



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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APRIL 8, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 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 and Commissioner Lori Zoller were present.

9:30 AM POTTS & ASSOCIATES LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Lobbyist Zak Kennedy updated the Board on the Washington State Legislature.

9:45 AM DEPARTMENT UPDATE - PUBLIC WORKS

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.

HR and Administrative Services Robb Van Cleave requested and received approval to advertise for the Veterans Service Officer in the Auditors Office.

9:55 AM DEPARTMENT UPDATE- DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Management Director Jeff King provided a staff update on the Public Safety Radio System, Maintenance and Repair, Radio Site Property surplus, Land purchase, 9-1-1 Call Taking and Dispatching, Communication Officer hiring and training, Phone lines and system, Wildfire season and Employee of the Month.

Director King presented a Proclamation to declare the week of April 13, 2025, through April 19, 2025, National Public Safety Telecommunicator's week in Klickitat County.

10:39 AM Commissioner Ihrig called a five (5) minute recess, reconvening at 10:44 AM.

10:45 AM ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORT/UPDATE- SUPERIOR COURT

Superior Court Judge Krog provided an update on the appearance of Council at Preliminary Hearings.

10:57 AM ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORT/PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS OFFICE

Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel updated the Board on the lack of Public Defenders throughout the State and the need for additional resources.

11:11 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ihrig announced the Board would be going into Executive Session, in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss threatened and pending litigation. Issues of a general nature will be discussed in open session. Chairman Ihrig announced they would be in closed session for fifteen (15) minutes, ending at 11:26 AM. At 11:26 AM, Chairman Ihrig announced they would be extending the executive session for ten (10) minutes, ending at 11:36 AM.

11:37 AM LUNCH RECESS

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

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tracy Mccune, Property Survey

Roger Nichols, City of The Dalles Work Session

Dan Christopher, Virtual access to meetings

Pat Arnold, Zooming Thursday Workshop

Kaylee Towle, Decisions, Budget Manager

Sheri Bousquet, Operating Permit for Under Canvas, Dallesport Wastewater

Lynne Kadlec, RCW 43.160.040

Greg Wagner, Moratorium on Solar, Zoom, Energy Overlay Zone

PAYROLL WARRANT CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$179,459.18 for the date ending April 07, 2025.

1:26 PM CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously): Approval of the Consent Agenda with seven (7) items.**
 - a. Consideration of approval for 2nd extension for Short Plat SPL 2023-02
 - b. Local Agency Agreement (C07025) for the Alderdale Guardrail Repair - Fire Damaged Project.
 - c. The Fairgrounds Licensing Agreement between Klickitat County and American Legion Post #116 for use of the Fairgrounds April 19th, 2025 for the Community Easter Egg Hunt.

- d. Execute the Contract Retainage Bond (**C07125**) for the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Business Park Phase 2 Project.
- e. Public Works Department's Revised Organizational Chart **Resolution No. 03925**
- f. Letter of Support for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Project
- g. Letter of Support to Representative Timm Ormsby for funding of the Health Homes program with regard to the Area Agency on Disabilities of Southwest Washington.

1:28 PM WASHINGTON GORGE ACTION PROGRAMS

Executive Director Jennifer Pauletto, Associate Director Juan Reyes and Director of Family Community Wellness Abby Brandt Whalin gave a presentation to the Board on Washington Gorge Action Programs (WAGAP).

2:09 PM COMMISSIONERS MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Board agreed to appoint an applicant to the Senior Advisory Board due to a resignation.

The Board discussed the April 17, 2025 Workshop Agenda items.

2:27 PM RECESS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To recess until Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 9:30 AM.

APRIL 10, 2025 WORKSHOP

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

In attendance: Chairman Ihrig, Commissioner Zoller, Commissioner Andrews, Assessor Billi Bare, Chief Deputy Assessor Jessica Byers, Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel, HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, and Goldendale residents, Greg and Debra Wagner, Candy Magnusen, Andrew Smith.

9:30 AM Assessor Billi Bare provided a slideshow presentation to the Board on “Who Are Assessors” and had discussions with the Board regarding the Assessors roles and responsibilities regarding Property Assessments.

Treasurer Greg Gallagher provided information to the Board on the Klickitat County High Level Revenue Comparison of Property Tax, Sales Tax, Public Safety Sales Tax and Criminal Justice Sales Tax and Revenues.

10:55 AM Chairman Ihrig called a five (5) minute recess, reconvening at 11:00 AM.

The Board continued their discussions with the Assessor and Treasurer.

11:37 AM RECESS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To recess until 12:45 PM.

12:45 PM Chairman Ihrig reconvened the workshop.

12:49 PM - BOARD PENDING/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ihrig announced the Board would be going into Executive Session, in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. Issues of a general nature will be discussed in open session. Chairman Ihrig announced they would be in closed session for one (1) hour and eleven (11) minutes, ending at 2:00 PM. At 1:59 PM Chairman Ihrig announced they would be extending the executive session for eleven (11) minutes, ending at 2:10. At 2:10 PM Chairman Ihrig announced they would be extending the executive session for twenty-five (25) minutes, ending at 2:35 PM.

2:25 PM Chairman Ihrig called a 30-minute recess, reconvening at 2:55 PM.

2:55 PM Chairman Ihrig announced the Board would be going back into Executive Session for two (2) hours and ten (10) minutes, ending at 5:10 PM.

5:10 PM ADJOURN

- **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. Please Note: All Commissioner meetings and workshops are open to the public to attend.



Approved: Ron Ihrig

Chairman of the Board



Date