



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

KLICKITAT COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING

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MARCH 4, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 4, 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. Commissioner Ron Ihrig, Commissioner Todd Andrews, Commissioner Lori Zoller were present.

9:30 AM

DEPARTMENT UPDATE - PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director and County Engineer Seth Scarola provided a staff update on the Public Hearings, Construction Program and Road Design, East and West end Maintenance projects, upcoming facilities work and events.

10:00 AM

DEPARTMENT UPDATE - PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Planning Department Director Scott Edelman provided a staff update on the 1-year anniversary of employment, BESS and Solar Advisory Board, Klickitat County Comprehensive Plan, Interactive Comprehensive Plan and Community Outreach Meetings, Planning Commission and Public Input Meetings.

10:12 AM Chairman Ihrig called a thirteen-minute recess, reconvening at 10:25 AM.

10:30 AM

DEPARTMENT UPDATE - FLEET VEHICLE UPDATE

Deputy Clerk LeeAnn Burgin provided a Motor pool fleet update.

10:37 AM

HOOD RIVER/WHITE SALMON BRIDGE UPDATE - JACOB ANDERSON

Bi-State Bridge Authority Co-Chair Jacob Anderson provided a staff update on the Bi- State Bridge progress and funding.

11:05 AM Treasurer Greg Gallagher updated the Board on House Bill 1960.

LUNCH RECESS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To recess for lunch at 11:18 AM.

1:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BUSINESS AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Business Agenda.

MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Meeting minutes for February 18, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Roger Nichols, Solar and BESS Advisory Committee
- Sheri Bousquet, Conflict of interest
- Andrew Smith, Workshop, Klickitat County Departments
- Jim Sizemore, Wildfires, Fire Committee Task Force
- Adrian Bradford, Wildfires

1:16 PM

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Consent Agenda items A-I.
 - A. MEMORANDUM TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC MEETING MARCH 11, 2025 FOR SHORT PLAT SPL 2024-26, ANTHONY DIRKS.
 - B. CONSOLIDATED CONTRACT 25-27 (C04525) AMENDMENT 2 BETWEEN KLICKITAT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN INCREASE IN FUNDS.
 - C. **RESOLUTION NO. 03325** IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING APPENDIX "A" TO THE KLICKITAT COUNTY TRAVEL POLICY.
 - D. 2025 INTERLOCAL FUNDING ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT (C04625) BETWEEN KLICKITAT COUNTY AND WASHINGTON GORGE ACTION PROGRAMS FOR THE BINGEN/WHITE SALMON COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER.
 - E. AUTHORIZATION OF THE PURCHASE ADDENDUM (C04825) TO MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR RED HAT LICENSE RENEWAL
 - F. **RESOLUTION NO. 03425** IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING THE 2015 FORD EXPLORER FROM THE COMMISSIONERS FLEET INVENTORY TO THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT
 - G. AMENDMENT NO. 7 AGREEMENT (C04725) BETWEEN KLICKITAT COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY FOR THE SWITZLER RESERVOIR SEPA REVIEW PROJECT.
 - H. **RESOLUTION NO. 03525** IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING THE 2015

FORD EXPLORER FROM THE COMMISSIONER FLEET INVENTORY TO THE
CODE ENFORCEMENT INVENTORY

I. LETTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE KLICKITAT/SKAMANIA
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY BOARD

PAYROLL WARRANT CERTIFICATION/PAYMENT APPROVALS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$288,721.92 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$1,156,124.53 for the date ending March 3, 2025.

1:25 PM Chairman Ihrig called a 5-minute recess, reconvening at 1:30 PM.

1:30 PM

PUBLIC HEARING

Engineer Seth Scarola provided a staff update for consideration of an Ordinance regarding the revision of speed limits on certain Klickitat County Roads.

Chairman Ihrig opened the Public Hearing for Public Testimony.

- Andy Tuthill, Clarification of Hwy 8

Chairman Ihrig closed the Public Hearing.

