



BOARD OF KLICKITAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes of:
Tuesday, October 29, 2024**

Regular Session

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners met in regular session on October 29, 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 was present, Commissioner Jacob Anderson joined via Zoom and Commissioner Christopher was absent, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:00 Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments

- Candy Magnesun, voting
- Roger Nichols, FAA approval for Columbia Gorge Regional Airport
- Greg Wagner, Franchise agreement legalities
- Roger Gadway, Public interest, rezone change
- Sheri Bousquet, Special favors, public interest
- Kaylee Towle, Klickitat County employee attendance
- Lisa Evans, Ballots and precautions
- Anthony Rizzi, Citizen rebuttal, Klickitat County Jail transition
- Gabrielle Gilbert, Department of Commerce meeting
- Auditor Heather Jobe, Auditor funding, ballot precautions
- Andrew Smith, ballot precautions, Klickitat County Jail, KVH Ribbon Cutting, Parks meeting

9:38 AM Consent Agenda

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Consent Agenda with seven (7) items.

Commissioners

1. Concurrence Letter to Klickitat County Emergency Medical Services District No. 1 for Emergency Medical Service Board reappointments.

Informational Technology

2. Authorization to Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) **(C17024)** to conduct continuous scans of public facing networks and systems, a free service

offered to monitor traffic going in and out of the county network to determine if there are any risks.

Planning Department

3. Memorandum from the Planning Department to schedule a Public Meeting to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2025 at 1:00 PM in the Commissioners meeting room as follows:
 - To consider approval of Short Plat, SPL 2024-11 Alt; parcel number 04-11-3021-1902/00 and 04-10-2521-1901/00 in Sections 30, T4N, R11E & Sections 25, T4N, R10E W.M. in the White Salmon vicinity. Applicants: Gary & Judy Gottschalk
4. Memorandum from the Planning Department to schedule a Public Meeting to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2025 at 1:00 PM in the Commissioners meeting room as follows:
 - To consider approval of Short Plat, SPL 2024-06; parcel number 06-10-2655-0004/00 in Sections 26, T6N, R10E, W.M. in the Trout Lake vicinity. Applicants: Woodruff Properties

Public Works

5. Notice of Public Hearings to be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 1:00 PM and Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners meeting room located at the Klickitat County Services Building, at which time any person may appear and be heard for or against the proposed revision and extension to be made on the Klickitat County Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2025-2030.
6. Notice to Contractors to advertise for bid opening for the Bickleton Hwy Overlay-Box Springs Vicinity Project, providing improvement of 3.9 miles of Bickleton Hwy through pavement repair, pavement removal, placement of an HMA overlay, pavement markings, guardrail and other work.
7. Local Agency Standard Supplemental Agreement No. 1 (**C17124**) to edit the name of Justice Systems Corp. to Long Building Technologies for the routine and on-call maintenance for the Jail Control System.

Payroll Warrant Certification and Payment Approvals

- **Approved Warrants (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$861,268.52 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$1,140,351.43 for the date ending October 28, 2024.

9:39 AM Department Update/Planning Department

Planning Director Scott Edelman provided a staff update on:

- Public Comment, Planning Commission, Solar Ordinance, Comprehensive Plan and organization of the Advisory Committee

9:48 AM Miscellaneous Reports/Comments

- Clerk of the Board Alisa Grumbles presented available dates for the Klickitat County Season Celebration. The Board agreed the Celebration will be held December 12, 2024 at the Services Building in Goldendale and December 13, 2024 at the Pioneer Center in White Salmon.

9:52 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.

9:56 AM Pay Estimates:

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate 1 and Final for the Superior Court Solid Surface Installation in the amount of \$29,184.39.
- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate 1 Covering for the Klickitat County Superior Court Floor Covering in the amount of \$15,910.00.
- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate 4 for the Klickitat County Superior Court Remodel in the amount of \$58,773.15.
- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate 5 for Sundale/Old Hwy 8, CRP 359 in the amount of \$581,800.24.

9:58 AM Human Resources

Manager KC Sheridan and Public Works Director Jeff Hunter requested and received approval to compensate the Supervisors wages for performing additional duties on a temporary basis for the Glenwood-White Salmon road crew.

10:01 AM Human Resources and Administrative Services Update

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

10:06 AM Director Edelman had a discussion with the Board on the Advisory Committee for the Solar Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan Update with the Planning Commission.

10:14 AM Recess

Commissioner Anderson called a recess until 11:00 AM.

11:00 AM

Chairman Zoller reconvened the meeting

11:00 AM Columbia Gorge Planning Commission Update

Representative Valerie Fowler provided an update on the Columbia River Gorge Planning Commission.

11:42 AM Adjournment for Lunch

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously).** To recess for lunch at 11:42 AM.

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

1:02 PM Public Hearing

Planning Department Director Scott Edelman provided a Staff update on the Resolution No. 09024 in regard to the moratorium and interim zoning controls regarding the bulk storage of lithium-based batteries.

1:05 PM Chairman Zoller opened the Public Hearing

Public Testimony

- Virginia Fitzpatrick, in support of moratorium extension
- Greg Wagner, in support of the moratorium
- Tom Tasto, in support of the moratorium
- Sheri Bousquet, in support of the moratorium
- Delmer Eldred, in support of the moratorium
- Andrew Smith, in support of the moratorium
- Debbie Wagner, in support of the moratorium
- Candy Magnusen, in support of the moratorium

1:24 PM Chairman Zoller closed the Public Hearing.

1:25 PM Building Director Lynn Ward updated the Board on the regulations of the Building Department Code in regards to the permitting of battery storage.

The Board agreed to keep written comment open until Friday November 1, 2024 and continue Commissioner deliberation until Wednesday, November 12, 2024 at 2:30 PM.

1:46 PM Public Hearing

Planning Director and Long-Range Planner Even Evangelopoulos gave a presentation in regard to Resolution No. 09124 the moratorium and interim zoning controls regarding battery energy storage systems (BESS).

2:07 PM Chairman Zoller opened the Public Hearing

Public Testimony

- Bruce Fitzpatrick, in support of the moratorium
- Sheri Bousquet, in support of the moratorium
- Russ Hanson, in support of the moratorium
- Greg Wagner, in support of the moratorium
- Tom Tasto, in support of the moratorium
- Andrew Smith, in support of the moratorium
- Warren Dazey, in support of the moratorium
- Virginia Fitzpatrick, in support of the moratorium
- Debra Wagner, in support of the moratorium

2:24 PM Chairman Zoller closed the Public Hearing

Director Edelman made a recommendation to the Board of continuing and extending the moratorium for an additional 6 months based on the work plan summary in the Staff Report and around the grant funded solar project to include a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Ordinance or a potential ban, and form a Project Advisory Committee which will have up to 6 meetings through June and then pass it through to the Planning Commission.

2:49 PM

Resolution No. 09124 the moratorium and interim zoning controls regarding battery energy storage systems (BESS).

- **Motion (M/Christopher, S/Zoller, Nay/Anderson. Passed):** To extend the moratorium for 1 year in accordance with the work plan using the presentation provided by Staff, directing Staff to come back with a finding of fact and closing the Public Hearing to all written and verbal testimony.

2:56 PM

Resolution No. 09024 in regard to the moratorium and interim zoning controls regarding the bulk storage of lithium-based batteries.

- **Motion (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** Continuance of the Public Hearing until November 12, 2024 and allow the Board time for future deliberations.

2:58 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 10-29-2024 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



11.12.2024
Date