



## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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### **SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 23, 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 work and events, and other issues and follow up.

#### **9:39 AM DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS UPDATE**

Jail Administrator Bill Frantz provided a staff update on his appreciation for his staff, jail operations, training, overtime, inmates and budget.

#### **9:52 AM SHERIFF UPDATE**

Sheriff Bob Songer, Undersheriff Carmen Knopes and Chief Civil Deputy Karen Elings, provided a staff update on calls for service, Burdoin fire, traffic stops, staffing, patrol, Civil Division, sex offender tracking, the Marine program, preparing for winter and budget.

**10:35 AM** Chairman Ihrig called a 10-minute recess, reconvening at 10:45 AM.

#### **SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE**

Senior Services Director Sharon Carter provided a staff update on Mt. Adams Transportation, AAADSW grants awarded to fund the development of the Volunteer Connection Program and the Winter Fruit and Vegetable Program and WA CARES fund.

#### **11:36 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.

#### **APPROVAL OF BUSINESS AGENDA**

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Business Agenda with one add-on of a Closed Session at the end of the day.

## COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Commissioner meeting minutes for September 16, 2025 as presented.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Miland Wallen  
Chey Davenport  
Roger Nichols  
Gabrielle Gilbert  
Sheri Bousquet

## CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Consent Agenda items A through G, removing item H for further discussion.
- a. **Resolution No. 09225** seeking approval to provide additional compensation for English/Spanish interpretations of program services for the Adult Probation Case Manager.
- b. Approval of the Small Works Contract (**C17225**) with Inland Fire Extinguisher, Inc. for the "Klickitat County Fire Suppression, Hood, and Extinguisher Service Contract for 2025- 2026".
- c. Local Agency A&E Professional Services Supplemental Consultant Agreement #2 (**C17325**) for "Goldendale Fuel Station".
- d. Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill an Accounting Administrative Assistant I, II or III position in Goldendale within the Treasurer's Office.
- e. Klickitat County Health Department 25-27 Consolidated Contract Amendment 8 (**C17425**)
- f. Sheriff Authorization to Purchase Ballistic Vests
- g. Sheriff Authorization to Purchase Radars
- ~~h. Resolution in the Matter of the Supplemental 2025-2 amending the 2025 Annual Budget for various funds~~

Budget Manager Heather Gallagher clarified Consent Agenda item H.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously): Resolution No. 09325** in the Matter of the Supplemental 2025-2 amending the 2025 annual budget for various funds.

## PAYROLL WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$350,909.98 for the date ending September 24, 2025.

## 1:30 PM BID OPENING

Consideration of Curve Warning signs and guideposts, CRP 381 with an engineer estimate of \$439,900.00. Commissioner Andrews opened bid proposals from the following entities with all Bid Bonds and Addendums present.

**Vertex Contracting, LLC**  
**James Dean Construction**

**\$636,443.00**  
**\$488,678.00**

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| <b>Halme Excavating, Inc</b>             | <b>\$472,132.00</b> |
| <b>Western United Civil Group, LLC</b>   | <b>\$428,405.00</b> |
| <b>KT Contracting Co., Inc</b>           | <b>\$558,248.00</b> |
| <b>Construction Ahead, Inc.</b>          | <b>\$359,188.00</b> |
| <b>New X, Inc.</b>                       | <b>\$448,751.90</b> |
| <b>Specialized Pavement Marking, LLC</b> | <b>\$482,584.00</b> |
| <b>Combined Construction, Inc</b>        | <b>\$750,677.00</b> |

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval to send all bids back to Public Works for review and recommendation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board had a discussion with Kacie Bane and Miland Wallen on the plaque placement in remembrance of Dana peck. Kacie updated the Board on the plaque. The Board agreed to tentatively schedule the proclamation presentation for November 12, 2025.

## **2:13 PM CLOSED SESSION**

Chairman Ihrig announced the Board would be going into Closed Session in accordance with RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) that portion of a 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 for 17 minutes, ending at 2:30 PM. The Board extended the closed session for 15 minutes, ending at 2:45 PM. The Board did not take any further action following the closed session.

## **3:20 PM RECESS**

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To recess until 9:30 AM Thursday, September 25, 2025 for budget workshop.

## **SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**9:30 AM** Chairman Ihrig called the workshop to order

In attendance: Chairman Ron Ihrig, Commissioners Lori Zoller, Budget Manager Heather Gallagher, Auditor Heather Jobe, Treasurer Greg Gallagher and Goldendale citizen Andrew Smith. Commissioner Andrews was absent.

**9:30 AM** East District Court Judge Hanson, Court Administrators Sally Lemley and Jane Edmonds updated the board on the East District Court budget.

**9:36 AM** Commissioner Andrews joined the workshop.

## **10:08 AM RECESS**

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

**1:01 PM** Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, County Engineer Seth Scarola and Finance & Administrative Services Pam Beierle updated the Board on the Public Works budget.

**2:30 PM** Chairman Ihrig called a 20-minute recess, reconvening at 2:50 PM.

**2:50 PM** Klickitat County Fair Board President Debbie Woodward, Vice-President Helen Rolfe and Treasurer Cynthia Bruce updated the Board on the Fair budget.

**3:30 PM** WSU Extension Associate Director Michael Gaffney joined via Zoom and updated the Board on the WSU Extension Office budget.

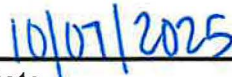
**3:50 PM ADJOURN**

- **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**



  
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**Date**

**Chairman of the Board**