



## BOARD OF KLICKITAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes of:  
Tuesday, December 17, 2024

### Regular Session

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners met in regular session on December 17, 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 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 and amended as follows: *one (1) add-on under New Business, being the Resolution in the Matter to set a Public Hearing for a 2024-4 Supplemental Budget.*

### Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for November 26, 2024 as presented.
- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2024 as presented.
- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2024 as presented.

### Public Comments

- Lori Anderson, Annual volunteer meal
- Roger Nichols, Dallesport Water
- Meagan and Justin Vajgert, Short Term Rental
- Rick Isaacson, FBI, Sheriffs budget
- Katrina Rude, Public Notification standard
- Greg Wagner, Franchise Agreement recording
- Jason Spadaro, Request of a Public Hearing
- Candy Magnusen, Beautiful land and Green Energy
- Katrina Ride, Request of a Public Hearing
- Gabrielle Gilbert, Child care Committee meeting and child care crisis
- Andrew Smith, Happy Holidays
- Kaylee Towle, Short Term Rental, Neighbors

- Anthony Rizzi, Sheriff's Office budget
- Delmer Eldred, Reserve Fund
- Sheri Bosquet, Peace into the New Year, consideration of the people

### Consent Agenda

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

### Commissioners

1. Joint **Resolution No. 11624** of the Clark County Council and the Klickitat and Skamania Boards of County Commissioners relating to the appointment of Megan Dugan to serve as the trustee of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library as the City of Vancouver's designee to Position No. 2.

### Emergency Management

2. Communications Site Lease **(C20324)** between Klickitat County Emergency Management and Blue Mountain Networks, LLC for the purpose of granting Blue Mountain Networks, LLC the right to use a portion of the Juniper Point Public Safety Communications Site, Shelter, and Tower.

### Senior Services

3. Contract Amendment No. 5 **(C20424)** between Klickitat County Senior Services and Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of SW Washington for the purpose of providing allocations of funds necessary for the Senior Nutrition Services.
4. Contract Amendment No. 2 **(C20524)** between Klickitat County Senior Services and Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of SW Washington for the purpose of Senior Transportation Services.
5. 2024-2025 Sub-Award WSDA Funding Assistance Agreement **(C20624)** between Klickitat County Senior Services and Washington Gorge Actions Program (WAGAP) for the purpose of providing funding for Klickitat and Skamania Counties emergency food purchases.
6. Lease User Agreement **(C20724)** between Klickitat County Senior Services and the Goldendale Senior Center for the use of the Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the senior nutrition program, congregate meal program and other senior programs/events.
7. Acceptance Letter and **Resolution No. 11724** in the Matter of re-appointing Shelley Baxter to the Klickitat County Senior Service Advisory Board for a three (3) year term, representing Commissioner District #1.

### Payroll Warrant Certification and Payment Approvals

- **Approved Warrants (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$642,824.43 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$845,759.86 for the date ending December 16, 2024.

### 9:55 AM Department Update/Planning Department

Planning Director Scott Edelman provided a staff update on:

- Short Term Rentals, SEPA Notices, Project Advisory Committee (PAC) applicants, Planning Commission applicants, Critical Areas Ordinance and appreciation of the Planning staff.

### **10:07 AM Department Update/Public Works/ Road Department Update**

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter 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.

### **10:15 AM Economic Development Department Update**

Economic Development/Natural Resources Director Richard Foster, Economic Development Specialist Keaton Curtice and Chelsey Jones provided a Staff update on:

- Summary of North West Forrest Plan amendments, Goldendale Park Plan, Horsethief Lake, Simcoe Mountain Management plan, Lodging Tax Committee, Affordable Housing, ADO Grant Writer program, City Engagement, Grant award for the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport, Lodging Tax Fund and Thanks to the Commissioners for their support.
- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously)** Approve the Regional Airport Award of 2.2 million dollars for the Chairman's signature, if needed.

### **10:30 AM Recess for Lunch**

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously).** To recess for lunch at 10:30 AM.

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

### **1:00 PM Bid Opening**

Sunnyside Road Overlay, CRP 374 with an Engineers Estimate in the amount of \$2,231,509.00. Commissioner Anderson opened four (4) bid proposals from the following Entity's with all bid bonds present:

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| Central Washington Asphalt | \$2,546,000.00 |
| Kerr Contractors           | \$2,456,768.65 |
| Granite Construction Co.   | \$2,697,158.00 |
| James Dean Construction    | \$2,392,756.00 |

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously)** Approval to send all bids back to Public Works for review and recommendation.

**1:17 PM** Chairman Zoller called a recess until 1:30 PM.

**1:30 PM** Chairman Zoller re-opened the meeting.

### **1:30 PM Public Hearing**

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter provided a staff update on the Franchise Agreement application from Carriger Solar, LLC.

Chairman Zoller opened the Public Hearing.

### Public Testimony

- Greg Wagner, opposed to the Franchise Agreement
- Debra Wagner, opposed to the Franchise Agreement
- Candy Magnusen, opposed to the Franchise Agreement
- Tom Tasto, opposed to the Franchise Agreement
- Torvald Sorenson, opposed to the Franchise Agreement
- Lisa Sorenson, opposed to the Franchise Agreement
- David Theies, extend written comment
- Ken McKune, opposed to the Franchise Agreement
- John Hanks, propose to approve Franchise Agreement
- Laurie Wilhite, opposed to the Franchise Agreement
- Andrew Smith, opposed to the Franchise Agreement
- Dennis Schroeder, opposed to the Franchise Agreement
- Linda Atkins, propose to approve Franchise Agreement
- Sheri Bousquet, opposed to the Franchise Agreement
- Kaylee Towle, opposed to approving the Franchise until the next BOCC is in term
- Todd Andrews, opposed to approving the Franchise Agreement until the BOCC is in term
- Virginia Fitzpatrick, opposed to the Franchise Agreement
- Delmer Eldred, opposed to the Franchise Agreement
- Tracy Mccune, opposed to the Franchise Agreement
- Scott Edelman, opposed to approve the Franchise Agreement

Director Hunter clarified to the Board, the modifications that were made to the Franchise Agreement.

- Bob Moco, Battery storage
- Craig Gannett, in favor of the Franchise agreement
- Duane Farnham, opposed to the Franchise Agreement

Chairman Zoller closed the Public Hearing to oral comment.

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously)** To close the Public Hearing to oral testimony and leave written testimony open until Monday, December 23, 2024 at 5:00 PM and continue the Public Hearing until Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

### 2:44 PM Public Meeting

Planning Department Director Scott Edelman and Senior Planner Lori Anderson provided a staff update on the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval for the James Dean Construction Aggregate Resource Zone Overlay 2023-01.

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously)** To hold over the Public Meeting until Tuesday 24, 2024 at 10:30 AM.

**3:28 PM New Business**

**Add-on #1:** Resolution in the Matter of setting a Public Hearing to consider a Supplemental Budget and Amendments for the 2024 Budget for various funds.

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously)** Approval of **Resolution No. 11824** to set a Public Hearing.

**3:31 PM Meeting 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 12-17-2024 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