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**DECEMBER 16, 2025
MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 16, 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 and Commissioner Todd Andrews were present. Commissioner Lori Zoller joined the meeting at 10:52 AM.

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 and the Board had discussions on the requested Wishram park and the MCEDD Dallesport Wastewater survey.

10:00 AM PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Planning Director Scott Edelman updated the Board on Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, comprehensive plan, fee schedule updates, upcoming workshops and vacation rentals.

10:24 AM HR & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES UPDATE

County Administrator Robb Van Cleave and Solid Waste Community Engagement Program Coordinator McKenzie Coleman updated the Board on the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management plan.

HR Director KC Sheridan and Administrator Van Cleave updated the Board on Consent Agenda item D.

10:35 AM RECESS Chairman Ihrig called for a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 10:45 AM.

11:00 AM HOOD RIVER WHITE SALMON BRIDGE AUTHORITY UPDATE

Hood River-White Salmon Bridge Authority Commissioner Jacob Anderson updated the Board on the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge replacement plan.

10:52 AM Commissioner Lori Zoller joined the meeting.

11:15 AM PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Chairman Ihrig announce the Board would be going into Executive Session with Interim Prosecuting Attorney Alexander Takos, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Cranston and County Administrator Robb Van Cleave in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss

potential litigation. Issues of a general nature will be discussed in open session. Chairman Ihrig announced they would be in executive session for fifteen (15) minutes, ending at 11:30 AM. At 11:30 AM the board extended executive session for a period of fifteen (15) minutes, ending at 11:45 AM. At 11:45 AM the Board extended executive session for a period of ten (10) minutes, ending at 11:55 AM.

11:55 AM 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 with the addition of discussion of Commissioner travel under New Business and the addition of both an Executive session and Closed session.

COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Commissioner meeting minutes for December 2, 2025 as presented.
- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Commissioner meeting minutes for December 9, 2025 as presented.

1:03 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Slead
Kathy Moco
Anthony Rizzi
Fred Greef
Rodger Nichols

1:20 PM CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the consent agenda, removing item r; Joint Resolution of the Clark County Council and the Boards of County Commissioners for Klickitat and Skamania Counties relating to the appointment of trustees to the Fort Vancouver Regional Library for further discussion.
 - a. Approval of the Interlocal Agreement (**C22025**) with Pend Oreille County to help support the OnBase document imaging system in the Clerk's office.
 - b. Memorandum requesting to carry over vacation hours to 2026 for Jeff King.
 - c. Memorandum requesting to carry over vacation hours to 2026 for Fliberto Ontiveros.
 - d. **Resolution No. 12225** in the matter of reviewing 2025 equipment rates for the Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund #504.
 - e. Agreement (**C22125**) with Advanced Security and Electrical Technology, Inc. to provide monitoring, cloud, smart services and communication services to Klickitat County.
 - f. Notice to Contractors to advertise for the Bundle #2 – Preventative Maintenance - Bearing Repairs Project, CRP 378.

- g. Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill a vacant position of Senior Traffic Engineering Technician in the Public Works Department, Goldendale location.
- h. Memorandum requesting to carry over vacation hours to 2026 for Scott Edelman.
- i. **Resolution No. 12325** in the matter of providing a grant to the Port of Klickitat to enhance economic development opportunities.
- j. Memorandum of understanding between Klickitat County and Port of Klickitat (**C22225**).
- k. **Resolution No. 12425** in the matter of providing a grant to the City of White Salmon to enhance economic development opportunities.
- l. Memorandum of understanding between Klickitat County and City of White Salmon (**C22325**).
- m. Amendment No. 2 (**C22425**) to agreement no. TCPIPG-2325-KICoED-00061 between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and Klickitat County Economic Development for the Klickitat Mill Site.
- n. Approval to purchase Annual Renewal of Evidence Software Subscription with FileOnQ for Sheriff's Office.
- o. **Resolution No. 12525** in the matter of adjusting wages for Regular Employees, Contract Employees and Elected Officials.
- p. **Resolution No. 12725** in the matter of appointment to the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge Authority.
- q. **Resolution No. 12625** in the matter of appointment to the Veterans Advisory Board.
- r. ~~Joint Resolution of the Clark County Council and the Boards of County Commissioners for Klickitat and Skamania Counties relating to the appointment of trustees to the Fort Vancouver Regional Library.~~
- s. Concurrence to Award Bid – Wood Gulch Bridge Preventative Maintenance, CRP 388.

1:21 PM PAYROLL WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$537,395.47 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$834,737.44 for the date ending December 15, 2025.

1:22 PM PAY ESTIMATE

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate #1 and final for the Klickitat County Courthouse HVAC replacement project 2025, to All Season's Heating and Airconditioning in the amount of \$67,520.75.
- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate #1 for the Curve Warning Signs & Guideposts, CRP 381, to Construction Ahead, Inc. dba Pavement Surface Control in the amount of \$175,664.86.

1:25 PM NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Ihrig updated the Board on the travel reimbursement policy and made a recommendation that the Board approve Commissioner Andrew's October travel.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Ihrig. Passed Unanimously):** To approve Commissioner Andrews October travel.

WHITE SALMON VALLEY POOL UPDATE METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT UPDATE

Steve Harris and Lily Von Mosch from the White Salmon Valley Pool District updated the Board on the White Salmon Valley Pool plans and funding.

1:50 PM CONSENT AGENDA ITEM R

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To concur and adopt the Joint Resolution of the Clark County Council and the Boards of County Commissioners for Klickitat and Skamania Counties relating to the appointment of trustees to the Fort Vancouver Regional Library.

1:53 PM UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board had a discussion on the Proposed Public Defender and Indigent Defense Coordinator Services Contract for 2026-2028.

1:55 PM COMMISSIONERS MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioner Zoller and Columbia River Gorge Commission Member Rodger Nichols updated the Board on the December 16, 2025 Columbia River Gorge Commission meeting.

Chairman Ihrig updated the Board on his meeting with the City of Goldendale involving discussions of the animal shelter, court services and 1115 Waiver for the jail.

2:17 PM RECESS Chairman Ihrig called for a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 2:27 PM.

2:29 PM CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Ihrig announced the board would be going into closed session with County Administrator Robb Van Cleave and HR Director KC Sheridan in accordance with RCW 41.30.140(4)(a) to discuss collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement. Chairman Ihrig announced the Board would be in closed session for twenty (20) minutes, ending at 2:59 PM. At 2:57 PM the Board extended closed session for twenty (20) minutes, ending at 3:09 PM.

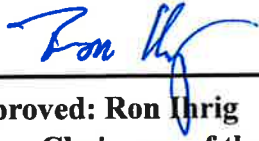
3:10 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ihrig announced the Board would be going into executive session with County Administrator Robb Van Cleave and HR Director KC Sheridan in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. Chairman Ihrig announced they would be in executive session for twenty (20) minutes, ending at 3:30 PM. At 3:30 PM the Board extended executive session for twenty (20) minutes, ending at 3:50 PM. At 3:50 PM the Board extended executive session for ten (10) minutes, ending at 4:00 PM.

4:00 PM MOTION TO ADJORN

- **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.



Approved: Ron Ihrig
Chairman of the Board



Date