



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**JUNE 16, 2026
MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 16, 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 updated the Board on department operations and upcoming projects.

9:44 AM HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Human Resources Director KC Sheridan updated the Board on the proposed Public Records Administrator position, including a draft resolution and organizational chart. The Board reached consensus to place the resolution on next week's Consent Agenda and authorized advertising for the position. Sheridan also reported that Civil Service responsibilities will transfer to Human Resources effective July 1, 2026.

10:04 AM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Community Development Director Scott Edelman complimented the leadership and all departments with the customer service provided. Director Edelman updated the Board on Public Portal training, Rentalscape Contract, Code Enforcement, Planning department, Planning Commission and the Economic Development and Natural Resources department.

10:16 AM Chairman Ihrig called a 10-minute recess, reconvening at 10:26 AM.

10:26 AM ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Adult Probation Officer Courtney Cooke updated the Board on the newly hired Case Manager, training, Caseload numbers, litter crew, regional caseload numbers, virtual treatment agreement, reimbursable grant funding, public record request fulfillments and budgetary requirements.

10:49 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.

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 June 2, 2026, as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Bruce
Rogen Nichols
Kathy Moco
Gabrielle Gilbert
Sheri Bousquet

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of the Consent Agenda with 6 items.
 1. **Resolution No. 05126** in the matter of providing a grant to the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport to enhance economic development opportunities.
 2. **Resolution No. 05225** in the matter of providing a grant to Klickitat Valley Health to enhance economic development opportunities.
 3. Sheriff Annual Purchase of Motorola Body-Worn Camera System, Motorola Portable Radios, and Lexipol Policies.
 4. Approval of Change Order No. 1 for the Klickitat County Courthouse Exterior Wall Painting project in the amount of \$84,573.35.
 5. Senior Nutrition Services Amendment No. 9 (**C12426**) between Senior Services and AAADSW
 6. MIPPA Agreement Amendment No. 1 (**C12526**) between Senior Services and AAADSW

PAY ESTIMATES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate 2 for CGCC AMT Facility in the amount of \$89,049.15.
- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Pay Estimate 1 for the Klickitat County Courthouse Exterior Wall Painting project in the amount of \$10,770.00

PAYROLL WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$371,190.30 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$911,333.15 for the date ending June 15, 2026.

1:25 PM Chairman Ihrig called a 5-minute recess, reconvening at 1:30 PM.

1:30 PM PUBLIC MEETINGS

Assistant Planner Rachel Fahlenkamp presented a brief overview of the consideration of approval of Short Plat SPL 2025-20; Verley

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- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Short Plat SPL2025-06.

Assistant Planner Rachel Fahlenkamp presented a brief overview of the consideration of approval of Short Plat, SPL 2024-10, Ferguson.

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Short Plat, SPL 2024-10.

NEW BUSINESS UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board had a discussion regarding the Fireworks Survey responses received. The Board directed Staff to reach out to the Fire Districts who have not responded.

2:13 PM MOTION TO RECESS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Recess until Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 9:30 AM for a workshop. One or more Commissioners may be participating may be participating in the KLCK Radio interview at 8:05 AM.

June 18, 2026 **Workshop**

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

In attendance: All three Commissioners were present. Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, County Engineer Seth Scarola, Senior of Finance and Management Pam Beierle, Building Department Director Lynn Ward, Auditor Heather Jobe, Finance Manager Heather Gallagher, Environmental Health Manager David Kavanaugh, and many Klickitat County citizens.

Dallesport Wastewater

Hunter updated the Board on the Dallesport Wastewater Treatment Plant operations, expenses, capitol and maintenance. Director Hunter presented the projected rate changes for the years 2026-2034. The Board had discussions of the need for a loan and possible grant funding for repairs. The Board agreed to hold the Dallesport Wastewater Rate Public Hearing in Dallesport in July.

10:09 AM Chairman Ihrig called a 15- minute recess, reconvening at 10:24 AM.

Code Enforcement

Community Development Director Scott Edelman updated the Board on the code enforcement discussion framework, including a summary of code cases and associated staff time. Code Enforcement Officer Jorge Sendejas presented a slideshow outlining the primary code enforcement issues, including RVs, unpermitted structures, hazardous structures, short-term rentals, unpermitted commercial uses and events, Conditional Use Permit violations, fire hazards, and storage units. The Board discussed potential fines with Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Cranston and directed staff to develop a recommendation for future Board consideration.

12:04 PM RECESS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To recess until 1:00 PM to return with the Code Enforcement discussion.

1:02 PM Chairman Ihrig reconvened the workshop.

Code Enforcement

The Board continued discussion with Compliance Officer Jorge Sendejas regarding the County's top code compliance complaints. The Board identified priority areas for further review, including code violation fines, the number of RVs permitted per property, and enforcement measures for long-term compliance issues, including stop work orders. Staff was directed to return with recommendations for future consideration.

2:23 PM Chairman Ihrig called a 10-minute recess, reconvening at 2:32 PM.

Fleet Vehicles/VRR

The Board discussed the County fleet and directed staff to research fleet policies from other counties, vehicle rental rates, and the potential purchase of an additional vehicle. The Board also discussed what types of vehicles should be included in the County fleet and requested additional information and recommendations for future consideration.

Call for Budgets Memo

The Board and Auditor Heather Jobe discussed the upcoming Call for Budgets and potential information to be requested from departments during the budget process. The Board provided input regarding items and requirements to be included in the Call for Budgets memo to assist departments in preparing their budget requests.

3:55 PM ADJOURN

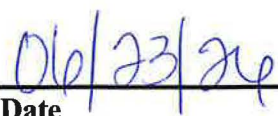
- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Ihrig. Passed unanimously)**

*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





Date

Chairman of the Board