



BOARD OF KLICKITAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes of:

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Regular Session

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners met in regular session on January 7, 2025 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 Ron Ihrig and Commissioner Todd Andrews were present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:00 AM First Order of Business/Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2025 Calendar Year:

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously): Resolution No. 00125** in the matter of reorganization of the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners and the election of Commissioner Ron Ihrig to serve as Chairman for the 2025 calendar year.
- **Approved (M/Ihrig, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): Resolution No. 00125** Todd Andrews to serve as the Vice-Chairman for the 2025 Calendar year.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments

- Mark Peffel, Dallesport Water Phase I project
- Roger Nichols, Congratulations to Commissioners, outline of Commissioner projects
- Rick Esaacson, Welcome to the Commissioners, Carriger Franchise Agreement, Thursday Workshops
- Mr. Johnson, Wishram Community Council meeting attendance and future plans
- Jenne Patterson, Welcome to Commissioners, Affordable Broadband
- Anthony Rizzi, Congratulations to Commissioners
- Kaylee Towle, Welcome to the Commissioners, Commissioner goals, Short Term Rentals
- Andrew Smith, Commissioner goals
- Sheri Bousquet, Husum, Respect

9:29 AM Consent Agenda

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

Behavioral Health

1. Contract **(C00125)** between Klickitat County Behavioral Health and Independent contractor/consultant Chris DeVilleneuve to provide expertise and technical guidance on Community Based Behavioral Health Services and for Designated Crisis Responder Services in Klickitat County.

Commissioners

2. **Resolution No.00425** appointing Commissioner Ron Ihrig to the Klickitat County Public Corporation, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028.
3. **Resolution No. 00225** appointing Commissioner Todd Andrews to the Klickitat County Public Corporation, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028.
4. Amendment #2 **Resolution No. 00325** to Resolution No. 10824 in the Matter of Certifying Tax Levies of Taxing Districts within or Coextensive with Klickitat County to the Klickitat County Assessor for Fort Vancouver Regional Library Levy Certification.

Economic Development

5. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) **(C00225)** between Klickitat County and Mt. Adams Institute to provide funding for grant writing services in the amount of \$10,000.00 provided through the Washington State Department of Commerce.
6. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) **(C00325)** between Klickitat County and Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) to provide funding for grant writing services in the amount of \$21,868.00 provided through the Washington State Department of Commerce.

Sheriffs

7. Request from Klickitat County Sheriff's office for a one-time credit card limit increase from \$2000.00 to \$6000.00 for repair expenses of the OSPREY. The State of Washington Boating program will be reimbursing KCSO \$4000.00.

9:30 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, Other current and pending projects
- Appointing volunteers to the County Solar and BESS Ordinance Project Advisory Committee (PAC). The Board agreed to discuss the applicants in the afternoon meeting.
- Appointing volunteers to fill positions on the Planning Commission. The Board agreed to discuss and appoint applicants at the next regular meeting.

Department Update/Department of Corrections

Jail Administrator Bill Frantz provided a Staff update on:

- Equipment, statistics from 2024, policy and procedures, passenger van, Staff and Volunteers.

10:06 AM Department Update/Public Works/ Road Department Update

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter and County Engineer Seth Scarola provided a Staff update on:

- Construction Program and Road Design, West and East end maintenance projects, upcoming facilities work, events, other issues and follow ups.

10:26 AM Economic Development Department Update

Economic Development Director, Specialist Chelsey Jones and Specialist/Natural Resource... Keaton Curtice Provided an update on:

- Natural Resources-Lead Entity and Aquatic Invasive Grant
- Economic Development-Lodging Tax, Affordable Housing, KCPEDA, ADO Grant writer, City Engagement and Infrastructure Project list.
- Columbia Gorge Regional Airport, and reductions of Economic Development programs from Washington State Department of Commerce.

Economic Development Specialist Keaton Curtice gave a presentation on Klickitat Lead Entity, current active and recent closed projects.

10:52 AM Recess

Chairman Ihrig called a 7-minute recess, reconvening at 10:59 AM.

11:00 AM Executive Session/Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel

Chairman Ihrig announced the Board would be going 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 11:15 AM. The Board is not expected to take further action following the executive session. At 11:15 AM the Board extended executive session for a period of 10 minutes, until 11:25 AM. At 11:25 AM the Board extended executive session for a period of ten (10) minutes, until 11:35 AM. At 11:35 AM the Board extended executive session for a period of ten (10) minutes, until 11:45 AM. At 11:45 AM the Board extended executive session for a period of ten (15) minutes, until 12:00 PM.

