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**DECEMBER 2, 2025
MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 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. 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 work, events and other issues and follow-ups. Director Hunter requested and received verbal approval to advertise for a Traffic Control Specialist position.

9:50 AM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & NATURAL RECOURCES UPDATE

Natural Recourses/Economic Development Specialist Keaton Curtice updated the Board on KCPEDA funding applications, short term rentals, County engagement, recently completed projects and Parks and Recreation plans.

10:00 AM PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Public Health Director Erin Quinn updated the Board on community outreach, administrative updates, federal funding and pending contracts.

10:07 AM RECESS

Chairman Ihrig called for a fifteen (15) minute recess, reconvening at 10:23 AM.

10:30 AM CHILDCARE WORKSHOP

Chairman Ihrig called the Workshop to order. Klickitat County Childcare Committee Program Coordinator Johanna Roe presented a slideshow of an overview of the need for and importance of childcare in Klickitat County. The Board had discussions with many citizens of Klickitat County as well as State and City officials regarding childcare.

12:03 PM 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

All three Commissioners were present.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the business agenda as presented with the addition of discussion of Prosecuting Attorney resignation under New Business.

COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Commissioner meeting minutes for November 25, 2025 as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rodger Nichols
Greg Wagner
Sheri Bosquet
Andrew Smyth
Gabrielle Gilbert

1:24 PM PAYROLL WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$187,356.91 for the date ending December 1, 2025.

1:25 PM COMMISSIONERS MISCELANEOUS REPORTS/COMMENTS

The commissioners had a discussion on upcoming meetings and workshops.

1:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING- BUDGET

Chairman Ihrig opened the Public Hearing. Budget Manager Heather Gallagher provided a presentation on 2026 key updates, budget summary and revenue sources and presented the Resolution in the matter of establishing the 2026 Tax Levy for the General Fund, Election Reserve Fund and the Veteran's Relief Fund.

Public Testimony

Sheri Bosquet

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed Unanimously): Resolution No. 11125** in the matter of establishing the 2026 Tax Levy for the General Fund, Election Reserve Fund and the Veterans Relief Fund.

2:02 PM Chairman Ihrig closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING- BUDGET CONT.

Chairman Ihrig opened the Public Hearing. Budget Manager Gallagher provided a presentation and presented the resolution in the matter of adopting the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan.

Public Testimony

Andrew Smyth

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed Unanimously): Resolution No. 11135** in the matter of approving and adopting the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Plan and **Resolution No. 11225** in the matter of establishing the 2026 Tax Levy for the Road Fund.

2:08 PM Chairman Ihrig closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING- 2026 BUDGET

Chairman Ihrig opened the Public Meeting. Budget manager Gallagher reviewed the Budget summary and presented the resolution in the matter of adoption of the budget for the year of 2026 for Klickitat County Government.

Public Testimony

Sheriff Bob Songer

Andrew Smyth

Chief Civil Deputy Karen Elings

Rodger Nichols

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed Unanimously):** to take written Public Comment until Friday December 5, 2025 at 5:00 PM and recess Public Hearing until Tuesday December 9, 2025 after 1:30 PM.

2:25 PM Chairman Ihrig closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING- PUBLIC WORKS

Chairman Ihrig opened the Public Hearing. Public Works Director Jeff Hunter and County Engineer Seth Scarola updated the Board on the proposed 6-year transportation program.

Public Testimony

Sheri Bosquet

Mrs. Sexton

Greg Wagner

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed Unanimously):** to recess Public Hearing until December 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

3:02 PM Chairman Ihrig closed the Public Hearing.

3:02 PM RECESS

Chairman Ihrig called for ten (10) minutes, reconvening at 3:12 PM.

3:12 PM PUBLIC MEETINGS

Associate Planner Rebecca Hail presented a brief overview of the consideration of the request for final approval of Short Plat, SPL 2025-09, Grindling.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed Unanimously):** Final approval of Short Plat, SPL 2025-09, Grindling.

Associate Planner Rebecca Hail presented a brief overview of the consideration of the request for final approval of Boundary Line Adjustment, BLA 2024-14, Kennedy, Twohy & Randall.

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed Unanimously):** Final approval of Boundary Line Adjustment, BLA 2024-14, Kennedy, Twohy & Randall.

Associate Planner Rebecca Hail presented a brief overview of the consideration of the request for final approval of Boundary Line Adjustment, BLA 2025-04, Tibke, Tromble & Mason.

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed Unanimously):** Final approval of Boundary Line Adjustment, BLA 2025-04, Tibke, Tromble & Mason.

