



BOARD OF KLICKITAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes of:
Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Regular Session

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners met in regular session on October 15, 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 Jacob Anderson and Commissioner Christopher were present opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:00 Approval of Agenda

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** The Business Agenda was approved and amended as follows: *two (2) add-ons being a discussion with Senior Services Director Sharon Carter on the WSDA Emergency Food following Public Comment and a discussion on Trucked Potable Water-Cisterns during Commissioners Miscellaneous Reports/Comments.*

Public Comments

- Robert Johnson, request of a Commissioner to join the Wishram Community Council Meeting
- Vern Tol, Support of the Wishram Community Council
- Kaylee Towle, Prescribed burn
- Gabrielle Gilbert, Department of Commerce meeting in White Salmon
- Lisa Evans, Under Canvas tax
- Roger Nichols, Interaction between Forest Service and Klickitat County Emergency Management, Under Canvas System development charges
- Greg Wagner, Cypress Creek Carriager Solar Franchise Agreement Public Hearing
- Aia Walker, Closed investigation
- Adrian Bradford, Prescribed burn
- Todd Andrews, Scheduling of a Town Hall in the West end
- Sheri Bousquet, Commissioner accountability
- Andrew Smith, West End Town Hall, Klickitat County Jail, votes

9:58 AM ADD-ON #2: Senior Services director Sharon Carter requested approval to include Skamania County's portion of the WSDA Emergency Food Grant to include WAGAP. The Board agreed to have Director Carter reach out to Skamania for their written approval.

10:05 AM Consent Agenda

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

Commissioners

1. Letter of Acceptance and Resolution in the Matter of appointing Donald Williams to the Veterans Advisory Board Filling Position No. 1, representing Commissioner District No. 1.

Informational Technology

2. Amendment to Grant Agreement 22SLCGP (**C16724**) between Klickitat County Informational Technology and Washington State Military Department. Due to cost savings to the original grant amount, the remaining \$17,302 will be used to fund an additional project to secure redundant internet connection for the Klickitat County network.

Planning

3. Klickitat County Planning Department Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday October 29, 2024 at 1:00 in the Commissioners meeting room for the Moratoriums on Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and the Bulk Storage of Lithium Batteries.

Public Works

4. Final Acceptance and Release of Retainage Contract between Klickitat County Public Works and Olympic Roofing, LLC. All Contract requirements have been met for the Klickitat County Jail Re-Roofing Project.

Senior Services

5. Chronic Disease and Chronic Pain Self-Management Programs Agreement (**C16824**) between Klickitat County Senior Services and Southwest Washington Regional Health Alliance (SWACH) for the purpose of providing funding for Chronic Disease Self-Management courses offered on Zoom that will benefit Klickitat County Seniors.

Payroll Warrant Certification and Payment Approvals

- **Approved Warrants (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$374,777.97 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$821,060.26 for the date ending October 14, 2024.

10:05 AM Department Update/Planning Department

Planning Director Scott Edelman provided a staff update on:

- Staffing, Board of Adjustment, Comprehensive Plan, Northwestern Lake Cabins and Under Canvas.

10:11 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.

Public Works Pay Estimates and Change Orders:

- **Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Final Pay Estimate for 2024 Annual Striping Program RN 642-24, in the amount of \$44,352.06.
- **Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Change Order #1 for the Superior Court Solid Surface Installation in the amount of \$10,055.20.
- **Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Change Order #1 for the Klickitat County Superior Court Floor Covering Installation in the amount of \$3,612.00.

10:17 AM Emergency Management Update

Emergency Management Director Jeff King provided a Staff update on:

- DNR prescribed burn, Top of the World Fire, Public Safety Radio System, Radio Sites, Dispatch, training, Safety Committee, Burn Ban, Budget and Employee of the month.

10:52 AM Miscellaneous Reports/Comments

- **ADD-ON #2:** The Board had a discussion on Potable Water Cisterns. The Board directed Staff to schedule a meeting with Director Erinn Quinn and Environmental Health Manager David Kavanagh.

11:09 AM Human Resources and Administrative Services Update

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

11:11 AM Commissioner Anderson left the meeting.

11:11 AM Commissioner Anderson joined the meeting.

11:15 AM

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Adding to the Agenda, after lunch recess, a discussion with Treasurer Greg Gallagher and Assessor Billi Bare about sales tax.

11:14 AM Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel asked Commissioner Christopher to leave the meeting due to conflict of interest.

11:15 AM Executive Session/Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel

The Board went into Executive Session with Legal Counsel to discuss threaten and pending litigation as allowed and in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Board will be in Executive Session until 11:30 AM. At 11:31 AM the Board extended executive session for a period of 15 minutes, until 11:46 AM. At 11:46 AM the Board extended executive session for a period of five

(5) minutes, until 11:51 AM. At 11:51 AM the Board extended executive session for a period of five (5) minutes, until 11:56. AM.

12:05 PM Recess for Lunch

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** To recess for lunch at 12:05 PM.

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

1:00 PM New Business

Treasurer Greg Gallagher and Assessor Billie Bare updated the Board on the Washington State Clean Energy Property Tax Impacts Task Force.

1:19 PM

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed):** Based on the allegations presented to the legislative authority and after consulting with legal counsel, at this time, I move that Dan Christopher was not acting within his official duties related to the alleged actions outlined in the Tort Notice of Claim, nor was he acting in good faith. Therefore, the county should deny coverage at taxpayer expense.

1:23 PM Meeting Recessed

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Meeting recessed until the Budget Workshop on Thursday, October 17, 2024.

Thursday, October 17, 2024

WORKSHOP

8:36 AM Budget

Chairman Zoller was present, Commissioner Anderson joined via Zoom, Commissioner Christopher was absent, along with Fiscal Manager Jenn Neil, Human Resources and Administrative Services Robb Van Cleave, Auditor Heather Jobe, Senior Accountant Nicole Barnes, Treasurer Greg Gallagher and various County Elected Officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Fiscal Manager Jenn Neil updated the Board on the Budget Workshop schedule.

8:43 AM Weed Department Coordinator Nathan Goodman updated the Board on the Noxious Weed Control Board and the Weed Departments 2025 Preliminary Budget.

8:53 AM Economic Development/Natural Resources Director Richard Foster updated the Board on Economic Development Fund 119, Natural Resources Expense and Revenues of Fund 132 and Cumulative Reserve Fund 125.

9:19 AM Board of County Commissioners Clerk of the Board Alisa Grumbles updated the Board on the Commissioners 2025 preliminary Budget.

9:55 AM Informational Technology Director Randy Christensen updated the Board on the Informational Technology 2025 preliminary budget.

10:00 AM Fiscal Services Manager Jenn Neil updated the Board on the Fiscal Services 2025 Preliminary Budget.

10:15 AM Planning Department Director Scott Edelman and Office Manager Deborah Almsted updated the Board on the Planning Department Expenditures, Expenses, and the 2025 preliminary budget for the Planning Department.

10:31 AM Workshop Adjourned

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. 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 10-15-2024 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



11.05.2024
Date