BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 9, 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
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.

9:51 AM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-NATURAL RESOURCES UPDATE
Director Richard Foster provided a staff update on the Short-Term Rental analysis, Countywide Park Plans, Horsethief Lake Integrated Aquatic Invasive Vegetation Management Plan, Department of Commerce ADO budget allocations, City Engagement, Klickitat Mill Site, County Engagement, Surveys and Affordable Housing Advisory Board.

9:53 AM Chairman Ihrig left the meeting to join another meeting.

10:16 AM DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE
Chief of Operations Filiberto Ontiveros provided a staff update on the Public Safety Radio System maintenance and repair, 9-1-1 Call Taking and Dispatching, Phone lines and system, SECO grant, Public Education, Wildfire season and Employee of the Month.

10:38 AM Chairman Ihrig joined the meeting.

10:39 AM ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE
Director/Chief Probation Officer Courtney Cooke requested and received verbal approval to apply for a reimbursable grant with the Washington Courts and to grant an employee a monthly stipend for interpretive services.

10:58 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION
Chairman Ihrig announced the Board would be going into Executive Session, in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss threatened and pending litigation. Issues of a general nature will be discussed in open session. Chairman Ihrig announced there would be no further business following executive session and the Board would be in closed session for fifteen (15) minutes, ending at 11:13 AM. At 11:13 AM, Chairman Ihrig announced they would be extending the

executive session for ten (10) minutes, ending at 11:23 AM.

11:23 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 with one add-on under New Business being a discussion with the Treasurer.

MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Meeting minutes for September 2, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Assessor Billi Bare
Gabrielle Gilbert
Sheri Bousquet

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Consent Agenda items a through n.
    a. Phone Trunks for new 911 System **(C16525)**
    b. Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill Part-time Legal Administrative Assistant I position for East District Court in Goldendale.
    c. Request for Short Plat extension of SPL 2022-24, Schroder **Resolution No. 08625**
    d. Request for extension for Short Plat SPL 2022-30, Speelman, **Resolution No. 08725**
    e. Request for extension for short plat SPL 2023-08, Cox, **Resolution No. 08825**
    f. Grant Offer for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) for the Columbia Gorge Regional—The Dalles Municipal Airport **(C16625)**
    g. Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus for the Bundle – Preventative Maintenance – Deck Repair project, CRP 376.
    h. Local Agency Agreement **(16725)** Supplement for the Bundle – Preventative Maintenance – Deck Repair project, CRP 376.
    i. Subrecipient Agreement **(C16825)** for Document Recording Fee Backfill
    j. Behavioral Health Carelon Facility Participation Agreement—Amendment 8
    k. Environmental Health Memorandum of Understanding Regional On-Site Sewage System Loan Program
    l. Request to schedule Public Meeting for Short Plat SPL 2024-14, Jana Jones Trust
    m. Request to schedule a Public Meeting for Short Plat, SPL 2025-01, Blackburn
    n. Request to Schedule Public Meeting to approve Boundary Line Adjustment, BLA 2025- 05 Miller

PAYROLL WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of $310,729.78 for the date ending September 8, 2025.

1:18 PM COMMISSIONERS MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS
The Board had discussions of upcoming meeting and union negotiations.

1:32 PM Chairman Ihrig called a 5-minute recess, reconvening at 1:37 PM.

NEW BUSINESS
Treasurer Greg Gallagher provided an overview of the options of a Criminal Justice Sales Tax Implementation. The Board agreed to move forward with scheduling a Public Hearing regarding the implementation of Criminal Justice Sales Tax.

2:14 PM RECESS
- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Recess until Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 9:00 am for Budget Workshop and Presentations.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025
BUDGET WORKSHOP

9:00 AM Chairman Ihrig called the workshop to order.

In attendance: Chairman Ron Ihrig, Commissioner Todd Andrews, Commissioners Lori Zoller, Budget Manager Heather Gallagher, Auditor Heather Jobe, HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Treasurer Greg Gallagher and Goldendale citizen Andrew Smith,

Budget Manager Heather Gallagher had a discussion with the Board on budget presentations and expectations.

9:31 AM Public and Behavioral Health Director Erinn Quinn joined via Zoom and updated the Board on the Public Health and Behavioral Health budgets.

9:48 AM Chairman Ihrig called a 12-minute recess, reconvening at 10:00 AM.

10:01 AM Auditor Heather Jobe updated the Board on the Auditors Office budget.

10:38 AM Building Department Director Lynn Ward and Building Inspector Erica Beasley updated the Board on the Building Departments budget.

11:00 AM Code Compliance Officer Jorge Sendejas joined via Zoom and updated the Board on the Code Compliance budget.

11:15 AM Chairman Ihrig called a 15-minute recess, reconvening at 11:30 AM.

11:30 AM Assessor Billi Bare updated the Board on the Assessor's Office budget.

11:52 AM LUNCH RECESS
- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Recess until 1:00 PM.

1:00 PM Department of Corrections Jail Administrator Bill Frantz updated the Board on the Department of Corrections budget.

1:35 PM Chairman Ihrig called a 10-minute recess, reconvening at 1:45 PM.

1:45 PM Planning Department Director Scott Edelman and Office Manager Debra Almstead updated the Board on the Planning Department budget.

2:15 PM Noxious Weed Nathan Goodman updated the Board on the Noxious Weed Department budget.

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- 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.

09.16.2025

Approved: Ron Ihrig — **Date**

Chairman of the Board