



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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FEBRUARY 18, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 beginning at 9:30 AM in the Board of County Commissioners Chambers at the Klickitat County Services Building, 115 W Court St. Goldendale, Washington 98620. Chairman Ron Ihrig, Commissioner Todd Andrews and Commissioner Lori Zoller were present.

9:30 AM

DEPARTMENT UPDATES - PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works County Engineer Seth Scarola provided a Staff update on Consent Agenda Items, Construction Program and Road Design, East and West end Maintenance projects, upcoming facilities work and events.

The Board had a discussion on upcoming scheduled meetings and Legislative House Bills.

9:50 AM

DEPARTMENT UPDATES - PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Planning Director Scott Edelman provided a staff update on permit totals from 2019 through 2024, Board of Adjustment, Planning Commission, Solar & BESS Ordinance, Comprehensive Plan and other current projects and priorities.

10:10 AM Commissioner Ihrig called a 15-minute recess, reconvening at 10:25 AM.

10:30 AM

DEPARTMENT UPDATES - HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Public and Behavioral Health Director Erinn Quinn provided a staff update on Environmental Health, Public Health and Behavioral Health.

10:52 AM The Board had a discussion on upcoming Workshop Agendas.

LUNCH RECESS

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** To recess for lunch at 11:02 AM

1:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS AGENDA

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

02.04.2025 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Meeting minutes for February 4, 2025, as presented.

02.06.2025 DRAFT SPECIAL WORKSHOP MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Meeting Minutes for the Special Workshop held February 6, 2025, as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roger Nichols, Workshop discussion

Kaylee Towle, Probation discussion, Tourist season

Delmer Eldred, Department of Corrections budget, Public Safety

Roger Gadway, Commissioners Agenda

Andrew Smith, Internet, Veterans Services Officer and Thursday Workshop

Gabrielle Gilbert, Sheriff budget

Kathy Moco, Gratitude and Congratulations to the Commissioners

Jenne Patterson, Broadband Action team

Veterans Services Officer Frank Gilligan, Veterans Services

Pat Arnold, Broadband

1:30 PM

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Consent Agenda was approved with seven (7) items.
 - A. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (**C03725**) AND RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN KLICKITAT COUNTY AND YAKIMA COUNTY.
 - B. LOCAL AGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #3 (**C03825**) WITH APPLIED ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH, INC. FOR ON-CALL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES.
 - C. LOCAL AGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #1 (**C03925**) WITH BELL DESIGN COMPANY FOR ON-CALL SURVEYING SERVICES
 - D. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (**C04025**) BETWEEN KLICKITAT COUNTY AND SKAMANIA COUNTY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE NORTHWESTERN LAKE BRIDGE.

- E. PUBLICATION OF COSTS USING COUNTY FORCES IN 2024 ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
- F. COLUMBIA GORGE REGIONAL AIRPORT JOINT GRANT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (C04125) WITH THE CITY OF THE DALLES FOR PHASE 2 OF THE BUSINESS PARK.
- G. PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN THE ADVERTISING PROCESS TO FILL A VACANT LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I IN GOLDENDALE FOR EAST DISTRICT COURT.

PAY ESTIMATE

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate #3 and Final for the Klickitat County Courthouse HVAC Replacement Project 2024, in the amount of \$7,862.34.

PAYROLL WARRANT CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$262,314.13 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$0.00 for the date ending February 18, 2025.

1:26 AM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board had a continuation discussion of the Tabled Motion from the February 4, 2025 Board of County Commissioners meeting regarding the funding for Probation Services Vacant Case Manager position. Commissioner Zoller read the tabled motion.

- **Failed (M/Zoller, Nay/Andrews, Nay/Ihrig):** To fund the position for 1 year with caveats in the motion would be that during that time, the BOCC and cities would commit to review the idea of a Public Safety Levy. If the Levy is found not possible or does not pass by September 2025, the BOCC would pursue and finalize City contracts for Probation Services that would be implemented on January 1, 2026.

1:57 PM Chairman Ihrig called a 5-minute recess, reconvening at 2:02 PM

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mid-Columbia Fisheries Executive Director Margaret Neuman, Southern Territories Habitat Coordinator for Yakama David Lumley and Department of Ecology Site Manager for Toxics Cleanup Mary Monahan gave a presentation on the Snyder Creek Enhancement Project.

2:48 PM Human Resources Director and Manager KC Sheridan requested and received verbal approval to proceed with a step increase for the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, moving from a Step 3 to a Step 5 for the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, effective February 16, 2025.

Natural Resources Director Richard Foster gave a presentation to the Board on the Klickitat Mill Site and contract review. Director Foster requested and received approval to move forward with the contract renewal for the site plan.

Klickitat residents Tim Johnson and Carl Coolidge had a discussion with the Board regarding the Klickitat Mill Site.

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- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To adjourn the meeting at 3:02 PM



*Reference Document on File. The Board of Commissioners' minutes are action minutes. A digital recording is on file as part of the official record. Please Note: All Commissioner meetings and workshops are open to the public to attend.



Approved: Ron Ihrig
Chairman of the Board



Date