



BOARD OF KLINKITAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes of:
Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Regular Session

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners met in regular session on September 3, 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.

8:45AM Executive Session

Chairman Zoller announced the Board would be going into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance, discipline, and/or qualifications of a public employee.

9:00 Approval of Agenda

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** The Business Agenda was approved and amended as follows: *One (1) add-on under the Public Works update being the discussion of Road Signs.*

Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** The Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2024 as presented.
- **Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** To move Citizen Comment to 1:10 PM due to technical difficulties

9:06 AM Recess

Chairman Zoller called a (10) ten-minute Recess due to technical difficulties.

9:26 AM Chairman Zoller called the meeting back to order.

Consent Agenda

- **Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** Consent Agenda with four (4) items, pulling item numbers 1 and 2 for a secondary vote.

Human Resources

- ~~1. Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill a vacant position of Office Manager I, Grade 37/1-3, (\$22.06-23.41) per hour, 40 hours a week for the Community Services Department.~~
- ~~2. Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill a vacant position of Permit Technician, Grade 35/1-3, (\$19.66-20.83) per hour, 40 hours a week for the Building Department.~~

Natural Resources

3. Letter of Support to the Federal Highway Authority (FHA) to express Klickitat County's support for the Yakama Nations request of funding for the Pine Creek Fish Passage Design Project.

Public Works

4. Reimbursable Work Agreement (**C14824**) between Klickitat County Public Works and the new entity, West Klickitat Regional Fire Authority, created by Klickitat County Fire District #3 and the City of White Salmon Fire Department, for the purpose of reimbursable services that are required prior to the County providing services and materials.
5. **Resolution No. 08924** in the matter of amending the Winter Riding Use Fee Schedule for the Klickitat County Fairgrounds.
6. RCO Grant Agreement (**C14924**) between Klickitat County Public Works and Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for a grant award of \$31,000 to be used to purchase materials and cover labor costs to complete maintenance backlog tasks at Trout Lake Park.

Solid Waste

7. Letters of Appreciation and Acceptance to the members appointed to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee on July 23, 2024 by Resolution No. 07524.

Consent Agenda Item No. 1- Human Resources:

- **Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson, Nay/ Christopher. Passed):** Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill a vacant position of Office Manager I, Grade 37/1-3, (\$22.06-23.41) per hour, 40 hours a week for the Community Services Department.

Consent Agenda Item No. 2- Human Resources:

- **Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson, Nay/Christopher. Passed):** Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill a vacant position of Permit Technician, Grade 35/1-3, (\$19.66-20.83) per hour, 40 hours a week for the Building Department.

Payroll Warrant Certification and Payment Approvals

- **Approved Warrants (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$519,267.49 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$0.00 for the date ending September 3, 2024.

9:34 AM Citizen Comment

- Andrew Smith, Klickitat County Jail, battery storage

- **Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** To move Citizen Comment back to the current time.

Citizen Comment

- Roger Nichols, Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Well, Dallesport Water System, Landfill Gas
- Greg Wagner, Wind Turbines, Klickitat County Jail and Department of Corrections
- Anthony Rizzi, Commissioners Night in Dallesport
- Adrian Bradford, Wind Turbine operation
- Sheri Bousquet, Wind Turbine Fire protection
- Candy Magnusen, Wind Turbine Fire costs
- Robert Brown, Dallesport Water Purification System

10:17 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, and other issues and follow ups.
- Road signs

10:30 AM The Board gave approval to Staff to move forward with the process of appointment for the Water Conservancy Board applicant.

10:31 AM Planning Department Update

Planning Department Director Scott Edelman provided a Staff update on:

- Employee interviews, Long Range Planner and Grant funds.

10:47 AM Resolutions

- **Approved (M/Christopher, S/Zoller, Nay/Anderson. Passed): Resolution No. 09024** in the Matter of Enacting an Interim Zoning Controls 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. 09124** in the Matter of Enacting Interim Controls in Regard to the Siting, Installation, or Development of Battery Storage Systems (BESS) within the Unincorporated Areas of Klickitat County, Washington.

10:54 AM Auditor Department Update:

Auditor Heather Jobe provided a Staff update on the Secretary of State's Office mandatory manual recount of ballots for the Commissioner of Public Lands Elections recount

11:01 AM Human Resources and Administrative Services Update

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

11:08 AM Presentation

Chairman Hanna Joy of the Klickitat-Skamania County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board (KSCDAB) provided an update. The Board agreed to rotate their attendance of the KSCDAB meetings.

11:18 AM

Deputy Clerk of the Board LeeAnn Burgin provided a Staff update on the Motor pool.

11:22 AM Adjournment for Lunch

- **Motion (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** To recess for lunch at 11:28 AM.

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners Business Meeting reconvened at 1:00 PM, all three Commissioners were present.

PUBLIC MEETING

Associate Planner Rebecca Hail provided a staff update to consider 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

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Approval of SPL2023-10

1:04 PM Natural Resources and Economic Development Department Update

Natural Resources Keaton Curtice provided a Staff update on:

- The Pine Creek Fish Passage and Goldendale Park Plan

Economic Development Specialist Chelsea Jones provided a Staff update on:

- Klickitat Mill Site, Affordable Housing, ADO Grant Writer Grant and City Engagement Goldendale Business Incubator
- Economic Development and Natural Resources Director Richard Foster provided a Staff update on:
- Columbia Gorge Regional Airport, Budget and Switzler Project.

Unfinished Business:

Fiscal Manager Jenn Neil and HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave provided a Staff update on:

- The 2025 Preliminary Budget

1:51 PM Miscellaneous Reports/Comments

- The Board had a discussion on the County Revenue Legislative Priorities

2:25 PM Closed Session:

Chairman Zoller announced the Board will be going into Closed Session for ten (10) minutes with HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave for some of which may qualify for Executive Session in accordance with RCW 42.30.140 (4)(b). The portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the

governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, or professional negotiations, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress. Chairman Zoller announced the Closed Session would be extended for five (5) minutes, ending at 2:40 PM. Chairman Zoller announced the Closed Session would be extended for five (5) minutes, ending at 2:45 PM.

2:46 PM Commissioner Zoller ended the Closed Session.

2:57 PM Meeting Adjourned

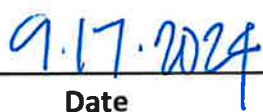
- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously)**

**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 09-03-2024 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