



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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**APRIL 28, 2026
MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 28, 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.

9:31 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.

9:43 AM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ROBB VAN CLEAVE UPDATE

Administrator Robb Van Cleave updated the Board on the upcoming meetings for the Community Development Departments and the Department of Corrections.

9:46 AM FISCAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Budget Manager Heather Gallagher updated the Board on the Quarter 1 Budget Report.

10:13 AM Chairman Ihrig called a 17-minute recess, reconvening at 10:30 AM.

10:30 AM CHILDCARE WORKSHOP

Gabrielle Gilbert opened the workshop and facilitated introductions. Lynn Mason presented perspectives on model childcare centers. Gabrielle Gilbert and Lynn Mason reported on the tour of Families First Childcare Center in Boardman, OR, with Director Brenda Profitt. Katrina Bertsch presented best practices and requirements for high-quality childcare settings. Gabrielle Gilbert outlined challenges related to state regulations impacting home daycare providers, including licensing timelines, costs, and regulatory barriers. Gabrielle Gilbert identified gaps in preschool access in unincorporated communities, including Bickleton, Roosevelt, and Wishram. The Board and participants engaged in discussion on potential solutions, strategies, and community needs. Gabrielle Gilbert concluded the meeting with a summary, call to action, and acknowledgments.

12:16 PM 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 as presented.

COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2026, as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Bruce
Roger Nichols
Andrew Smyth
Gabrielle Gilbert

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Consent Agenda with sixteen (16) items.
 1. Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus for the Guardrail Upgrades Project, CRP 398.
 2. Local Agency Agreement (**C09126**) for the Guardrail Upgrades Project, CRP 398.
 3. Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus for the Curve Warning Sign Upgrades Project, CRP 399.
 4. Local Agency Agreement (**C09026**) for the Curve Warning Sign Upgrades Project, CRP 399.
 5. Concurrence to Award Bid – Guardrail Upgrades, CRP 390.
 6. Execute the Contracts (**C09226**) for 2026 Liquid Asphalt Purchase.
 7. Request to schedule Public Meeting for consideration of approval of short plat, SPL 2023-12, Griebel
 8. Personnel authorization to advertise for a Mechanic or Master Mechanic in the Public Works department.
 9. Washington State Military Department Grant Agreement (**C09326**) Number E26-249 with Emergency Management
 10. Camp Host Agreement (**C09426**) for Guler Mt. Adams County Park with Shellie Schaffer.
 11. Concurrence to award bid for the Klickitat County Courthouse Exterior Wall Repair & Stucco Replacement project
 12. Concurrence to award bid for the Klickitat County Courthouse Exterior Wall Painting project.
 13. **Resolution No. 03426** providing additional compensation to the Deputy Director of Finance and Administrative Services and Deputy Director of Facilities for performing work outside their classifications
 14. Local Agency Supplemental Agreement #8 (**C09526**) with Applied Archaeological Research, Inc. for on-call Archaeological Services.

15. 2025-26 Title VI, Non-Discrimination Accomplishments and Goals Report and Standard Assurances.
16. Klickitat County Health Department Meadow Outdoor Advertising Agreement

PAYROLL WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$198,609.67 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$1,269,527.05 for the date ending April 27, 2026.

COMMISSIONERS MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/COMMENTS

The Board discussed the possibility of establishing a summer internship program for graduating high school or college students within the Commissioner's Office. Following discussion, the Board directed staff to coordinate with Human Resources to prepare for advertising the internship position.

RECESS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To recess until 5:00 PM for a Workshop with the City Mayors to discuss the Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement.

5:00 PM Chairman Ihrig called the Workshop to order.

In attendance: All three Commissioners were present. White Salmon Mayor Marla Keethler, Bingen Mayor Kelsey, Goldendale Mayor David Jones, Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Director of Finance and Administrative Services Pam Beierle, Emergency Management Manager Frank Hewey and Klickitat County citizen Andrew Smyth.

There was discussion of the Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement between Klickitat County and the Cities, including the placement of Emergency Management within Public Works. The Board and Mayors reached consensus to revise the agreement for clarity and move forward with the current structure.

6:00 PM ADJOURN

- **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

05.5.2026

Date