



BOARD OF KLICKITAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes of:
Tuesday, August 27, 2024**

Regular Session

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners met in regular session on August 27, 2023 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 approved as presented.

Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2024 as presented.

Public Comments

- Ross McKechnie, Klickitat County Jail complaint
- Roger Nichols, Dallesport Water District
- Gabrielle Gilbert, Klickitat County investments, Child care
- Ann Salee, Dallesport-Murdock Community Council Commissioners Candidates Night
- Sheri Bousquet, Turbine fire
- Andrew Smith, Klickitat County Jail and Klickitat County budget
- Robert Brown, Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Fire Flow

9:40 AM Consent Agenda

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Consent Agenda with nine (9) items.

Behavioral Health

1. Gain License Agreement (**C14424**) between Klickitat County Behavioral Health and Chestnut Health Systems, Inc, for the purpose of the screening tool, Global Appraisal of Individual Needs- Short Screen that is an evidence-based practice with Behavioral Health and is required by current funding sources.

2. Business Associate Agreement (**C14524**) between Klickitat County Behavioral Health and Klickitat Valley Health (KVH) to allow for continuity of patient referrals between both agencies and Multi-Disciplinary Meetings for care coordination between KVH and the Klickitat County Health Department.

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3. **Resolution No. 08524** in the matter of making a County Policy to instruct all County Departments that receive payments from the Public to set up the ability to accept credit and /or debit cards.
4. Letters of acceptance and **Resolution No. 08624** in the matter of appointing Brittney Spratt to the Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighters Disability Board to represent the Cities of Goldendale, White Salmon and Bingen.

Human Resources

5. Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill a vacant position of Casual Communications Officer in Training, Grade 0590/01, Hourly Rate of \$22.95, 40 Hours a week for the Department of Emergency Management.

Informational Technology

6. Service Order (**C14624**) between Klickitat County Informational Technology and Astound Business Solutions, LLC for the purpose of adding a redundant dark fiber connection between the Klickitat County Services Building and the Klickitat County Emergency Operations Center in Goldendale.

Planning Department

7. Memorandum from the Planning Department to schedule a Public Meeting to be held Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 1:00 PM in the Commissioners Chambers as follows:

Consideration of approval of a Boundary Line Adjustment, BLA2023-10, parcel numbers 03-10-2398-0002/00 & 03-10-2398-0001/00 in Section 23, T3N, R10E, W.M. in the White Salmon vicinity.

Public Works

8. Local Agency Agreement (**C14724**) between Klickitat County Public Works and Washington State Department of Transportation for the Bickleton Hwy Overlay-Box Springs Vicinity Project, CRP 382.
9. Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospect Prospectus for the Bickleton Hwy Overlay-Box Springs Vicinity Project, CRP 382.

9:42 AM Planning Director Scott Edelman presented the Board with two (2) Resolutions for Board Consideration:

- **Approved (M/Christopher, S/Zoller, Nay/Anderson)** Calling the question and ending debate regarding the Resolution in the Matter of Enacting a Moratorium on the Bulk Storage and Warehousing of Lithium Batteries within the Unincorporated Areas of Klickitat County, Washington

- **Approved (M/Christopher, S/Zoller, Nay/Anderson. Passed): Resolution No. 08724** in the Matter of Enacting a Moratorium on the Bulk Storage and Warehousing of Lithium Batteries within the Unincorporated Areas of Klickitat County, Washington

- **Approved (M/Christopher, S/Zoller, Nay/Anderson. Passed): Resolution No. 08824** in the Matter of Enacting a Moratorium on the Siting, Installation, or Development of Battery Storage Systems (BESS) within the Unincorporated Areas of Klickitat County, Washington.

9:57 AM Payroll Warrant Certification and Payment Approvals

- **Approved Warrants (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$213,864.18 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$1,132,807.44 for the date ending August 26, 2024.

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, Pay Estimates, Construction Program and Road Design, West and East end maintenance projects, upcoming facilities work, events, Road Crew number of Employees and Fairground Rental Rates.
- The Board agreed to the proposed rate increase for the rental of the indoor arena for winter riding.

10:20 AM Elections Update

Auditor Heather Jobe provided a Staff update on:

- The Primary Election results and the Secretary of State's Office mandatory manual recount of ballots for the Commissioner of Public Lands,

10:29 AM Pay Estimates:

- **Motion (M/Christopher, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate for Bickleton Area Paving, CRP 372 in the amount of \$41,911.49
- **Motion (M/Christopher, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate 3 for the Klickitat County Superior Court Remodel in the amount of \$132,933.64

10:30 AM HR & Administrative Services, Informational Technology, Solid Waste and Fiscal Services Department Updates

HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave and HR Manager KC Sheridan provided a staff update on:

- The Klickitat County Jail transition
- Director Van Cleave requested and received approval from the Board for Chairman Zoller to sign the WSP Access User Acknowledgement for the Jail transition.

Informational Technology Director Randy Christensen provided a Staff updated on

- Blue Mountain internet Service.

Human Resources Manager KC Sheridan provided a Staff up on:

- Open Enrollment, CPI and the Overtime Salary Threshold

Solid Waste Project Coordinator Mackenzie Coleman provided a Staff update on:

- The educational booth at the Klickitat County Fair, standard operating procedures for hazardous materials training, recycled twine and plastics drop offs, Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Horsethief post closure report.

Fiscal Services Manager Jenn Neil provided a Staff update on:

- Preliminary 2025 Budget, scheduled Thursday workshops and the Budget timeline

Director Van Cleave provided a Staff update on the progress of the WSU Agreements.

11:20 AM Planning Department Update

Director Edelman presented the Board with a request to consider hiring an entry level Planner as well as hire a Long-Range Planner through grant funding.

11:38 AM Miscellaneous Reports/Comments

- Commissioner Anderson updated the Board on the Washington States of Associated Counties (WSAC) County Revenue Priority Work Group
- Chairman Zoller updated the Board on the Columbia Gorge Housing Authority

11:52 AM Meeting Adjournment

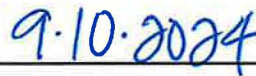
- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously)**

**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 8-27-2024 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