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JULY 1, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 1, 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.

9:43 AM DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS UPDATE

Jail Administrator Bill Frantz provided a staff update on staff vacancies, inmates and upcoming projects and billing for medical care of inmates.

9:57 AM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/NATURAL RESOURCES UPDATE

Economic Development and Natural Resources Director Richard Foster provided a staff update on Lead Entity, Goldendale Community Enrichment, KCPEDA, Department of Commerce, City Engagement, Klickitat Mill Site, County Engagement and conducting surveys.

10:25 AM Chairman Ihrig called a 15-minute recess, reconvening at 10:40 AM.

10:40 AM BUILDING INSPECTION UPDATE

Building Inspection Director Lynn Ward updated the Board on the completed fee study and requested verbal approval to upgrade to contract with Smart Gov.

11:13 AM LUNCH

- **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 the Business Agenda with two add-ons under Unfinished Business being the draft budget letter and Columbia River Gorge Planning Commission.

COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Commissioner meeting minutes for June 10, 2025 and June 17, 2025 as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roger Nichols
Jenn Sharp
Becky Miles
Kaylee Towle
Gabrielle Gilbert
Tracy McCune
Sheri Bousquet
Ken McCune

1:33 PM PUBLIC HEARING-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Chairman Ihrig recessed the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing for consideration of the Community Development Block Grant.

Environmental Health Manager David Kavanaugh and WAGAP Director Jennifer Pauletto provided a summary and purpose of the grant.

Public Testimony

Gabrielle Gilbert, in favor of
Tracy McCune
Jenn Sharp, in favor of

Chairman Ihrig closed the Public Testimony

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To approve the 2025 program year proposed amount of \$70,000 that will be available to the county and WAGAP to fund public services that benefit low and moderate-income persons.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Consent Agenda with 4 items.
 - a. Request to schedule a Public Meeting for short plat, SPL 2024-30, Wesley Muzechenko
 - b. Request to schedule a Public Meeting for Short Plat, SPL 2025-05, Brokenshire
 - c. Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement (**C13225**) with NORCOR to house juvenile detainees.
 - d. Request to set a Public Meeting on July 8, 2025 at 1:30 PM to consider a recommendation from the Planning Commission related to proposed amendments to the Energy Overlay Zone

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$537,554.31 for the date ending June 30, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Auditor Heather Jobe and Budget Manager Heather Gallagher had a discussion with the Board on the letter to be sent out to departments for the budget process. The Board agreed to send the Budget letter and schedule for Workshops after.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board had a discussion on the defunding of the Columbia Gorge Planning Commission. The Board agreed to send a letter to the Columbia Gorge Planning Commission.

2:45 PM ADJOURN

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. 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