3:30 PM CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the consent agenda with the removal of item k, Proposed alternate work schedule for assistant planner in the Planning Department and item f, Request for approval of Professional Services Contract: Teresa D Johnson CPS< Inc. for further discussion.
 - a. Request to schedule a Public Meeting for approval of Short Plat, SPL 2025-04, Pyle.
 - b. Request to schedule a Public Meeting for approval of Boundary Line Adjustment, BLA 2025-02, Eichner.
 - c. Request to schedule a Public Meeting for approval of Boundary Line Adjustment, BLA 2025-10, KLM Developing LLC.
 - d. **Resolution No. 11025** in the matter of certifying Tax Levies of taxing districts within or coextensive with Klickitat County to the Klickitat County Assessor.
 - e. Request to schedule a Public Meeting for approval of Short Plat, SPL 2024-18, Sanders.
 - ~~f. Request for approval of Professional Services Contract: Teresa D Johnson CPS, Inc. (C21025).~~
 - g. Request to schedule a Public Meeting for approval of Short Plat, SPL 2024-08, Abeyta.
 - h. Request to schedule a Public Meeting for approval of Short Plat, SPL 2025-08, AJM Investments.
 - i. Klickitat County Health Department Medicaid Administrative Claiming Agreement (**C21125**).
 - j. Notice to Contractors to advertise for the CRGA Business Park Training Facility Project.
 - ~~k. Proposed alternate work schedule for Assistant Planner in the Planning Department.~~
- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed Unanimously.):** Request for approval of Professional Services Contract: Teresa D Johnson CPS, Inc. (C21025).

3:32 PM NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the resignation of Prosecuting attorney David Quesnel. Chairman Ihrig updated the Board on the process to fill the open Prosecuting Attorney position. Chairman Ihrig recommended that the Board advertise a Request for Proposal to fill the position by December 26, 2025.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed Unanimously):** To advertise for Prosecuting Attorney Position on December 10th and 17th, 2025; closing at 5:00 PM on December 19, 2025.

3:43 PM UNFINISHED BUSINESS

County Administrator Robb Van Cleave updated the Board on the promotion of Planning Director Scott Edelman to Director of the new combined Building, Planning, Code Compliance and Economic Development/Natural Resources Department.

3:45 PM RECESS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To recess until 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 for the continuance of the Public Hearing to be held at the Klickitat County Pioneer Center in White Salmon, Washington.

6:01 PM Public Hearing Continuance

Chairman Ihrig called the meeting to order. All three Board members were present.

In Attendance: Don Struck, Lori Clark, Rick Graves, Jacob Pimley, Norm. D and Andrew Smyth.

Chairman Ihrig reconvened the Public Hearing. Public Works Director Jeff Hunter and County Engineer Seth Scarola updated the Board on the proposed 6-year transportation program.

Public Testimony

Don Stuck
Rick Graves
Lori Clark
Jacob Pimley
Norm D.

Chairman Ihrig closed the Public Hearing.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed Unanimously):** To close the Public Hearing to any further oral comments and to leave written comments open until Friday, December 5, 2025 at 5:00 PM. The Public Hearing will be continued on December 9, 2025.

7:36 PM RECESS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To recess until Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 9:30 AM

December 4, 2025
Workshop

9:30 AM Chairman Ihrig called the Critical Area and Shoreline Master Plan workshop to order. All three Commissioners were present.

In Attendance: Planning Director Scott Edelman, Citizens Lori Clark, Rick Graves, and Andrew Smyth.

Planning Director Scott Edelman provided an update on the status of the Shoreline Master Plan and the Critical Areas Ordinance. The Board engaged in a discussion with Director Edelman regarding prior decisions made and forwarded to the Planning Commission. Director Edelman agreed to conduct further research so the plans can move forward in the near future.

10:45 AM Chairman Ihrig called a (10) ten minutes recess, reconvening at 10:55 AM.

The Board engaged in a discussion with Director Edelman regarding prior decisions made that were forwarded to the Planning Commission. Director Edelman agreed to conduct further research so the plans can move forward in the near future.

11:45 AM LUNCH

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

1:00 PM Chairman Ihrig called the Burdoin Fire Lessons Learned workshop to order.

In Attendance: Chairman Ron Ihrig, Commissioner Lori Zoller, Commissioner Todd Andrews, Emergency Management Director Jeff King, Budget Manager Heather Gallagher, Public Health Director Erin Quinn, Senior Services Director Sharron Carter, Undersheriff Carmen Knopes, Klickitat County Sheriff's Office Deputy Tony Warren, County Engineer Seth Scarola, Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Finance and Administrative Services Pam Beierle, Building Director Lynn Ward, and many other Klickitat County Fire Chiefs and citizens.

1:02 PM Chairman Ihrig reviewed the previously recorded questions for discussion to the room regarding decision-making and incident management, mapping, notifications and data, road closures and public safety, evacuation and animal protection, communication, messaging and public information and performance review and lessons learned regarding the Burdoin Fire.

2:20 PM Chairman Ihrig called for a fifteen (15) minute recess, reconvening at 2:35 PM.

2:35 PM Chairman Ihrig called the meeting back to order, Commissioner Andrews resumed discussion of the list of previously recorded questions.

12:03 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