



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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MEETING MINUTES

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

9:30 AM DEPARTMENT UPDATE - PUBLIC WORKS

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, emergency management Solid Waste, and other follow-ups.

9:45 AM DEPARTMENT UPDATE - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ROBB VAN CLEAVE

County Administrator Robb Van Cleave provided an update on Consent Agenda items, jail healthcare, updates from Planning Department Director Scott Edelman, and an upcoming County Administrator Workshop July 30th, 2026.

9:55 AM RECESS

Chairman Ihrig called a 10-minute recess reconvening at 10:05 AM.

10:05 AM WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY - MICHAEL GAFFNEY & HARLEY CLEVER

4-H Program Coordinator Harley Clever presented a 4-H Annual Report to the Board, including details about club and volunteer enrollment statistics, increasing events for youth, current and upcoming events, a project breakdown, and sponsors throughout the county.

Washington State University Associate Director Micheal Gaffney announced WSU has revived a collegiate 4-H program and gave thanks to the Commissioners for their continued support of the 4-H program.

10:25 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

All three Commissioners were present.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Business Agenda as presented.

COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

- **Approved (M/Andrews, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Commissioner meeting minutes for July 21st, 2026 as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Bruce
- Gabrielle Gilbert
- Andrew Smith

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved (M/Zoller S/Andrews Passed unanimously): Approval of the Consent Agenda with seven (7) items.

1. Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus for The Bickleton Hwy Project, Crp 394.
2. Local Agency Agreement for The Bickleton Hwy Project, Crp 394. **(C15226)**
3. Resolution No. **05826** To Appoint Representatives for The City Representatives on The Solid Waste Advisory Committee.
4. Award And Execute a Two-Year Service Contract 2026-2028 For the Maintenance of Klickitat County Facility HVAC Systems. **(C15326)**
5. Authorization to Purchase Medical Equipment for Jail **(C15426)**
6. Memorandum Of Understanding Between Klickitat Valley Health Public Hospital District No. 1 (KVH) And Klickitat County Department of Corrections (KCDOC) Regarding Jail Nursing Services Funded Through the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant **(C15526)**
7. Lease Agreement Aviation Maintenance Training Hangar Columbia Gorge Regional Airport **(C15626)**

PAYROLL WARRANTS/PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants in the amount of \$185,448.07 and Payroll/Benefit Warrants in the amount of \$1,325,397.52 for the date ending July 27, 2026.

COMMISSIONERS MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS/COMMENTS

The Board discussed upcoming workshops on Thursday July 30, 2026 and August 20, 2026.

1:30 PM PUBLIC MEETING

Senior Planner Lori Anderson presented the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of the above referenced zone and comprehensive plan designation change. Rezone of approximately 56.84 acres from General Rural (5-acre minimum lot size) to Suburban Residential (20,000 sq ft minimum lot size). No specific site development is proposed at this time.

- **Approval (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** Approval to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation of Zone Change Request: Zon 2026-01.

1:50 RECESS

- **Approved (M/Zoller, S/Andrews. Passed unanimously):** To recess until Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 12:00 PM for a workshop.

WORKSHOP THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026

12:00 PM - Chairman Ihrig called the meeting to order.

In attendance: Commissioners Ron Ihrig, Todd Answers, and Lori Zoller were present. County Engineer Seth Scarola, Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, 9-1-1 Dispatch Director Jeff King, Community Development Director Scott Edelman, Budget Manager Heather Gallagher, Undersheriff Carmen Knopes, Deputy Director of Finance and Administrative Services Pam Beierle, County Clerk Renea Campbell, Human Resources Director KC Sheridan, many other county employees, and local community members were also present.

12:00 PM - COUNTY POLICIES

Auditor Heather Jobe opened discussion with the County Credit Card Policy and suggested raising the limit to \$3,500 from \$2,000. Jobe continued discussion into Travel, Procurement, Visa, and Vehicle Policies. The Board agreed the fleet guidelines and travel policies will be revisited and revised and thanked Auditor Jobe.

1:20 PM Commissioner Ihrig called for a 10-minute recess reconvening at 1:30 PM.

1:30 PM - 911 DISPATCH MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE

Administrator Robb Van Cleave presented to the Board a summary of a document detailing 911 Director Jeff King's options and suggestions on ways to restructure the 9-1-1 Dispatch Department. Undersheriff Carmen Knopes also presented projected numbers in the year 2030 to show support in hiring communication officers and bring awareness to the Board. Chairman

Ihrig discussed sustainable funding and options and the Board agreed on the idea of a review of the department moving forward to get a strategic plan.

3:05 PM Chairman Ihrig called for a 10-minute recess reconvening at 3:15 PM

3:15 PM - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The Board opened discussion about the County Administrator position and weighed the options of carrying the position over into the next year. Human Resource Manager KC Sheridan presented a job description draft of the County Administrator Position. The Board discussed moving forward with job listing and Director Sheridan will formally request to advertise for the position during the August 4, 2026 BOCC Meeting.

4:09 PM – 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.



Approved: Ron Ihrig

Chairman of the Board



Date