



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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February 10, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 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 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.

9:41 AM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

County Administrator Robb Van Cleave requested and received verbal approval to advertise for the BESS Moratorium Public Hearing on March 3, 2026 at 1:30 PM. Administrator Van Cleave updated the Board on Consent Agenda items, Unfinished Business, attended meetings and workshops, travel and collective bargaining.

9:56 AM Chairman Ihrig provided an update and the Board had discussions on Washington State Legislation.

10:37 AM LUNCH

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. 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 BUSINESS AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Business Agenda with the addition of a credit card increase for the Auditor's office under Unfinished Business.

1:02 PM COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Commissioner meeting minutes for February 3, 2026 as presented.

1:02 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Rodger Nichols

1:06 PM CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the consent agenda as presented.
 1. Contract Agreement with Thompson Reuters CLEAR Service for the Coroner's Office (C04126)
 2. Klickitat County Opioid Settlement Funds Partner Agreement with SWACH (C04226)
 3. Code Compliance Authorization to Purchase for State Bid/Contract 2026 Dodge Durango
 4. **Resolution No. 01526** in the matter of adopting amendment to Appendix 4 of the overall Economic Development Strategic Plan
 5. Final Acceptance and Release of Retainage for White Plastic Edge line Project State Aid No. HLP-2020(053), Contract No. TA_7978. CRP 320, to Specialized Pavement Marking, LLC in the amount of \$10,163.70
 6. Execute the Contracts and Contract Bonds – CGCC AMT Facility Project (C04326)
 7. **Resolution No. 01626** Petition as filed by Klickitat County Fire Protection District #8 requesting annexation of certain properties into their boundaries
 8. Request to Schedule a public hearing for the revision of speed limits on certain county roads
 9. Local Agency Supplemental Agreement #7 with GN Northern, Inc. for on-call Geotechnical Engineering Services (C04426)
 10. Local Agency Agreement Supplement for the Bundle #1 – Preventative Maint. – Expansion Joint Repair Project, CRP 377. (C04526)
 11. Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus for the Bundle #1 – Preventative Maint. – Expansion Joint Repair Project, CRP 377.
 12. **Resolution No. 01726** Appointments and designations to the Washington Counties Risk Pool
 13. Personnel Authorization to hire Case Manager in Adult Probation

1:06 PM PAYROLL WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$316,347.36 for the date ending February 9, 2026.

1:07 PM NEW BUSINESS

The Board had a discussion on the resignation of Chuck Virts and the appointment of Ryan Kreps to the EMS District 3 Board.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To appoint Ryan Kreps to the Klickitat County EMS District No. 3 position No. 1.

1:10 PM UNFINISHED BUSINESS

County Administrator Robb Van Cleave updated the Board on the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport T-Hangar funding security with the City of The Dalles.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed Unanimously):** To approve and sign the assurance agreement for the dollars through MCCED for the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Public T-hangars.

The Board had a discussion on a one-time credit limit increase for the auditor's office from \$2,000 to \$6,000.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To approve a one-time credit limit increase for the Auditor's Office.

1:48 PM RECESS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To recess until 1:00 PM on Thursday, February 12, 2026 for a Workshop.

WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 12, 2026

CAYENTA PROJECT EXTENSION COST, SHORT TERM RENTAL VACATION ORDINANCE, PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS AND HIRING OF OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL.

1:03 PM Chairman Ihrig called the meeting to order.

In attendance: Chairman Ron Ihrig, Commissioner Lori Zoller, Commissioner Todd Andrews, Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Auditor Heather Jobe, County Administrator Robb Van Cleave, Chief Deputy Assessor Jessica Byers, Building Department Director Lynn Ward, Budget Manager Heather Gallagher, Community Development Director Scott Edelman, Environmental Health Manager David Kavanaugh, Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Cranston, Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Director of Finance & Administrative Services Pam Beierle, County Engineer Seth Scarola, Code Compliance Officer Jorge Sendejas, Natural Resources Specialist Keaton Curtice and Klickitat County citizens, Dave Barta, Lisa Evans, Erin Hartford and Andrew Smyth.

1:03 PM CAYENTA PROJECT EXTENSION COST

Auditor Heather Jobe updated the Board on the purpose of the change order for the Cayenta software project. The change order would extend the project schedule, project budget, and payment schedule. The Board expressed agreement to move forward with the change order, and Auditor Jobe stated a packet would be submitted for the Consent Agenda.

1:55 PM Chairman Ihrig left the workshop to attend another meeting.

2:00 PM SHORT TERM RENTAL VACATION ORDINANCE

Director Scott Edelman presented the draft Short-Term Rental regulations and discussed review of the draft in preparation for a public hearing. Discussion included potential software to assist with tracking, estimated staff time, violations, application fees, and public comments related to the draft.

2:10 PM PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS

The Board discussed the process for Public Records Requests (PRRs), including a proposal to designate one employee to intake all requests. Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Cranston participated in discussion regarding process and legal considerations associated with PRRs.

2:35 PM HIRING OF OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL

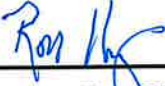
Prosecuting Attorney Cranston also updated the Board on the hiring status of outside legal counsel to assist with the Shoreline Management Plan and Land Use planning. She reported she was awaiting a response regarding contract renewal terms, hourly rates, and estimated costs for outside counsel.

2:45 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