BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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JULY 22, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 22, 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 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 and damages caused from the Burdoin Fire.

9:43 AM PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE
Planning Department Director Scott Edelman provided a staff update on the Planning Commission, Solar & BESS PAC meeting and recommendation, preparation of the Comprehensive Plan draft and Staff-to-Staff meetings.

9:58 AM BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT UPDATE
Building Inspection Department Lynn Ward provided a staff update on the occupancy classification process.

10:15 AM Treasurer Greg Gallagher and Auditor Heather Jobe updated the Board on the Finance Committee meeting.

10:32 AM Chairman Ihrig called an 8-minute recess, reconvening at 10:40 PM.

10:40 AM CLOSED SESSION- HR & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
Chairman Ihrig announced the Board would be going into Closed Session with HR Director Robb Van Cleave in accordance with RCW 42.30.140(b) portion of the meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress to discuss. The Board was in Closed Session for 40 minutes until 11:20 AM. The Board announced the closed session would be extended for 10 minutes, ending at 11:30 AM. The Board announced the closed session would be extended for 10 minutes, ending at 11:40 AM.

11:40 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

Chairman Ihrig and Commissioner Zoller were present, Commissioner Andrews was absent.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Business Agenda with one add-on being the Emergency Declaration under New Business.

1:01 PM Commissioner Andrews joined the meeting.

MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Commissioner meeting minutes for July 15, 2025 as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kaylee Towle

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Consent Agenda with 7 items.
  - **a)** Approve the Courthouse Lawn Agreement and Fee Waiver between the Nazarene Church and Klickitat County for the use of the Courthouse Lawn on Saturday, August 2, 2025, for their annual Back to School Bash.
  - **b)** Letter of appointment to the Klickitat-Skamania Developmental Disability Advisory Board.
  - **c)** Letter of Support for Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge Replacement Project Bridge Investment Program application
  - **d)** Letter of acceptance and **Resolution No. 06825** in the matter of re-appointment of Bob Moco to a three (3) year term on the Klickitat County Board of Equalization.
  - **e)** Notice of Public Hearing- Amending the Six-Year Transportation Program for the Years 2025-2030.
  - **f)** Statement of Work from Right Systems **(C14425)** to make network changes in Emergency Management
  - **g)** Professional Services Agreement **(C14325)** with Mead & Hunt, Inc for Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Master Plan.

PAY ESTIMATE

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate 3 for Columbia River Gorge Airport Business Park Phase 2 to Crestline Construction Company, LLC in the amount of $292,206.46.

PAYROLL WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of $563740.63 for the date ending July 21, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS
Chairman Ihrig read the in the matter of an Emergency Declaration for the purpose pf response to threats to the public safety and property due to the Burdoin Fire and continued extreme fire conditions.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously): Resolution No. 06925**

1:30 PM PUBLIC MEETING
Associate Planner Rebecca Hail presented a brief overview of the consideration of approval for Boundary Line Adjustment BLA 2024-10, Applicants: Tomlin/McCarthy

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of BLA2024-10

1:42 AM MOTION TO RECESS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Recess until 9:30 AM Thursday, July 22, 2025 for a workshop

WORKSHOP
July 24, 2025

9:32 AM Chairman Ihrig called the meeting to order.

In attendance: Chairman Ron Ihrig, Commissioner Lori Zoller, Senior Services Director Sharon Carter, Planning Director Scott Edelman, Long Range Planner Evan Evangelopoulos, Senior Planner Lori Anderson, Economic Development Director Richard Foster, Economic Development Specialist Keaton Curtice, Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Finance & Administrative Services Pam Beierle, County Engineer Seth Scarola, and members of the Wishram, Dallesport and Lyle Community Councils. Commissioner Andrews was absent.

There were many discussions on the process and requirements of the local recreation plan and the RCO grant.

10:31 AM Chairman Ihrig called a 10-minute recess, reconvening at 10:41 AM.

10:45 AM The Board had discussions with Elected Officials, Directors and Employees regarding Fund 125.

12:01 PM RECESS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Ihrig. Passed unanimously)** To recess until 2:00

2:00 PM Chairman Ihrig reconvened the workshop.

In attendance: Chairman Ron Ihrig, Commissioner Zoller, Commissioner Andrews, Emergency Management Director Jeff King, Recovery Section Manager Joel Haarstad, Auditor Heather Jobe, Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, County Engineer Seth Scarola and Budget Manager Heather Gallagher.

The Board had a discussion with Emergency Management Director King and Recovery Section Manager Joel Haarstad regarding the Burdoin Fire.

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.

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Approved: Ron Ihrig **Date**

Chairman of the Board