5) minutes, until 2:40 PM. At 2:40 PM the Board extended closed session for a period of five (5) minutes, until 2:45 PM. At 2:45 PM the Board extended closed session for a period of five (5) minutes, until 2:50 PM. At 2:50 PM the Board extended closed session for a period of five (5) minutes, until 2:55 PM. At 2:55 PM Chairman Zoller called the regular meeting back to order.

The Board had a discussion with Director Van Cleave about the policies, procedures, budget, and positions of the Klickitat County Jail.

3:34 PM Meeting Adjourned

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously)**

**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 06-04-2024 BoCC Zoom meeting. Please Note: All Commissioner meetings and workshops are open to the public to attend. Meetings and Workshops are recorded.*



Approved: Lori Zoller



Chairman of the Board



Date