12:00 PM Recess for Lunch

- **Motion (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously)** To recess for lunch.

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

1:00 PM Department Update Continuance/Natural Resources

Specialist Keaton Curtice continued his presentation on Lead Entity, current active and recently closed projects.

1:32 PM New Business

The Board agreed to appoint the Board members to the following Boards and Committees:

- The Board agreed to appoint Chairman Ron Ihrig to the Klickitat County Finance Committee, Landfill Gas Improvement Committee, Klickitat County Law and Library Board, Southwest Washington Regional Health Care, Klickitat County Regional

Transportation Policy Committee, Klickitat County Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighters Disability Board and Klickitat County Reserve Officers' Board of Trustees.

- The Board agreed to appoint Commissioner Andrews to the Columbia Bi-State Renewable Energy Zone Committee, Columbia Gorge Housing Authority, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Board of Directors, Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program, Washington Counties Risk Pool Board of Directors, South Central Work Force Development Council Board of Directors and the Klickitat County Reserve Officers' Board of Trustees.
- The Board agreed to appoint Commissioner Zoller to the Landfill Gas Improvement Committee as the designee, Columbia River Policy Advisory Group, Washington Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee, Columbia Gorge Regional Airport and the Southwest Washington Area on Aging and Disabilities.
- The three members of the Board will serve on the following Boards for the term of elected office: Klickitat County Board of Health, Klickitat County Public Corporation Board of Directors and Klickitat County Public Economic Development Authority Board of Directors.

1:52 PM

Economic Development Director Foster updated the Board on the South-Central Work Force Development Council Board of Directors.

The Board discussed the order of the Board meeting and Department updates/Workshops on the weekly agenda.

- **Motion (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously)** To change the structure of the Board of County Commissioners meetings to adjust the regular business meeting to 1:00 PM and Workshops/Department updates starting at 9:30 AM.
- The Board agreed to hold a Workshop on Thursday, January 9, 2024 at 9:30 AM in the Commissioners Chambers to discuss the Planning Commission and PAC applicants and to hold a Workshop on Thursday, January 16, 2024 at 9:30 AM in the Mt. Adams Conference room to have conversations with the Directors at 9:30 AM and Elected Officials at 1:00 PM.
- **Motion (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously)** To move Tuesdays Workshop start time to 9:30 AM as of now continue to be held in the Commissioners meeting room and to start having workshops every Thursday at 9:30 AM in the Mount Adams Conference room and Workshops will not be Zoomed.

Commissioner Miscellaneous Reports

Commissioner Zoller updated the Board on the Landfill Gas dollars for the Dallesport Water District and the Southwest Washington Area on Aging and Disabilities Board.

2:33 PM Recess

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Recess the Regular meeting until the Workshop on Thursday, January 9, 2024 at 9:30 AM.

Workshop
January 9, 2024

9:30 AM

Chairman Ihrig called the Workshop to order.

The Board had a discussion with Director Scott Edelman and Senior Planner Lori Anderson on the applicants for the Planning Commission. The Board agreed to reappoint Zack Landgren to represent District 1 and Mark Jobe to represent District 3, and to appoint Dave Wasgatt to represent District 2.

9:45 AM

Planning Director Scott Edelman and Senior Planner Lori Anderson updated the Board on the criteria and credentials required for the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) standards. The Board agreed to appoint the following 11 members and 3 ex-officio members to the Committee: Rob Abromovitz, Anthony Browning, Matt Chiles, Elaine Harvey, Mark Minor, Jenn Sharp, Mike Villamar, David West, Matt Spalding, Fred Wilkins and the three Ex-officio members Brandon Johnson, Paris Valdez and Gavin Andrews.

10:31 AM

Chairman Ihrig called a 15-minute recess, reconvening at 10:45 AM.

10:45 AM

The Board discussed their top priorities for the 2025 calendar year. The Board agreed on the top priorities of 2025 being the Budget, Short Term Rentals, Franchise Agreements, Code Compliance, Fire Risk and Management and Resource Land Inventory.

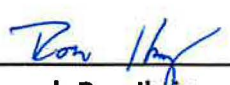
The Board discussed Title 12, the functionality of Solid Waste, Policy decisions and other entities they would like to invite to Commissioner meetings to have discussions on certain topics.

12:15 PM Workshop Adjourned

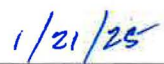
- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously)**

**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 01-07-2025 BOCC Zoom meeting. Please Note: All Commissioner meetings and workshops are open to the public to attend.*





Approved: Ron Ihrig
Chairman of the Board



Date