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**MARCH 3, 2026
MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 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, and Commissioner Lori Zoller were present. Commissioner Todd Andrews was absent.

8:58 AM Commissioner Todd Andrews joined the meeting via Zoom.

9:00 AM POTTS & ASSOCIATES

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

9:16 AM Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Cranston requested and received verbal approval to advertise for a Deputy Prosecutor in the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

9:18 AM RECESS Chairman Ihrig called for a twelve (12) minute recess, reconvening at 9:30 AM.

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, Emergency Management, Solid Waste, events and other issues and follow-ups. Director Hunter requested and received verbal approval to submit an application in relation to the Klickitat County Fuel Island project.

10:00 AM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

County Administrator Robb Van Cleave updated the Board on the KODL radio schedule and Klickitat County 9-1-1 Dispatch communication software.

10:12 AM Chairman Ihrig called for a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 10:22 AM.

10:30 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION – PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Chairman Ihrig announced the Board would be going into Executive Session with Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Cranston, County Administrator Robb Van Cleave and HR Director KC Sheridan 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.

10:50 AM Chairman Ihrig called for a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 11:00 AM.

11:00 AM COLUMBIA GORGE REGIONAL AIRPORT UPDATE

Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Manager Jeff Reynard provided an update on CGRA Master Plan, meetings, development, funding and grants, T-Hangar and Water Main projects, flight numbers and fuel sales.

11:40 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 an Executive Session.

1:02 PM COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Commissioner meeting minutes for February 24, 2026 with two (2) amendments, being a Nay vote on the motion of the Flagpole made by Commissioner Ihrig and the explanation of Commissioner Ihrig attending a Legislative Steering Committee meeting during the February 26, 2026 Workshop.

1:03 PM PUBLIC COMMENT

Rodger Nichols
Brian Mattingly
Gabrielle Gilbert
Andrew Smyth

1:16 PM CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the consent agenda as presented.
 1. Contract amendment between Adult Probation and Washington Department of Corrections for purposes of updating contract information **(C05226)**
 2. Execute the Contract Retainage Bond for the Wood Gulch Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project, CRP 388.
 3. Professional Economic Development Services Agreement between Klickitat County Public Economic Development Authority and Klickitat County **(C05326)**
 4. Notice to Vendors to advertise for the 2026 Liquid Asphalt Purchase
 5. Notice to Contactors to advertise or the Guardrail Upgrades Project, CRP 390.
 6. Notice to Contractors to advertise for the Klickitat County Fuel Station Project
 7. Klickitat County Health Department 2025-2027 Consolidated Contract Amend #11 **(C05426)**
 8. Local Agency Agreement Supplement for the Bundle – Preventative Maint. – Deck Repair Project, CRP 376. **(C05526)**
 9. Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus for the Bundle – Preventative Maint. – Deck Repair Project, CRP 376.
 10. **Resolution No. 02026** in the matter of offering certain Real Property as Surplus & Sale by Public Auction
 11. **Resolution No. 02126** amending the matter of the sale of certain Tax Title Properties by Public Auction

1:16 PAY ESTIMATE

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate #1 to Stateline, LLC, Inc., for Wood Gulch Bridge Preventative Maintenance, CRP 388 in the amount of \$58,871.25.

1:17 PM PAYROLL WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$764,756.06 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$1,213,336.81 for the date ending March 2, 2026.

1:18 PM UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board had a discussion on Board applications received and approved the appointments of Jan Sokol to be the Klickitat County representative to the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council and Robert Cannon as an alternate member to the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge Authority.

1:23 PM MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/COMMENTS

1:31 PM PUBLIC HEARING – EXTENSION OF BESS MORATORIUM TO SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

Chairman Ihrig opened the Public Hearing. Community Development Director Scott Edelman updated the Board on the extension of a Moratorium and interim zoning controls for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).

Public Testimony

Brian Mattingly
Andrew Smyth
Gabrielle Gilbert
Russ Hanson

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the extension of **Resolution No. 09124** in the matter of extending a moratorium of the Klickitat Zoning controls in regards to the siting of installation, or development of battery energy storage systems (BESS) within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County until September 4, 2026.

1:46 PM Chairman Ihrig closed the Public Hearing.

1:46 PM NEW BUSINESS

Tammara Toppel, representing the Mt Adams Chamber of Commerce, provided the Board with updates on current grants, funding opportunities, ongoing projects and upcoming events.

Teja Hanna, representing the Greater Goldendale Area Chamber of Commerce, provided the Board with an update on visitor data, marketing initiatives, business support efforts and the outlook for 2026.

2:09 PM Chairman Ihrig called for a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 2:19 PM.

2:19 PM HR Director KC Sheridan requested and received verbal approval for a hiring freeze exemption to allow Public Works to advertise for the maintenance technician position at the Glenwood shop location.

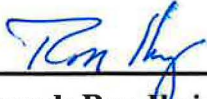
2:55 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Ihrig announced the Board would be going into Executive Session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance, discipline, and/or qualifications of a public employee. Chairman Ihrig announced the Board would be in executive session for thirty (30) minutes, ending at 3:25 PM. At 3:25 PM the Board extended Executive Session for a period of five (5) minutes, ending at 3:30 PM.

3:31 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



3.10.26

Date