



BOARD OF KLICKITAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes of:
Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Regular Session

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners met in regular session on August 20, 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, and Commissioner Jacob Anderson were present, Commissioner Dan Christopher joined via Zoom, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:00 Approval of Business Agenda

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** The Business Agenda was approved and amended as follows: *Four (4) add-ons, #1 being the Emergency Declaration Resolution to Rescind the Emergency Declaration, #2 discussion of scheduling a Commissioners Town Hall under New Business, #3 discussion of the Coroner and #4 discussion of the WSU Agreement under Unfinished Business.*

Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2024 as presented.

9:07 AM Recess

Chairman Zoller called a five (5) minute recess due to technical difficulties.

9:12 AM Chairman Zoller extended the recess five (5) minutes.

9:17 AM Chairman Zoller called the meeting back to order.

9:20 Public Comments

- Gabrielle Gilbert, Child Care
- Dave Barta, Moratorium for large scale battery storage systems
- Tracy Mccune, PA System at Fairgrounds, Transfer Station, Columbia Gorge Regional Airport funding, COVID-19 dollars, Commissioners Town Hall

Consent Agenda

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Consent Agenda with five (5) items.

Human Resources

1. Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill a vacant position of Public Health Nurse, Grade and Step 70/1-3, (\$32.53-\$34.52) per hour, 40 hours a week for the Public Health Department.

Public Health

2. Data Sharing Agreement (**C14124**) for Confidential Information or Limited Dataset(s) between Klickitat County Public Health and State of Washington Department of Health for the purposes of gaining access to a secure database of self-reported Foodborne illness and making comparisons, predicting trends or other statistical analyses by sharing data.
3. Contract Amendment (**C14224**) between Klickitat County Public Health and Washington State Health Care Authority for the purpose of allowing Public Health to provide Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) Services.

Public Works

4. **Resolution No. 08324** in the Matter of Temporary Closure of Sundale Road County Road No. 37090.

Senior Services

5. Corporate/Unincorporated Resolution (**C14324**) from Edward Jones requesting the signature of the Board in order to release certain funds donated to Klickitat County Senior Services from a deceased client.

Miscellaneous Reports/Comments

- Commissioner Anderson updated the Board on the Green Energy Project and the Legislative Priorities Revenue meetings he attended.
- Chairman Zoller updated the Board on the Williams Mine Fire and the Yakama Nation approval to update the Glenwood Fish Hatchery.

9:47 AM Payroll Warrant Certification and Payment Approvals

- **Approved Warrants (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Amended Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$244,725.20 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$897,459.12 for the date ending August 12, 2024.
- **Approved Warrants (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$1, 853,992.36 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$0.00 for the date ending August 19, 2024.

9:56 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, events, other issues and follow ups.

10:02 AM Human Resources Manager KC Sheridan requested and received verbal approval to advertise for the following vacant positions:

- Department of Emergency Management Casual Communications Officer
- Natural Resources/Economic Development, Office Manager I, Steps 1-3
- Building Inspection Department, Permit Technician, Steps 1-3, Grade 35.

10:06 AM Pay Estimates:

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Approval of First and Final Estimate for White Plastic Edge Line, CRP 368 in the amount of \$229,054.40.
- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate #3 for Sundale/Old Hwy 8, CRP 359 in the amount of \$489,947.32.

10:07 AM Senior Services Department Update

Senior Services Director Sharon Carter requested and received approval to be appointed as the Contract Manager for the Washington State Department of Agriculture Hunger Relief Emergency Meals Grant for Klickitat County.

10:15 AM New Business

ADD-ON #1: Emergency Declaration

Commissioner Anderson read the Emergency Declaration Resolution.

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): Resolution No. 08424** in the Matter of Extending and Rescinding an Emergency Declaration for the Purpose of Response to Threats to The Public Safety and Property Due to the Continued Extreme Fire Conditions.

ADD-ON #2: Town Hall Discussion

The Board agreed to schedule a Commissioner Town Hall for Thursday, September 26th, 2024 to be held at the Commissioners Meeting Room, in-person and on Zoom from 6:00-7:00 PM with a possible time extension.

10:26 AM Director King updated the Board on the Williams Mine Fire.

10:30 AM Human Resources and Administrative Services Jail Update

HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave provided a staff update on the transition of the Klickitat County Jail.

10:38 AM Unfinished Business

ADD-ON #3: Coroner Position

HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, HR Manager KC Sheridan and Fiscal Services Manager Jenn Neil had a discussion with the Board on the Coroner position.

ADD-ON #4: WSU Agreement

HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, HR Manager KC Sheridan and Fiscal Services Manager Jenn Neil had a discussion with the Board on the WSU Agreement.

10:46 AM Recess for Lunch

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously).** To recess for lunch at 10:46 AM.

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

1:00 PM PUBLIC MEETING

Associate Planner Rebecca Hail provided a staff update to consider approval of Short Plat, SPL 2024-09 Alt: parcel number 03-10-2358-0003/00 and 03-10-2358-0003-02 in Sections 23, T3N, R10E, W.M. in the White Salmon vicinity. Applicants Michell Ruber, trustee (Marlene Ruber Trust)

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously)** Approval of SPL2024-09 Plat Alteration

1:08 PM Department Update/Planning Department

Planning Director Scott Edelman provided a staff update on:

- Progress of the Critical Areas Ordinance, SEPA review, Applicant interviews and Employee training

1:15 PM Director Edelman had a discussion with the Board on the Resolutions in the Matter of Enacting a Moratorium on the Siting, Permitting and the Acceptance of Permit Applications for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County, WA and the Resolution in the Matter of Enacting on the Bulk Storage and Warehousing of Lithium Batteries within the Unincorporated Areas of Klickitat County, Washington.

- **Motion (M/Christopher, S/Zoller, NAY/Anderson)** To adopt a Moratorium on BESS Battery Systems as well as a Moratorium on Large Scale Lithium Ion Battery Storage using the numbers that have been provided by Staff in the past, along with developing and adopting Interim Zoning Ordinances as of today, August 20, 2024 and directing Staff to prepare both documents for signature next week, August 27, 2024.

Director Edelman requested and received approval to Schedule a Public Hearing for the SEPA Appeal of SEPA2023-21 and the recommendations of consideration for Zoning Amendment 2023-02 for September 17, 2024 at 1:00 PM in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/COMMENTS

- Commissioner Christopher updated the Board on the need for all Klickitat County employees to be trained in First Aid and CPR. The Board came to a consensus that Commissioner Christopher will schedule the training.

2:13 PM Meeting Adjourned

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

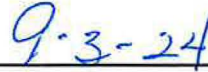
**Reference Document on File. The Board of Commissioners' minutes are action minutes. A digital recording is on file as part of the official record and available on file 08-20-2024 BOCC Zoom meeting. Please Note: All Commissioner meetings and workshops are open to the public to attend. Meetings and Workshops are recorded.*



Approved: Lori Zoller

Chairman of the Board





Date