



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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MEETING MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 beginning at 9:00 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 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – POTTS & ASSOCIATES

Lobbyist Zak Kennedy gave an update on Washington State Legislator.

9:20 RECESS Chairman Ihrig called for a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 9:30 AM.

9:30 AM PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter 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. The Board had a discussion on the Dallesport Park plan.

10:03 AM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

County Administrator Robb Van Cleave and updated the Board on the Department update schedule, Samsara Contract, Department of Corrections Interlocal Contracts and upcoming meetings.

Administrator Van Cleave requested and received verbal approval to transfer Emergency Management functions to Public Works, effective January 16, 2026. It was noted that 911 Communications will operate as its own independent department, and a proposal was discussed to rename the department "KE Comm."

10:41 AM RECESS Chairman Ihrig called for a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 10:51 AM.

10:51 AM COMMISSIONER GOALS FOR 2026

The Board discussed their top priorities for the 2026 calendar year and came to a consensus for the priorities of 2026 to be the Budget, Short Term Rentals/Accessory Dwelling Units, Code Compliance, Fire Risk and Management, Recourse Land Recovery and Childcare.

11:40 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.

1:01 PM ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2026 CALENDER YEAR

The Board had a discussion on nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman for the 2026 calendar year.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S,Ihrig. Passed unanimously):** To nominate Ron Ihrig as Chairman for the 2026 year
- **Approved (M/Zoller, S,Ihrig. Passed unanimously):** To nominate Todd Andrews as Vice Chairman for the 2026 year.

1:10 PM BUSINESS AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Business Agenda as presented.

1:10 PM COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Commissioner meeting minutes for December 30, 2025 as presented.

1:11 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Warren Williams
Tom Binder
Rodger Nichols
Gabrielle Gilbert

1:22 PM CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the consent agenda as presented.
 - a. **Resolution No. 00126** to improve the following projects: Guardrail Upgrades, CRP 390, Fish Hatchery Rd Culvert, CRP 391, Old Hwy 8-Slide Repair, CRP 392, Middle Road. CRP 393, Bickleton Hwy, CRP 394, Pine Creek Bridge, Rail Retrofit, CRP 397, Guardrail upgrades, CRP 329, Curve Warning Sign Upgrades, RP 399.
 - b. **Resolution No. 00226** in the matter of Awarding Lodging Tax revenues.
 - c. 2026 Lodging Tax Tourism Promotion Grants (**C00126 Greater Goldendale Area Chamber of Commerce, C00226 Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce, C00326 Alder Creek Pioneer Association, C00426 ABATE of Washington, C00526 Maryhill Museum of Art, C00626 Broken Spur Youth Rodeo, C00726 Klickitat County Fair Board**).
 - d. Behavioral Health DCR Contracts Amendment (**C00826 Albin, C00926 Barker, C01026 Burns, C01126 Villeneuve**).
 - e. Health Department WIC Contracts Addendum (**C01226 Caven, C01326 Cramer**).
 - f. 2026 Economic Development Support Service agreement between Klickitat County and Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce. The start date of the agreement is January 1, 2026 and the end date is December 31, 2026. The cost reimbursement is not to exceed the budgeted amount of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000) (**C01526**).

- g. 2026 Economic Development Support Service agreement between Klickitat County and Greater Goldendale Area Chamber of Commerce. The start date of the agreement is January 1, 2026 and the end date is December 31, 2026. The cost reimbursement is not to exceed the budgeted amount of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000) (C01426).

1:24 PM RECESS Chairman Ihrig called for a six (6) minute recess, reconvening at 1:30 PM.

1:30 PM BID OPENING – PUBLIC WORKS

Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Business Park Training Facility Project with an Engineer's Estimate in the amount of \$3,087,000.00. Commissioner Andrews opened two (2) bid proposals from the following entities with all Bid Bonds present:

Company	Total Base Bid	Total Bid
Crestline Construction	\$3,330,100	\$3,681,273
Griffen Construction	\$2,999,090	\$3,295,572

1:37 PM NEW BUSINESS

The Board had a discussion on Board and Committee appointments and agreed to reappoint to their current Boards and Committees.

1:52 PM MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/COMMENTS

County Administrator Robb Van Cleave and the Board had a discussion on scheduling and planning workshops for 2026.

Chairman Ihrig updated the Board on the swearing in of Rebecca Cranston as Klickitat County Prosecuting Attorney and requested that the Board sign the Certificate of Appointment.

2:11 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

Todd Andrews

01/13/2026

Date