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): Ordinance O030425** for the revision of speed limits on certain Klickitat County Roads.

1:42 PM PUBLIC HEARING

Engineer Seth Scarola provided a staff update for the consideration of amending the Klickitat County Code 10.24.030 to allow the operation of Wheeled All-Terrain vehicles, as declared in RCW 46.09, on County Maintained Roads with Posted Speed Limits of 35 MPH or Less.

Chairman Ihrig opened the Public Hearing for Public Testimony.

- Andy Tuthill, opposed
- Brenda Sorenson, in favor
- Adrian Bradford, opposed
- Scott Thompson, opposed
- Doug Andrews, opposed
- Jim Sizemore, opposed
- Mike Kalio, in favor
- Nail Kayser, opposed
- Jon Cole, opposed
- Eric Beaker, opposed
- Becky Miles, opposed
- Tosh Forrence, opposed
- Dawn Stover, opposed
- Chris Stiffler, opposed

- Brittney Foss, opposed
- Nate Kayser, opposed
- Leroy Sorenson, in favor
- Kaylee Towle, opposed
- Greg Wagner, opposed

Chairman Ihrig closed the Public Testimony.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To close oral Public Testimony and leave written Public Testimony open until Friday, March 7, 2025, at 5:00 PM and have staff bring back the proposal on March 18, 2025.

2:48 PM

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Recess until March 6, 2025 at 9:30 AM for a Workshop.

MARCH 6, 2025 WORKSHOP 9:30 AM

9:30 AM Chairman Ihrig called the Workshop to order.

In attendance: Chairman Ihrig, Commissioner Zoller and Commissioner Andrews, Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Auditor Heather Jobe, HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, HR Manager KC Sheridan, Jail Administrator Bill Frantz, Adult Probation Chief Probation Officer Courtney Cooke, Goldendale Mayor Dave Jones, White Salmon Mayor Marla Keethler, White Salmon Director of Finance & Operations Jenn Neil, White Salmon/Bingen Chief of Police Mike Hepner, Goldendale Chief of Police Mike Smith, Emergency Management Director Jeff King and Goldendale resident Andrew Smith, Bingen Mayor Catherine Kiewit and Bingen City Administrator Krista Loney joined via Google meets.

Jail Administrator Bill Frantz updated the Board on the purchase and replacement of the Interrupted Power Supply Rack for the Jail.

Treasurer Greg Gallagher presented a map to the Board referencing County owned land near the Hood River/White Salmon Bridge.

10:00 AM MEETING WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES

The Board had a discussion with the Mayor of White Salmon, Mayor of Goldendale and the Mayor of Bingen, along with the Police Chiefs from White Salmon/Bingen and Goldendale regarding Probation Services.

12:09 PM

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Recess for lunch until 1:00 PM.

1:00 PM Chairman Ihrig reconvened the Workshop.

In attendance: Chairman Ihrig, Commissioner Zoller and Commissioner Andrews, Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, County Engineer Seth Scarola, Project Engineer Rick Milliren, Deputy Finance and Administrative Services Pam Beierle, HR &

Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Bickleton's Fire Chief John Jenson and School Superintendent/Principle Tom Whitmore, Eastern Klickitat Conservation District Director Loren Meagher, Weed Coordinator Nathan Goodman and Goldendale resident Andrew Smith.

1:00 PM PUBLIC WORKS

The Board had a discussion with the Bickleton Fire Chief John Jenson and School Superintendent/Principle Tom Whitmore regarding road maintenance in Bickleton.

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter provided an update on Public Works Org. Chart, Dallesport Wastewater, Road and Facilities.

Project Engineer Rick Milliren updated the Board on the Climate Commitment Act.

2:59 PM Commissioner Zoller left the Workshop to attend a meeting in Dallesport.

3:38 PM WORKSHOP ADJOURNED

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Ihrig. 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. Please Note: All Commissioner meetings and workshops are open to the public to attend.



Approved: Ron Ihrig
Chairman of the Board





Date