



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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MEETING MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 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 Todd Andrews and Commissioner Lori Zoller were present, Chairman Ihrig was absent.

9:34 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.

9:45 AM PUBLIC DEFENDER UPDATE

Public Defender Lori Hocht had a discussion with the Board on the process of hiring another Public Defender.

9:55 AM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

County Administrator Robb Van Cleave updated the Board on the expiration of county vehicle software with Samsara and requested and received verbal approval to renew the contract. HR Director KC Sheridan updated the board on the advertised HR Administrator I, II or III position and requested and received verbal approval to add Civil Service duties to the advertisement and convert the position to full-time. Emergency Management Director Jeff King and County Administrator Robb Van Cleave updated the Board on staffing concerns and received verbal approval from the Board to contract with Motivations to hire temporary dispatch employees.

10:23 CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Andrews announced the Board would be going into Closed Session with County Administrator Robb Van Cleave in accordance with RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations. Commissioner Andrews announced the Board would be in closed session for twenty (25) minutes, ending at 10:48 AM. At 10:48 AM the Board extended closed session for a period of five (5) minutes, ending at 10:53 AM.

10:52 AM RECESS Commissioner Andrews called for an eight (8) minute recess, reconvening at 11:00 AM.

11:00 EXECUTIVE SESSION – PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Commissioner Andrews announced the Board would be going into Executive Session with Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Cranston in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(i) to discuss potential litigation. Commissioner Andrews announce the Board would be in executive session for five (5)

minutes, ending at 11:05 AM. At 11:05 AM the Board extended executive session for a period of five (5) minutes, ending at 11:10 AM.

11:10 Commissioner Andrews called the meeting back to order.

HR Director KC Sheridan and Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Cranston requested and received verbal approval to advertise for an entry level Legal Administrative Assistant I or II.

The Board had a discussion with Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Cranston regarding the hiring of outside legal counsel for Land Use Planning.

11:52 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

Commissioner Todd Andrews and Commissioner Lori Zoller were present. Chairman Ron Ihrig was absent.

1:01 PM BUSINESS AGENDA

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

1:01 PM COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Commissioner meeting minutes for January 6, 2026 as presented.

1:02 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Hancock
Rodger Nichols
Wes Long
Joanna Turner
Mathew Leffler
Ryan Ernst
Carmen Knopes
Gabrielle Gilbert
Tim Johnson
Will Altig

1:30 PM BID OPENING

Bundle #2 Preventative Maintenance – Bearing Repairs, CRP 378 with an Engineers Estimate in the amount of \$1,159,975.00. Commissioner Zoller opened ten (10) bid proposals from the following entities with all Bid Bonds present. 9 of the 10 bid proposals had both Addendums No. 1 and No. 2 acknowledged:

Lee Contractors	\$905,886.00
Granite Construction	\$899,307.00
Quigg Brothers	\$1,564,503.00
Stellar J Corporation	\$962,256.00
Selland Construction	\$1,351,303.00
Massana Construction	\$1,783,225.00

Combined Construction	\$1,200,718.00
Selby Bridge Co.	\$1,127,645.00
MJ Hughes Construction	Non-Responsive
Western United Civil Group	\$1,079,733.00

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** To return the bids to Public Works department for further review and evaluation, and that the department provide the Board with a formal recommendation upon completion of their review.

1:46 PM County Administrator Robb Van Cleave requested and received verbal approval to rename the Klickitat County Emergency Management Department “Klickitat Emergency Communications Department”.

1:47 PM PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING

Commissioner Andrews opened the Public Hearing. Planning Director Scott Edelman updated the Board on the proposed fee schedule changes.

Public Testimony

Andrew Smyth

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To direct staff to draft an ordinance to amend the 2026 Planning Fee Schedule as proposed with the adjustment noted in board deliberation.

2:00 PM Commissioner Andrews closed the Public Hearing.

