



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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AUGUST 11, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 11, 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. Commissioners Ron Ihrig and Lori Zoller were present.

9:30 AM DEPARTMENT UPDATE - PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter and County Engineer Seth Scarola updated the Board on Consent Agenda items, Payment Approvals, Construction Program, Road Design, East and West end maintenance projects, upcoming work events, Emergency Management and Solid Waste. Director Hunter discussed the dog shelter with the Board and requested to extend the Grant into next year to construct the shelter. Director Hunter will compile a list of potential risks with moving forward. Sheriff Bob Songer and Karen Elings presented a document with information about the dog shelter.

9:41 AM Commissioner Andrews joined the meeting.

10:04 AM DEPARTMENT UPDATE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ROBB VAN CLEAVE

County Administrator Robb Van Cleave updated the Board on Community Development upcoming events, receipt of the audit for the Airport, and shared he would continue serving on the Risk Management Pool. Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Manager Jeff Renard joined via Zoom to update the Board on the airport hangar construction. Manager Renard presented current pictures of the hangar and announced construction is on track to be completed by September 1st of 2026. Human Resource Director KC Sheridan requested and received approval for the Sheriff's office hiring freeze exemption request and to post for their vacant front office position.

10:22 AM Chairman Ihrig called for an 8-minute recess reconvening at 10:30 AM.

10:30 AM EXECUTIVE SESSION- PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Cranston requested and received approval to hire a recent law school graduate as an intern. Attorney Cranston also shared a public records officer has been hired.

At 10:37 AM Chairman Ihrig announced the Board would be going into Executive Session with Attorney Cranston to discuss pending issues, some of which may qualify for Executive Session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss threatened and pending litigation. Issues of a general nature will be discussed in an open session. The Board will be in Executive Session for 15 minutes until 10:52 AM.

10:52 AM 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

BUSINESS AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Business Agenda with one addition being a Draft Klickitat County Interim Ordinance.

COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Commissioner meeting minutes for August 4th, 2026 as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

-Cathy Moco
-Rodger Nichols
-Gabrielle Gilbert
-Sheri Bosque
-Andrew Smith

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved (M/Zoller S/Andrews Passed unanimously): Approval of the Consent Agenda with three (3) items.

1. Amendment To WA State DOC And Klickitat County DOC Contract **(C16026)**
2. The Courthouse Lawn Agreement Between the Coalition Preventing Abuse in Klickitat County (CPAKC) And Klickitat County for The Use of The Courthouse Lawn for August 31 Through September 7, 2026 for Opioid Overdose Awareness Week. The Group Requests That the Fees Be Waived with The Understanding That They Will Set Up and Tear Down for Their Event. They Will Place Signs and Ribbons Along the Perimeter of The Lawn.
3. Senior Transportation Services Agreement Between AAADSW And KCSS **(C16126)**

PAYROLL WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$446,955.53 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$967,628.70 for the date ending August 10th, 2026.

1:30 PM PUBLIC MEETING

Associate Planner Rebecca Hale presented the Boundary Line Adjustment No. BLA2026-04 is a proposal to adjust the common property line between parcels 04-10-0219-1502/00 and 04-10-0219-1501/00 off of State Hwy 141, Winter Run Road. The proposed boundary line adjustment is located within a portion of Section 02, T4N, R10E, W.M., Klickitat County, WA in the BZ Corners vicinity.

- **Approval (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Boundary Line Adjustment BLS 2026-04, Volvovski.

1:38 PM Chairman Ihrig called for a 10-minute recess reconvening at 1:48 PM.

COMMISSIONERS MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/COMMENTS

Chairman Ihrig updated the Board on his meeting with Mayor Dave Jones and the email received regarding the Goldendale Observatory. The Commissioners office will be closed Friday the 14th for the Klickitat County Fair along with the Assessor's office who will be closed Thursday the 13th and Friday the 14th. The Commissioners will be serving dinner at the Klickitat County Fair Kick-off BBQ.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board had a discussion of a Draft Klickitat County Interim Ordinance and agreed to schedule a Workshop September 3rd, 2026 at 9:30 AM to discuss data centers and the dog shelter.

1:53 PM Chairman Ihrig called for a 5-minute recess reconvening at 1:58 PM

2:23 PM MOTION TO ADJOURN

- **(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.



Approved: Ron Ihrig

Chairman of the Board



8.18.26

Date