



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 2, 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.

HR Manager KC Sheridan requested and received verbal approval to advertise for a part-time Legal Administrator for the East District Court.

9:55 AM FISCAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Budget Manager Heather Gallagher provided a staff update on the 2026 Preliminary Budget summary and the goals for the upcoming budget workshops.

11:01 AM 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

All three Commissioners were present.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Business Agenda as presented.

COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Commissioner meeting minutes for August 19, 2025 and August 26, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matthew Klebes

Roger Nichols

Rita Pinchot

Kaylee Towle

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Ihrig. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Consent Agenda with the removal of items F and I and moved to New Business for further discussion.
 - a) Auditor's Office / Tyler Technologies Recording Software and Service Agreement (C15925)
 - b) Local Agency Agreement (C16025) for Snowden Road Overlay Project, CRP 387
 - c) Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus for the Snowden Road Overlay project, CRP 387.
 - d) **Resolution No. 08425** to Improve the following projects and amend the 2025 Annual Construction Program: Sleepy Hollow Road Phase 1, CRP 389
 - e) Notice to Contractors to advertise for the Curve Waring Signs and Guidepost Project, CRP 381.
 - ~~f) Auditor's Office / Easy Vote Agreement~~
 - g) Klickitat County Health Department 2025-2027 Consolidated Contract Amendment 7 (C16125)
 - h) Washington State Allocation Agreement (C16225) governing the allocation of funds paid by the Purdue Bankruptcy, Sacklers, and certain Opioid Manufacturers and Participation and Release Forms
 - ~~i) Road Haul Agreement between Klickitat County and Bluebird Solar Power, LLC~~
 - j) Letter of Support for Proposed Changes to National Scenic Area Management Plan

PAYROLL WARRANTS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$480,425.98 for the date ending September 2, 2025.

1:24 PM Chairman Ihrig called a 6-minute recess, reconvening at 1:30 PM.

1:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING- PUBLIC WORKS

Chairman Ihrig opened the Public Hearing. Public Works County Engineer Seth Scarola provided an overview of the consideration of vacations of portions of County Road Right of Way.

Public Testimony

Duncan Davidson

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the **Resolution No.08525** in the matter of vacation of Old Mountain Road No.34750, Courtney Road No. 11700, Old Hwy 8 No. 37000 and Sundale Road No. 37090.

1:41 PM Chairman Ihrig closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING- PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Chairman Ihrig opened the Public Hearing. Senior Planner Lori Anderson provided an overview of the consideration of the extension of the BESS Moratorium.

Public Testimony

Deena Prazzo, in favor of the extension

Jim Sizemore, in favor of the extension

Chase Ence, in favor of the extension

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the extension of **Resolution No. 09124** in the matter of extending a moratorium of the Klickitat Zoning controls in regards to the siting of installation, or development of battery energy storage systems (BESS) within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County.

Chairman Ihrig closed the Public Hearing.

2:03 PM NEW BUSINESS

ADD-ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEM F

Auditor Heather Jobe updated the Board on the Vote Yes agreement.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Consent Agenda item F, Vote Yes Agreement for the Auditors Office (C16425)

ADD-ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEM I

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter and Engineer Seth Scarola updated the Board on the Road Haul Agreement.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Ihrig, Nay/Andrews. Passed):** Approval of Consent Agenda item F, the Road Haul Agreement (C16325) between Klickitat County and Bluebird Solar Power, LLC.

2:25 PM RECESS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To recess until Thursday, September 4, 2025, for the budget workshop.

WORKSHOP September 4, 2025

9:30 PM Chairman Ihrig called the workshop to order.

In attendance: Chairman Ihrig, Commissioner Zoller and Commissioner Andrews, HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Auditor Heather Jobe, Nicole Barnes, Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Budget Manager Heather Gallagher, Economic Development Director Richard Foster, Emergency Management Chief of Operations Filiberto Ontiveros, Accounting Administrative Assistant Debi Lynn Stover, and HR Manager KC Sheridan.

Budget Manager Heather Gallagher updated the Board on department requests for the 2nd Quarter Supplemental.

10:30 AM Chairman Ihrig called a 10-minute recess, reconvening at 10:40 AM.

Treasurer Greg Gallagher and Budget Manager Heather Gallagher updated the Board on the general revenue and landfill funds. Additionally, the Board consulted with Budget Manager

Heather Gallagher regarding the scheduling of each department for the upcoming budget workshops.

12:02 PM RECESS

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

Budget Manager Heather Gallagher and Treasurer Greg Gallagher updated the Board on Property Tax increases, Public Safety Tax and Criminal Justice Tax.

The Board had discussions on their priorities and long-term solutions for sustainability and reduction of expenses within the County.

2:50 PM ADJOURN

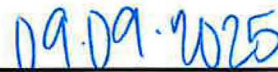
- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Ihrig. Passed unanimously)**

*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.



Approved: Ron Ihrig
Chairman of the Board





Date