2:00 PM CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the consent agenda as presented.
 1. Tyler Technology Software as a Service Agreement to update the Jury Management System **(C01626)**.
 2. Approval of the Small Works Contract with Mountiandale Maintenance for “Janitorial Services 2026-2028” for Klickitat County **(C01726)**.
 3. Execute the Contracts and Contract Bonds – Snowden Road Overlay, CRP 386, Federal Aid No. STBGR – B201(005), Contract No. TA – 8332, with Granite Construction Company **(C01826)**.
 4. Approval of the Small Works Contract with Pray Electric and Construction LLC for “2026-2027 Klickitat County On-Call Electrical Services” **(C01926)**.
 5. SubRecipient Agreement for Community Development Block Grant with WGAP **(C02026)**.
 6. Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bingen and Klickitat County for District Court Services for West District Court **(C02126)**.
 7. Execute the Contract and Contract Bonds – Wood Gulch Bridge Preventative Maintenance, CRP 388 **(C02226)**.
 8. **Resolution No. 00426** in the matter of designation of Designated Crisis Responders.
 9. **Resolution No. 00526** in the Matter of Reappointment of Members to the Klickitat Lead Entity Technical Committee.

10. Reappointment of Commissioner Lori Zoller to various Boards and Committees representing Klickitat County as follows:
 - a. **Resolution No. 00626** to reappoint Commissioner Zoller to the Landfill Gas Improvement Committee, effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.
 - b. **Resolution No. 00726** to reappoint Commissioner Zoller to serve on the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Board for the remainder of elected term.
 - c. Designation of Commissioner Zoller to serve as Klickitat County's representative and Sharon Carter, Senior Service Director, an alternate member to the Southwest Washington Agency on Aging and Disabilities Council of Government Board for 2026.
11. Reappointment of Commissioner Todd Andrews to various Boards and Committees representing Klickitat County as follows:
 - a. Designation of Commissioner Andrews to serve as Klickitat County's representative to the Workforce Development Council for the 2026 calendar year.
 - b. **Resolution No. 00826** reappointing Commissioner Andrews for the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Board for the 2026 calendar year.

PAYROLL WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$1,841,587.59 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$927,679.53 for the date ending January 12, 2026.

2:02 PM NEW BUSINESS

The Board had a discussion with Planning Director Scott Edelman regarding clean-up plans and requirements with local wind turbine sites.

The Board had a discussion on Community Benefit grants.

2:15 PM UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Planning Director Scott Edelman updated the Board on the vacant positions on the Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission.

4:11 PM MOTION TO RECESS

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** To recess until 9:30 AM on Thursday, January 15, 2026 for workshop.

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FLAGPOLE DISCUSSION, 2026 PROPOSED WORKSHOP TOPICS, PROBATION SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY LUNCHEON PLANNING WORKSHOP

9:30 AM Chairman Ihrig called the Workshop to order.

In attendance: Chairman Ron Ihrig, Commissioner Lori Zoller, Commissioner Todd Andrews, Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, County Engineer Seth Scarola, Scott Robinson, Ty Ross, Chief Probation Officer Courtney Cook, Judge Hansen, HR Director KC Sheridan, County Administrator Robb Van Cleave, Planning Director Scott Edelman, Economic Development Specialist Chelsey Jones, Goldendale Citizen Andrew Smyth.

9:30 AM FLAGPOLE DISCUSSION

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Scott Robinson and Ty Ross updated the Board on the estimated flag expenses per year.

10:16 AM PROBATION SERVICES

Chief Probation Officer Courtney Cooke and Judge Hansen had a discussion with the Board on advertising for a full-time probation services position. The Board agreed to advertise February 1, 2026 with the goal of hire for April 1, 2026.

10:32 AM PUBLIC SAFETY LUNCHEON PLANNING

The Board had a discussion on scheduling the Public Safety Luncheon and planning on quarterly meetings rather than monthly.

10:43 AM Chairman Ihrig called for a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 10:53 AM.

10:53 AM PROPOSED WORKSHOP TOPICS

Planning Director Scott Edelman presented proposed workshops to the Board, the Board continued discussion on other workshops for the 2026 calendar year.

12:20 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