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MEETING MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 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 DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter and County Engineer Seth Scarola provided an update on Consent Agenda items, construction and road design, maintenance projects on the west and east ends, upcoming facilities work, events, Solid Waste, and other follow-ups.

Human Resources Director KC Sheridan updated the Board on the additional duties of Public Works staff and a request for increased compensation for three employees, which was approved.

9:53 AM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ROBB VAN CLEAVE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

County Administrator Robb Van Cleave and KC Sheridan provided a brief overview of the bargaining contracts and upcoming consent agenda items. Budget Manager Heather Gallagher updated the Board on the call for the 1st quarter Supplemental Budget requests and the scheduling for the Public Hearing.

10:13 AM Chairman Ihrig called a ten (10) minute recess, reconvening at 10:23 AM.

10:33 AM COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION UPDATE

Columbia River Gorge Commissioner Valerie Fowler updated the Board on the Klickitat County Land Use Planner position and funding, staffing of three part-time planners, approval of Burdoin fire application completions, a new website, mandates, budget, and a recent resident-led initiative meeting.

Commissioner Fowler thanked Commissioner Zoller for all of her time well spent on assisting with the Gorge Commission.

10:54 AM Chairman Ihrig called a six (6) minute recess, reconvening at 11:00 AM.

11:00 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION- PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Chairman Ihrig announced the Board would be going into Executive Session with Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Cranston, Human Resources Director KC Sheridan, and County Administrator Robb Van Cleave in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(i) to discuss potential litigation for fifteen (15) minutes, ending at 11:15 AM. At 11:15 AM the Board extended executive session for a period of ten (10) minutes, ending at 11:25 AM. At 11:25 AM the Board

extended executive session for a period of ten (10) minutes, ending at 11:35 AM. At 11:35 AM the Board extended executive session for a period of five (5) minutes, ending at 11:40 AM.

11:40 AM LUNCH RECESS

- **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.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Business agenda with one (1) add-on under New Business being the appointment of a member to the Klickitat-Skamania Developmental Disabilities Advisory board.

COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Commissioner meeting minutes for March 31, 2026, as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roger Nichols

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Consent Agenda with twenty-two (22) items as presented.
1. Letter of Appreciation and **Resolution No. 02826** in the matter of reappointment of Marese Mitchell to the Senior Services Advisory Board.
 2. Letter of Appreciation and **Resolution No. 02926** in the matter of appointment of Debbie McDonald to the Senior Services Advisory Board
 3. Letter of Appreciation and **Resolution No. 03026** in the matter of reappointment of Chris Sokol to the Senior Services Advisory Board
 4. Priority Dispatch System Implementation and Subscription Agreement (**C07426**) with End User License Agreement
 5. Fee Waiver request for a Large Animal Nutrition Workshop on April 18, 2026, for the 4-H program in lieu of in-kind services.
 6. **Ordinance No. 0040726** approving procedural amendments related to accessory dwelling units (ADUs)
 7. **Resolution No. 03126** in the matter of providing a grant to Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation to provide for maintenance, operation and rental assistance
 8. (**Contract C07526**) between Klickitat County Economic Development Department and Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation for \$150,000 grant funded assistance for Maintenance, Operation and Rental Assistance provided from Affordable Housing funds.
 9. Concurrence to reject all bids for the Goldendale Fuel Facility project.
 10. Concurrence to reject all bids – Guardrail Upgrades, CRP 390.
 11. Concurrence to reject all bids for the Klickitat County Courthouse Exterior Wall Painting project.
 12. Concurrence to reject all bids for the Klickitat County Courthouse Exterior Wall and Stucco Replacement project.
 13. Local Agency Agreement (**C07626**) for the Pine Creek Bridge Rail Retrofit Project, CRP 395.

14. To consolidate the County Fairgrounds parcel and Fuel Island parcel into a single parcel.
15. Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus for the Pine Creek Bridge Rail Retrofit Project, CRP 395.
16. Approval to purchase 2026 Ram 1500 4WD Truck for the Solid Waste Department in the amount of \$44,977.89.
17. Behavioral Health Relias Renewal (C07726)
18. Professional Services Contract (C07826) between Klickitat County Department of Emergency Management and Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County
19. Notice to Contractors to advertise for the Klickitat County Courthouse Exterior Painting project.
20. Notice to Contractors to advertise for the Klickitat County Courthouse Exterior Wall and Stucco Replacement project.
21. Notice to Contractors to advertise for the Guardrail Upgrades Project, CRP 390.
22. 2026-2028 KC PW Road/Survey/B&G Crew and PW Supervisor Collective Bargained Agreements (C07926) (C08026)

PAYROLL WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$452,783.45 for the date ending April 6, 2026.

1:11 PM NEW BUSINESS

Director Jeff King updated the Board on National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Commissioner Andrews read a Proclamation, declaring April 12-18, 2026 National Public Safety Telecommunicators week in Klickitat County.

ADD-ON

Chairman Ihrig updated the Board on the application received for the vacant position on the Klickitat-Skamania Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Concurrence with Skamania County's proposal of the position of Jonna Wingert to the Klickitat Skamania Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.

1:24 PM Chairman Ihrig called a six (6) minute recess, reconvening at 1:30 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING-OPEN SPACE/OPEN SPACE LAND CLASSIFICATION

Chairman Ihrig opened the Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing regarding the Open Space/Open Space Application OS-OS-2025-01.

Assessor Billi Bare and Specialist Kaitlyn Washburn provided an update to the Board on the criteria, regulations and stipulations regarding approval and legality of the Open/Open Space applications.

Applicants Testimony

Dan and Michelle Spatz provided public Testimony on the Open Space/Open Space application

Public Testimony

Gabrielle Gilbert, in support
Roger Nichols, in support

Chairman Ihrig requested any clarification of the Board.

1:57 PM Chairman Ihrig closed verbal testimony.

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To move the application forward and continue the Public Hearing to Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 1:30 PM, and leave written testimony open until Friday, April 10, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

2:27 PM RECESS

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

WORKSHOP APRIL 9, 2026

In attendance: All three Commissioners were present. Economic Development Specialist Chelsey Jones, Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Budget Manager Heather Gallagher, County Administrator Robb Van Cleave, Community Development Director Scott Edelman, Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, County Engineer Seth Scarola, Director of Finance Pam Beierle, HR Director KC Sheridan, resident Andrew Smyth.

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

KLICKITAT MILL SITE

Specialist Chelsey Jones updated the Board on the Klickitat Mill Site and progress on the grant application regarding cleanup of the property. Treasurer Greg Gallagher updated the Board on the ownership of the Klickitat Mill Site property.

10:00 AM PUBLIC WORKS ORG CHART

Director of Finance Pam Beierle and Director Jeff Hunter presented the Public Works Org Chart. The Board had discussion on the org chart and the added positions. The Board agreed to have Staff reach out to the 3 City Mayors and see if they were available for a meeting to discuss the Emergency Management Operational Agreement.

11:33 AM COUNTY FACILITIES PLAQUE HANGING POLICY

Director of Finance Pam Beierle and Director Jeff Hunter presented the draft policy of hanging plaques in Klickitat County facilities. The Board agreed to designate the Mt. Adams room for plaques hanging and past Commissioner pictures to be hung on the 2nd floor outside of the Commissioners Chambers.

11:53 ADJOURN

- **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.

Ron Ihrig



Approved: Ron Ihrig

Chairman of the Board

04.14.2026

Date