



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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FEBRUARY 17, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 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. Chairman Ron Ihrig was present. Commissioner Todd Andrews and Commissioner Lori Zoller were absent.

9:00 AM POTTS & ASSOCIATES

Lobbyist Zak Kennedy provided an update on the Washington State Legislation.

9:02 AM Commissioner Todd Andrews joined the meeting.

9:21 AM RECESS Chairman Ihrig called for a nine (9) minute recess, reconvening at 9:30 AM.

9:30 AM Commissioner Lori Zoller joined the meeting.

9:31 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.

9:39 AM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

County Administrator Robb Van Cleave provided an update on email compromises, alarm systems, AI policy, labor relations, radio, and Senior Services.

9:54 AM Chairman Ihrig called for a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 10:04 AM.

10:04 AM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Community Development Director Scott Edelman updated the Board on Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, Comprehensive Plan, Economic Development, Code Enforcement, Natural Recourses, the Building Department and upcoming workshops.

10:18 AM PROSECUTING ATTORNEY UPDATE

Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Cranston, County Administrator Robb Van Cleave and Community Development Director Scott Edelman had a discussion with the Board on the hiring of outside counsel and priorities.

10:30 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION – PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Chairman Ihrig 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. Chairman Ihrig announced the board would be in executive session for twenty (20) minutes, ending at 10:50 AM.

10:51 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 as presented. With the addition of three letters in support of the White Salmon Valley Pool, Skyline Hospital and Washington Counties Risk pool under New Business.

1:02 PM COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Commissioner meeting minutes for February 10, 2026 as presented.

1:02 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Moco
Rodger Nichols
Joanna Turner
Andrew Smyth
Gabrielle Gilbert

1:17 PM CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the consent agenda as presented.
 1. Personnel Authorization to advertise for a Payroll Analyst in the Auditor's office
 2. Certificate of appreciation for Klickitat County EMS Board of Directors
 3. **Resolution No. 01826** in the matter of appointing an alternate Commissioner to the Klickitat County Water Conservancy Board
 4. **Resolution No. 01926** in the matter of verifying the list of Assets for 2025 and directs the Auditor of Klickitat County to file such as public record
 5. Memorandum requesting to carry over vacation hours to 2026 for Mackenzie Coleman
 6. Local Agency A&E Professional Services Agreement #3 for "Goldendale Fuel Station" (C04626)

1:19 PM PAYROLL WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$414,865.33 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$890,498.70 for the date ending February 17, 2026.

1:20 PM NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed and agreed to sign the three (3) letters in support of the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District, Skyline Health and Washington Counties Risk Pool.

1:26 PM UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Senior Services Director Sharron Carter requested and received verbal approval for a hiring freeze exemption to advertise for a Casual Driver position within Senior Services.

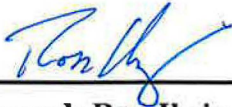
1:43 PM MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/COMMENTS

The Board had discussions on City Court Services Contract and upcoming Republic Services contracts.

2:22 PM MOTION TO ADJORN

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