



## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**MAY 20, 2025**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 20, 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 Ihrig, Commissioner Andrews and Commissioner Zoller were present.

#### **9:30 AM POTTS & ASSOCIATES LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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

#### **10:48 AM DEPARTMENT UPDATES - PUBLIC WORKS**

Chairman Ihrig acknowledged Public Works for receiving the Certificate of Good Practice from the Washington State County Road Administration Board.

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.

#### **10:00 AM DEPARTMENT UPDATE - JAIL**

Jail Administrator Bill Frantz provided a staff update on inmates and staffing, vacancies within the department, food services contracts, in-cell vital monitoring and in-cell cameras.

**9:52 AM** Chairman Ihrig called a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 10:02 AM.

#### **10:02 AM DEPARTMENT UPDATES - SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

Sheriff Bob Songer and Chief Civil Deputy Karen Elings provided a staff update on calls for service, supplemental budget requests, vacant positions and funding, animal shelter, Consent Agenda items, civil fee increases, body camera contract, marine program, volunteer posse members and reorganization of the Sheriffs organizational chart.

#### **DEPARTMENT UPDATES - HR & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Administrative Services Robb Van Cleave and Human Resources Manager KC Sheridan provided a staff update on the salary and benefit survey, reorganization of the Sheriff's org chart and Budget Manager cross-training.

Manager Sheridan requested and received approval to advertise for the Economic Development office Admin Assistant III, steps 1-3.

Solid Waste Event Coordinator Mackenzie Coleman provided a staff update on events attended, upcoming events, SWAC meeting in Roosevelt, the RFP submitted and Horsethief post closure monitoring.

Code Compliance Officer Jorge Sendejas provided a staff update on open compliance cases and scheduling a workshop regarding RV ordinances.

Informational Technology Director Randy Christensen updated the Board on replacing the existing firewall and converting the domain from .ORG to .GOV.

#### **11:48 AM LUNCH RECESS**

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

#### **1:00 PM CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All Commissioners were present.

#### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** With one (1) add on under Unfinished Business being a Resolution to set a Public Hearing for consideration of a Supplemental Budget and Amendments for the 2025 Budget for various funds.

#### **COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES**

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Commissioner meeting minutes for May 13, 2025, as presented.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Roger Nichols, Other topics to discuss

Dave Barta, Solar Prohibition, Solar Impact Fees, Community Benefit Agreement

Pat Arnold, Workshop agenda, Zoom, Broadband, Recycling and EFSEC

WJ Morris, CGRA wastewater bill, Independent audit, Stream of revenue

Greg Wagner, Compensation fee, Emergency moratorium

Lynn Cadelic, Wastewater rates, conflict of interest

Anthony Rizzi, Citizen knowledge, CGRA wastewater bill

Adrian Bradford, Reappointment of Columbia Gorge Commission Commissioner Valerie Fowler

Leo Walton, Community involvement, CGRA Wastewater service charge, Audit

#### **1:35 PM PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Ihrig recessed the Regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing.

Director Hunter provided a brief overview of the Dallesport Wastewater current rates and proposed 2025 rates.

#### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Robert Brown, Rate payer abuse

Leo Walton, Padding

Adrian Bradford, Wastewater plant management

Lynn Cadelic, Audit

WJ Morris, SDCs, quantity of commercial ERU accounts

Anthony Rizzi, In favor of 5%,

Greg Wagner, Accurate facts

WJ Morris, Not opposed to 5-8% rate increase

**2:37 PM** Chairman Ihrig closed public testimony.

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** To increase the Dallesport Wastewater Rate to 6%.
- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To recess the Public Hearing until Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 1:30 PM.

### **2:55 PM PUBLIC MEETING**

Planning Director Scott Edelman provided a staff update on the consideration of approval for the Under-Canvas operations permit.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To approve the operational permit for Under Canvas

**3:04 PM** Chairman Ihrig called a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 3:14 PM

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Consent Agenda with eight (8) items.
  - a. Lead Entity Technical Committee Resignation Appreciation Letter/Certificate
  - b. Amending Resolution 04225 Reappointing Klickitat Lead Entity Technical Committee Members **Resolution No. 05025**
  - c. Request for consideration of approval of Short Plat SPL 2024-12, Muzechenko
  - d. Water Conservancy Board Resignation Appreciation Letter/Certificate
  - e. **Resolution No. 05125** in the Matter of awarding 2025 Klickitat County Historical Preservation Grant Funds
  - f. **Resolution No. 05225** in the Matter of a Petition requesting annexation of certain properties into Klickitat County Fire Protection District No. 3
  - g. Grant Agreement (**C10125**) between County Road Administration Board (CRAB) and Klickitat County for the Sleepy Hollow Phase 1 Project.
  - h. KCSO Credit Card Limit Increase Authorization

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION**

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$970,063.96 for the date ending May 19, 2025.

### **PAY ESTIMATES**

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate #1 for the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Business Park Phase 2 in the amount of \$346,195.15
- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate #2 for Sunnyside Road Overlay, CRP 374 in the amount of \$370,075.30.
- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate #6 and Final for the Klickitat County Superior Court Remodel in the amount of \$29,667.96

### **3:20 PM NEW BUSINESS**

The Board had a discussion of the reappointment of Valerie Fowler to the Columbia River Gorge Commission representing Klickitat County.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To reappoint Valerie Fowler to the Columbia Gorge Commission to represent Klickitat County.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS- ADD-ON**

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously): Resolution No 05325** in the Matter of setting a Public Hearing to consider a Supplemental Budget and amendments for the 2025 Budget for various funds.

## **COMMISSIONERS MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/COMMENTS**

The Board had a discussion on Community Benefit and Impact fees for large projects.

## **3:42 PM RECESS**

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

## **WORKSHOP MAY 22, 2025**

**9:31 AM** Chairman Ihrig called the workshop to order.

**In attendance:** Chairman Ihrig, Commissioner Zoller, Commissioner Andrews joined via Google Meets, Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, County Engineer Seth Scarola, Economic Development Director Richard Foster, Assessor Billi Bare, Building Director Lynn Ward, Auditor Heather Jobe, Skamania County Commissioner Brian Nichols, Wasco County Administrator Tyler Stone, Wasco County Commissioner Scott Hege, HR and Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Planning Director Scott Edelman, Senior Planner Lori Anderson and County residents Joan Frey and Andrew Smith.

## **CASH FLOW FOR FUND 305**

Treasurer Greg Gallagher updated the Board on Fund 305 and the budget and agreed to submit a Resolution for the Tuesday, May 27, 2025 BOCC meeting.

## **STATE FUNDING FOR COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Zoller discussed the history of the relationship between Klickitat County and the Columbia Gorge Commission.

Planning Director Scott Edelman updated the Board on the biennial budget for Gorge Commission, the total Klickitat County Gorge applications submitted per year and other options.

**10:43 AM** Chairman Ihrig called a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 10:53 AM.

## **EFSEC REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT**

The Board discussed the DRAFT Interagency Agreement Among the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation EFSEC, and Klickitat County Planning Division.

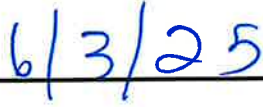
## **11:38 AM ADJOURN**

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

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

  
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**Approved: Ron Ihrig**  
**Chairman of the Board**



  
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**Date**