



BOARD OF KLICKITAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Meeting Minutes of:
Tuesday, November 12, 2024**

Regular Session

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners met in regular session on November 12, 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 Agenda

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

Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for October 22, 2024 as presented.
- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for October 29, 2024 as presented.
- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2024 as presented.

Public Comments

- Candy Magnusen, Rules and accountability
- Roger Nichols, FAA letter to the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport
- Adrian Bradford, Columbia Gorge Regional Airport, FAA letter providing clarification
- Ann Sleat, Dallesport Fire District Levy
- Tracy Mccune, what Klickitat County Interagency Fire Association (KCIFA) is to Klickitat County and to the Commissioners
- Greg Wagner, State Risk Pool Insurance coverage and deductible, legalities of the Franchise Agreement Hearing
- Sheri Bousquet, Commissioner Christopher's apology to the tax payers, what is Klickitat County Interagency Fire Association (KCIFA), regulations and rules

9:33 AM Department Update/Planning Department

Planning Director Scott Edelman provided a staff update on:

- Board of Adjustment, Planning Commission, Solar and BESS Ordinance, Comprehensive Plan, Current and Pending projects.

9:43 AM Consent Agenda

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Consent Agenda with eleven (11) items.

Commissioners

1. Concurrence Letter to Klickitat County Emergency Medical Services District No. 1 for Emergency Medical Service Board appointment of Donald E. Williamson, replacing Adam Wagner, Position No. 1 representing District No. 1.
2. Contract **(C17424)** between Klickitat County and Potts & Associates for legislative representation. The term of the contract shall be from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

Fiscal Services

3. Budget Adjustment Transfer requests from certain Klickitat County Departments due to the necessary expenditures unforeseen at the time of approval of the current budget regarding employee COLAs.

Public Health

4. Klickitat County Health Department Professional Services Agreement **(C17524)** with Tracy Cramer, an independent contractor to fill the position of Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Lead.
5. Klickitat County Health Department WIC Peer Counselor Program Professional Services Agreement **(C17624)** with Jordyn Caven, an independent contractor, to fill the position of Breastfeeding Peer Counselor.

Public Works

6. Approval of Small Works Contract **(C17724)** between Klickitat County Public Works and J&S Enterprises for the 2024-25 Klickitat County parking lot snow removal in Goldendale for the duration of December 1, 2024 through April 15, 2025.
7. Grant Agreement Amendment No. 2 **(C17824)** between Klickitat County Public Works and County Road Administration Board (CRAB) for the purpose of increasing grant funding from \$1,994,300 to \$2,580,00 and removing the local match for the Sunnyside Road Overlay Project.
8. Local Agency Agreement **(C17924)** between Klickitat County Public Works and Washington State Department of Transportation for the White Plastic Edge Lines Project, CRP 380.
9. Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus between Klickitat County and Washington State Department of Transportation for the approval of funding for the White Plastic Edge Lines.
10. Memorandum from Klickitat County Public Works requesting to exceed the maximum number of hours of vacation for a number of employees not able to use the allotted vacation time. The time will be carried over to the new year, January 1, 2025 and employees will use the excess leave hours by June 30, 2025.

Senior Services

11. Interagency Agreement (**C18024**) between Washington State Department of Agriculture and Klickitat County Senior Services to provide funding for Klickitat and Skamania Counties for additional emergency food purchases.

Payroll Warrant Certification and Payment Approvals

- **Approved Warrants (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$362,425.36 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$874,218.58 for the date ending November 12, 2024.

Miscellaneous Reports/Comments

- HR & Administrative Services Robb Van Cleave had a discussion with the Board regarding the Holiday Schedule for Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24, 2024 and New Year's Eve Tuesday December 31, 2024.
- HR & Administrative Services Robb Van Cleave and Public Works Director Jeff Hunter updated the Board on winter storm closures.

10:12 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.
- Director Hunter and Economic Development Director Foster updated the Board on the College Hanger at the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport.

11:00 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.

11:15 PM Public Hearing

Fiscal Manager Jenn Neil provided a Staff report to consider the Supplemental 3rd Quarter approval.

Chairman Zoller opened the Public Hearing.

Public Testimony

None

Chairman Zoller closed the Public Hearing.

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller, Nay/ Christopher. Passed):** Approval of **Resolution No. 09824** in the matter of Supplemental 2024-3 Annual Budget for various funds.

11:33 AM Adjournment for Lunch

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** To recess for lunch at 11:33 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 Hearing

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter and County Engineer Seth Scarola provided a Staff report to consider approval of the Six Year Road Plan 2025-2030.

Chairman Zoller opened the Public Hearing.

Public Testimony

- Sharon Dillard, Park Place paving in Wishram
- Dennis White, Oak Ridge Road

Chairman Zoller stated the Public Hearing will be continued to 6:00 PM November 12, 2024 at the Klickitat County Services Building.

1:33 PM Public Hearing Continuance

Planning Department Director Scott Edelman and Senior Long-Range Planner Evan Evangelopoulos provided an update on the continuance of the Public Hearing for Resolution #09024 in regard to a moratorium and interim zoning controls regarding the bulk storage of lithium-based batteries.

- **Motion (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** Pull the moratorium and end it.

1:41 PM Unfinished Business:

Director Scott Edelman and Senior Long-Range Planner Evan Evangelopoulos provided a Staff update regarding the Findings of Fact supporting the conclusions and decision of the Klickitat County Board of County Commissioners for the adopted moratorium and interim zoning controls related to Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).

- **Motion (M/Christopher, S/Zoller) To accept the Findings of Facts.**
- **Motion (M/Christopher, S/Zoller, Nay/Anderson. Passed):** Calling the question to stop debate and vote.
- **Motion (M/Christopher, S/Zoller, Nay/Anderson. Passed):** To accept the Findings of Facts.

Miscellaneous Reports/Comments

The Board had a discussion on the Opioid Abatement Funds. The Board directed Staff to invite the SWACH presenters back for further discussion.

2:04 PM Commissioner Christopher left the meeting.

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2:06 PM Meeting Recessed

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Meeting recessed until 6:00 PM for the Six Year Plan Public Hearing.

6:00 PM Public Hearing Continuance:

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter and County Engineer Seth Scarola provided a Staff report to consider approval of the Six Year Road Plan 2025-2030.

Chairman Zoller opened the Public Hearing.

Public Testimony

- Debbie Carse, Lyle-Snowden Road
- Adelle Hye, Lyle-Snowden Road
- Jim Helsias, Lyle-Snowden Road
- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** To close the Public Hearing to further oral comment leaving the written testimony available until Friday, November 15, 2024 at 5:00 PM with recommendations from staff for modifications to the Six Year Road Plan on Tuesday the 26, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

6:27 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 11-12-2024 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