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February 24, 2026
MEETING MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 24, 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 and Commissioner Lori Zoller were present. Commissioner Todd Andrews was absent.

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.

9:32 AM Commissioner Todd Andrews joined the meeting via Zoom.

9:49 AM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

County Administrator Robb Van Cleave updated the Board on Consent Agenda items, Washington State Legislator, Coroner's Office, Department of Corrections and IT Department.

9:58 AM Chairman Ihrig called for a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 10:08 AM.

10:08 AM PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Public Health Director Erinn Quinn updated the Board on funding, Consent Agenda items, events and training, Environmental Health, court hearings, community outreach and Behavioral Health.

10:25 AM Community Development Director Scott Edelman and Building Director Lynn Ward had a discussion with the Board on the SmartGov/Granicus software. Director Ward requested and received verbal approval to renew the contract with Granicus.

10:43 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.

1:03 PM BUSINESS AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Business Agenda with the addition of Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

(EFSAC) appointee under New Business and the addition of the Flag Pole discussion after Public Comment.

1:04 PM COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Commissioner meeting minutes for February 17, 2026 as presented.

1:04 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Robinson
Rodger Nichols
Andy Kallihan
Anthony Rizzi
Dave West
Gabrielle Gilbert
Bob Songer
Delmar Eldred
Teresa Babler
Riley Ross
Andrew Smyth
Jack Sutton
Angie Moore
Susan Marlo

1:43 PM The Board had a discussion on the proposed flagpole.

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller, Nay/ Ihrig. Passed):** To approve construction of the flagpole.

2:07 PM CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the consent agenda, removing item 2 and item 4 for further discussion.
  1. First Amendment to Airport Management Agreement for the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport **(C05026)**
  2. ~~Klickitat County Cayenta Enterprise Change Order Request~~
  3. Local Agency Supplemental Agreement #2 with Bell Design Company for on-call Surveying Services **(C04826)**
  4. ~~Memorandum of Agreement between Klickitat County and Washington State University Extension for Extension related programs available in Klickitat County funds for 2026~~
  5. Personnel Authorization to advertise for a Van/Bus Driver in Senior Services
  6. Notice to Contractors to advertise for the 2026 Annual Striping Program, RN 642-26
  7. Execute the Contracts and Contract Bonds – Bundle Preventative Maintenance, Deck Expansion Joint Repair CRP 376, BHOS-2020(052), Contract No. TA-7808 & TA-7806 **(C05126)**
  8. Behavioral Health Contract Addendum – Cramer **(C04926)**
  9. Health Department Request for Hosting Approval
  10. 2026 Fund 125 Project List

11. Local Agency Supplemental Agreement #7 with Applied Archeological Research, Inc. for on-call Archeological Services

The Board had a discussion on Memorandum of Agreement between Klickitat County and Washington State University Extension for Extension related programs available in Klickitat County funds for 2026.

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** To approve Memorandum of Agreement between Klickitat County and Washington State University Extension for Extension related programs available in Klickitat County funds for 2026. **(C04726)**

2:10 PM PAYROLL WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of $363,935.53 for the date ending February 23, 2026.

2:11 PM NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Greg Gallagher updated the Board on foreclosure and surplus property sales. Treasurer Gallagher and the Board had a discussion on Washington State Legislative updates.

2:36 PM The board had a discussion on the Klickitat County Cayenta Change Order Request

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** To approve Klickitat County Cayenta Change Order Request on the Consent Agenda.

The Board had a discussion on filling a vacant position for a Klickitat County representative to the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) Board.

2:57 PM RECESS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To recess until 9:30 AM on Thursday, February 26, 2026 for a Workshop.

WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 26, 2026

9:33 AM Commissioner Todd Andrews, Commissioner Lori Zoller, Economic Development Specialist Chelsey Jones, Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, County Engineer Seth Scarola, Economic Development Specialist Chelsey Jones, Economic Development/Natural Resources Specialist Keaton Curtice, Community Development Director Scott Edelman, Code Compliance Officer Jorge Sendejas, County Administrator Robb Van Cleave and many other Klickitat County citizens.

9:37 AM Chairman Ihrig joined the meeting following his attendance at the Legislative Steering Committee meeting.

Dana Peck Remembrance Plaque

The Board discussed placement of the Dana Peck remembrance plaque. The Board agreed to place the plaque temporarily in the foyer of the Economic Development Office. Public Works is currently developing a policy outlining criteria for the placement of plaques within County buildings, including what is permitted and what is not. Once the policy is in place, the Board will revisit the discussion regarding permanent placement at a future scheduled workshop.

9:57 AM Chairman Ihrig called for a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 10:07 AM.

Economic Development Priorities
Community Development Director Scott updated the Board on Economic Development staffing, departmental guidance, and overall program direction. Specialist Jones reviewed current and upcoming initiatives, including development of a more comprehensive Business Retention and Expansion Plan to better support local businesses. The department also expressed interest in hosting workshops and strengthening direct business engagement. Additional priorities discussed included improving efficiency with limited staff, workforce development and job fairs, partnerships with business and industry to connect with students, coordination with KCPEDA, the .09 loan program, Opportunity Zone opportunities in Goldendale, the Port of Klickitat, and the aluminum site, marketing efforts to attract new companies, and evaluation of workforce housing funding. The Board agreed the department is moving in the right direction with its identified priorities.

12:10 PM The Board discussed the request to sign a letter in support of SB 6231 and HB 2515 and reached a consensus to support the letter.

12:20 PM Recess for Lunch

1:03 PM Planning Commission Update – ADU Ordinance
Planning Commission Chairman Dave Barta and Commission Member Matt Chiles provided an update to the Board regarding the proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance and efforts to increase housing opportunities within Klickitat County. The Planning Commission members discussed the need for additional housing options and proposed revisions to make the ordinance more flexible and easier to navigate in order to encourage the construction of additional ADUs.

2:37 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.

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Approved: Ron Ihrig
Chairman of the Board

Date