BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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JUNE 24, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 24, 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 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, other issues and follow-ups.

9:48 AM PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE
Planning Department Director Scott Edelman provided a staff update on the Clean Energy Grant funding, Solar & BESS PAC meetings, preparation of the Comprehensive Plan and Staff-to-Staff meetings.

10:00 AM PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE
Public and Behavioral Health Director Erinn Quinn provided a staff update on Environmental Health statistics, Smile mobile, Sequential Mapping System, 9-8-8 Campaign, Opioid Abatement funding and Charter, Community Health Needs Assessment, Narcan vending machine, Consent Agenda items, and Behavioral Health open positions.

10:27 PM Chairman Ihrig called a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 10:37 AM

10:37 AM PROSECUTING ATTORNEY ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORT
Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Cranston updated the Board on current and upcoming vacancies. Attorney Quesnel requested and received approval to advertise for the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Legal Administrative Assistant positions.

10:41 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION
Chairman Ihrig announced the Board would be meeting in Executive Session with Legal Counsel to discuss threatened and pending litigation as allowed and in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Board was in Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes until 10:56 AM. At 10:56 AM, the Board extended the executive session for a period of ten (10) minutes until 11:06 AM. At 11:06 AM, the Board extended the executive session for a period of ten (10) minutes until 11:16 AM. At 11:16 AM the Board extended the executive session for a period of five (5) minutes, ending at 11:21 AM.

Chairman Ihrig reconvened the regular meeting.

11:45 LUNCH RECESS

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

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Business Agenda with one add-on under Unfinished Business being the Phone System Master Agreement and Statement of Work with Emergency Management.

COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Meeting minutes for June 3, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gabrielle Gilbert, Childcare
Roger Nichols, EFSEC, LFG, Under Canvas
Tracy Mccune, Town Hall, Fire, Public Works
Sheri Bousquet, EFSEC

1:19 PM SOLID WASTE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Commissioner Andrews opened the Solid Waste Management Plan Update Consultant Proposal request for proposal.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To return the RFP for the Waste Management Plan update to Staff.

1:24 PM Director King updated the Board on the monitoring of the Rowena fire.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Consent Agenda with nine (9) items.

a. GeoComm Renewal Contract **(C12525)**
a. NSC Smelter LLC Juniper Point Lease Agreement **(C12625)**
b. **Resolution No. 06625** in the matter of appointing a member to the Klickitat Lead Entity Technical Committee
c. Landfill Gas Improvement Funding Assistance Agreement **(C12725)** between Klickitat County and Dallesport Water District
d. Behavioral Health Designated Crisis Responders Professional Services Agreements with Jeff Albin **(C12825)** and Chris Barker **(C12925)**
e. **Resolution No. 06725** in the matter of providing a grant to the City of Goldendale to enhance economic development opportunities
f. Memorandum of Understanding **(C13025)** between Klickitat County and the City of Goldendale to utilize point 09 funding to complete improvements to the Goldendale Incubator Space building
g. Notice of Advertisement to schedule a Public Hearing to review the performance of the Community Development Block Grant for Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 1:30 PM
h. Approval to Purchase one (1) new vehicle from State Bid for the Public Health Department

PAY ESTIMATE

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate #3 for Sunnyside Road Overlay, CRP 374 in the amount of $489,866.70, to James Dean Construction, Inc.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of $891,514.80 for the date ending June 23, 2025.

1:31 PM PUBLIC MEETING

Associate Planner Rebecca Hail presented a brief overview on the consideration of approval for Boundary Line Adjustment BLA 2024-19, Applicants; Zilka, Elliot, NW Storage

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of BLA 2024-19

NEW BUSINESS

The Board had a discussion regarding budget adjustments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Emergency Management Director Jeff King updated the Board on the Phone System Master Agreement.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews, Nay/Ihrig. Passed):** Approval of the Agreement **(C13125)** with CentralSquare Technologies for the 9-1-1 phone system for the Department of Emergency Management.

2:20 PM Commissioner Zoller left the meeting.

2:21 RECESS

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Ihrig. Passed unanimously):** To recess until Thursday, June 26, at 9:30 AM.

WORKSHOP
JUNE 26, 2025

9:31 AM Chairman Ihrig called the meeting to order.

In attendance: Chairman Ron Ihrig, Commissioner Todd Andrews, Goldendale Mayor Jones, Emergency Management Director Jeff King, Program Coordinator Frank Hewey, Simcoe Insurance Owner Kelsey Endicott, Community member Paul Demchuck, Wildland Fire Management Division Angie Lane, District 2 Fire Chief John Jensen, District 12 Fire Chief Tim Johnson, District 1 Fire member Lucas King, District 5 Fire Chief Jay Jauken, Mt. Adams Resource Director Jay McLaughlin, DNR Charlie Lansman, DNR Allison Martin, Resources Legacy Fund Hillary Lundgren. White Salmon Mayor Keethler, Bingen Mayor Keiwitt, US Forrest Service Ian R. Insurance Agent Michelle Jasperson and others joined via Google meets. Commissioner Zoller was absent.

There were many presentations regarding the wildfire hazard map, mitigation and fuels reduction projects, and response preplanning and preparedness.

12:35 PM Chairman Ihrig called a 25-minute recess, reconvening at 1:00 PM.

1:02 PM Chairman Ihrig called the Workshop to order.

In attendance: Chairman Ihrig, Commissioner Andrews, Senior Services Director Sharon Carter, Auditor Heather Jobe, Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Count Engineer Seth Scarola, Adult Probation Director Courtney Cooke, Juvenile Court Administrator Tom Akins, HR Director Robb Van Cleave, HR Manager KC Sheridan, Emergency Managements Jeff King, Frank Hewey, Debi Stover, Filiberto Ontiveros, Economic Development Specialists Chelsey Jones, Public And Behavioral Health Director Erinn Quinn, Treasurer Greg Gallagher and Goldendale citizen Andrew Smith.

There were many discussions regarding budget impacts due to Washington State funding cuts.

2:02 PM MOTION TO ADJOURN

- **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.

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Approved: Ron Ihrig
Chairman of the Board

07/08/2025
Date