



## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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### **OCTOBER 7, 2025**

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 7, 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**

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.

#### **9:36 AM BUILDING DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Director Lynn Ward provided a staff update on permits, inspections and cross-training, WUI Code adoption, permit fee increase proposal, Smartgov utilization and Wildland Fire Hazard Profile and Risk Assessment.

#### **9:53 AM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/NATURAL RESOURCES UPDATE**

Director Richard Foster provided a staff update on Well-monitoring, Horsethief Lake Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan, Lead Entity, County-wide Park Plan, KCPEDA meeting, Infrastructure Assistance Coordination Council (IACC) training, City Engagement, Klickitat Mill site, Affordable Housing Advisory Board, County Engagement, surveys, the T-Hangar project draft funding agreement and the College Hangar.

#### **10:43 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.

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Commissioner meeting minutes for September 23, 2025 as presented.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sheriff Bob Songer  
Ann Slead  
Gabrielle Gilbert  
Sheri Bousquet  
Dave Barta  
Greg Wagner  
Kaylee Towle  
Laura Partlow

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously): Approval of the Consent Agenda items A-F.**
  - a. Behavioral Health Professional Services Agreement (C17925) Tracy Cramer
  - b. Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill Maintenance Technician positions (2), one each in Bickleton and White Salmon, within the Public Works Dept.
  - c. Request to schedule a Public Meeting for Boundary Line Adjustment BLA 2024-09, Smith
  - d. Request to schedule a Public Meeting for Short Plat SPL 2023-08, Cox
  - e. The Courthouse Lawn Agreement between the Coalition Preventing Abuse in Klickitat County (CPAKC) and Klickitat County for the use of the Courthouse Lawn from October 1, 2025, through October 15, 2025, for Domestic Violence Awareness. The group requests that the fees be waived with the understanding that they will set up and tear down for their event.
  - f. Concurrence to Award Bid – Curve Warning Signs and Guidepost, CRP 381, to Construction Ahead Inc., dba: Pavement Surface Control.
  - g. Health Department Professional Services Agreements—Caven (C18025) & Cramer (C18125)
  - h. Letter of Support to Snohomish County regarding Republic Services Group RFP

## **PAYROLL WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION**

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$352,267.16 for the date ending September 6, 2025.

## **1:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING - CRIMINAL JUSTICE SALES TAX IMPLEMENTATION**

Chairman Ihrig opened the Public Hearing. Treasurer Greg Gallagher provided an overview of the consideration of imposing a Criminal Justice Sales tax.

### **Public Testimony**

Commissioner Andrews/ Correspondence from Mayor Marla Keethler, in favor of Mayor of Goldendale, David Jones, and Goldendale Chief of Police Mike Smith, in favor of Sheriff Bob Songer, in favor of Don Bryan, not in favor of Russ Hanson, no position Jack Runyon, not in favor of Greg Wagner, not in favor of Mayor of Bingen, Katherine Kiewit, in favor of Roger Nichols, no position Sheri Bousquet, not in favor of Delmer Eldred, not in favor of Gabrielle Gilbert, not in favor Andrew Smith, no position

Treasurer Gallagher and the Board clarified questions from the public. Chairman Ihrig opened the floor for clarifying questions from citizens.

Russ Hanson  
Greg Wagner  
Don Bryan  
Laura  
Roger Nichols  
Sheri Bousquet

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** To recess the Public Hearing until Tuesday, October 14, 2025, until 1:30 PM and closing oral comment but leaving written comment open until Friday, October 10, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

### **2:50 PM NEW BUSINESS**

Citizen William Lohman updated the Board on citizens gathering for "Return of our Rachel" (ROR).

### **3:17 PM RECESS**

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

## **OCTOBER 9, 2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

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

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

**9:30 AM** Emergency Management Director Jeff King, Chief of Operations/9-1-1 Coordinator Filiberto Ontiveros and Accounting Administrator Assistant Debi Stover updated the Board on Emergency Managements budget.

**10:40 AM** HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave and HR Manager KC Sheridan updated the Board on Human Resources budget.

**10:49 AM** Chairman Ihrig called a 15-minute recess, reconvening at 11:04 AM.

The Board had discussions on department budgets.

### **11:44 AM LUNCH RECESS**

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

**1:00 PM** Senior Services Director Sharon Carter updated the Board on Senior Services Department budget.

**1:59 PM** Coroner Erik Anderson updated the Board on the Coroner Office budget.

**2:15 PM** Civil Service Secretary and Chief Examiner Melanie Osbourne updated the Board on the Civil Service Commission Office budget.

**2:28 PM** Chairman Ihrig called a 10-minute recess, reconvening at 2:38 PM.

The Board had discussions on their intent and goals for the 2026 budget.

**4:25 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.

  
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**Approved: Ron Ihrig**  
**Chairman of the Board**



**10/14/2025**  
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**Date**