



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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JUNE 10, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 10, 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 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

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 and events, and other issues and follow-ups. Director Hunter requested and received approval to advertise for a temporary summer position.

9:53 AM PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Planning Department Director Scott Edelman provided a staff update on the Board of Adjustment, Solar & BESS PAC meetings, Planning Commission and the Comprehensive Plan.

10:20 AM DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Emergency Management Director King updated the Board on Consent Agenda items, Radio systems, Camera systems, 9-1-1 Dispatch, Emergency Management plans, Wildfire season and the Fire Mitigation workshop scheduled for June 27, 2025.

10:57 AM Chairman Ihrig called a recess to transition to the Goldendale Grange for a lunch meeting with the Klickitat Public Utility District #1 Commissioners and staff.

11:00 AM LUNCH MEETING

Chairman Ihrig called the lunch meeting to order.

In attendance: KPUD Commissioners Doug Miller and Stoner Bell, General Manager Gwyn Miller, Executive Assistant Luann Mata, Water/Wastewater Coordinator Sharon Blodgett, Superintendent Brandon Walter, Operations Manager Mike Nixon, Chairman Ihrig, Commissioners Zoller and Andrews, Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, County Engineer Seth Scarola, Deputy Director of Finance Pam Beierle, and residents Amy Spring (Uplift Local) and WJ Morris (Dallesport Water District Commissioner).

The Board had discussions with the KHUD Commissioners and staff regarding Republic Services, Landfill Gas Infrastructure and Dallesport Wastewater.

12:57 PM Chairman Ihrig adjourned the lunch meeting to return to the Commissioners Chambers and resume the regular meeting.

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

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

APPROVAL OF BUSINESS AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Business Agenda, with the addition of an Executive Session following the first Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jake Anderson
Tracy Mccune
Sheri Bousquet

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Consent Agenda with nine (9) items pulling item G for further consideration.
 - a) Klickitat County Historical Preservation Grant Agreement (**C11325**) with Twin Bridges Historical Museum/Lyle Historical Society
 - b) Klickitat County Historical Preservation Grant Agreement (**C11425**) with West Klickitat County Historical Society
 - c) Bingen City Fire (**C11525**) and Fire District 1 (**C11625**), 8 (**C11725**), 11 (**C11825**), & 15 (**C11925**) Radio System Use and 9-1-1/Dispatch Services Agreements
 - d) Request to schedule Public Meeting on June 10, 2025, Boundary Line Adjustment BLA 2024-11, Spadaro, Denny & Ventnor LLC
 - e) Request to schedule a Public Meeting for Boundary Line Adjustment, BLA 2024-22, Riggleman & Verrey
 - f) Request to schedule a Public Meeting for Boundary Line Adjustment, BLA 2025-03, KC Valley, LLC & Verley
 - ~~g) Behavioral Health Professional Services Agreement Brett Merle~~
 - h) Final Acceptance and Release of Contract Bond for White Plastic Edge Line Project Fed Aid No. HSIP-000S (636), Contract No. TA-7453, CRP 368.
 - i) The Lyle School District requests the fees to be waived with the understanding that they will return the building into the same condition that it was received in.
 - j) Concurrence to Award Bid – Alderdale Guardrail Repair – Fire Damaged, ER-2403(001).

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$203,443.15 for the date ending June 9, 2025.

1:22 PM Chairman Ihrig called an eight (8) minute recess, reconvening at 1:30 PM

1:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Ihrig recessed the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing for consideration of a Supplemental Budget and Amendments for the 2025 Budget and Various Funds.

Auditor Heather Jobe and HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave provided a staff summary of the 2025 Supplemental budget requests.

Public Testimony

Sheriff Bob Songer

Sheri Bousquet

Chief Civil Deputy Karen Elings

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/, Andrews/, Abstain/, Andrews. Passed)** Approval of the Supplemental Budget in the amount of \$2,879,916.00 which reflects the reduction of the Sheriffs request of \$382,020.00 to \$246,000.00 which is a reduction of \$136,020.00 and additional reduction of \$77,000.00 from the Department of Corrections for a total reduction of \$213,020.00.

Commissioner Zoller updated the Board on the Joint Operating Agreement with the City of the Dalles for the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport.

2:45 Chairman Ihrig called a five (5) minute recess, reconvening at 2:51 PM.

2:51 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ihrig announced the Board would be going into Executive Session to evaluate the performance, discipline, and/or qualifications of a public employee as allowed in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for sixty (60) minutes, ending at 3:51 PM.

3:55 PM The Board had a discussion regarding the hiring of an employee within the Commissioner's office. The Board agreed to advertise for the Deputy Clerk of the Board position at .75 FTE.

4:13 PM RECESS

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** To recess until June 12, 2025 at 9:30 AM for a Workshop.

JUNE 12, 2025 WORKSHOP

9:35 AM Chairman Ihrig called the Workshop to order.

In attendance: Chairman Ihrig, Commissioner Andrews, Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, County Engineer Seth Scarola, Planning Director Scott Edelman, Senior Accountant II Nicole Barnes, Emergency Management Accounting Admin Assistant Debi Stover, Sheriff Bob Songer, Chief Civil Deputy Karen Elings and Goldendale residents Dave Barta, Dave West and Danielle Olson.

The Board had discussions regarding large industrial project impact fees and community benefit agreement options.

9:42 AM Commissioner Zoller joined the workshop.

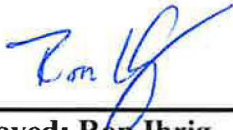
10:44 AM Chairman Ihrig called a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 10:54 AM.

10:55 AM The Board had discussions regarding the funding, location and the decision to continue the establishment of an animal shelter for Klickitat County. The Board agreed to continue to research options and will continue the discussion at the June 17th Commissioner meeting.

11:59 AM MOTION TO 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