

**Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, March 30, 2021**

Topic	Agenda Item - Comment/Disposition
	Call to Order/Roll Call
Morning Workshop Session – Tuesday, March 30, 2021	Chairman David M. Sauter called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Commissioners present: David M. Sauter, Jacob L. Anderson, and Dan Christopher.
	Annual Performance Evaluation
Executive Session: Annual performance evaluation of a public employee	At 9:30 AM Chairman Sauter announced that the Board would be convening into Executive Session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1) (g) to conduct an annual performance evaluation of a public employee. Chairman Sauter noted that the session would last fifteen (15) minutes. At 9:45 AM it was announced the Executive Session would be extended ten (10) minutes. The Board convened back into Regular Session at 9:55 AM.
	Workshop Session Agenda
Public Works/Road Department Update	10:00 AM – Public Works Department Update: Attendance: Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey, Public Works Deputy Director Jeff Hunter, Department of Emergency Management Director Jeff King in the Chambers, various county employees and residents via telephone. Director Gordon Kelsey reviewed items on the consent agenda this afternoon, a discussion followed regarding a deviation/waiver from the Washington State Department of Transportation, noting it will be on the consent agenda next week. Director Kelsey reported on the east and west end crew projects, stating the east end crew is working on grading, brushing, mowing, and quarry restoration work. The west end crew will begin on the grant-funded safety projects. Director Kelsey stated they have started removing sand and gravel on the west end and will move east. Director Kelsey advised of the upcoming facilities work on the new building, noting the windows are all installed and he will be looking at furniture this Thursday in Wilsonville. Director Kelsey stated he is working on adding parking spaces around the Courthouse and requested if the tent out front can be removed to add parking; the Board was in support. Director Kelsey reported the crews are working on the deconstruction of the grey house is underway and the longest part will be the asbestos removal. A discussion was held about the Old Mill Site in Klickitat and the cleanup process, noting there are parcels in the area the Public Utility District and the Washington State Department of Transportation uses, a discussion followed regarding the removal of the building and salvaging any building materials. Natural Resources/Economic Development Department Director Dave McClure advised there is a covenant from the Department of Ecology regarding the removal of the building.

	Director Kelsey requested and received guidance on naming the new County Services Building, the Board stated they will follow up with suggestions.
Sheriff Bob Songer: Department Update	10:30 AM - Elected Officials Report/Update: Attendance: Sheriff Bob Songer, Undersheriff Mike Kallio, Chief Jail Deputy Carmen Knopes, Chief Civil Deputy Karen Elings in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via telephone. Sheriff Bob Songer reported on the calls for service from January 1, 2021, to March 29, 2021, as well as civil service papers during the same time. Sheriff Songer advised Undersheriff Mike Kallio will be retiring from the Klickitat County Sheriff's Office in May of this year, Undersheriff Kallio has honorably served twenty-two and a half years. Sheriff Songer stated he attended the Constitutional Sheriff and Peace Officer Association Seminar training in Woodlands, Texas just outside Houston on February 26th and 27th, noting he attended the training paid for by himself, no County funds were spent on the event. Sheriff Songer requested the Board establish Klickitat County as a sanctuary 2nd Amendment County by adopting a County Resolution in supporting the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution and the Washington State Constitution. Sheriff Songer stated the Sheriff's Office has received numerous complaints in regards to Cougar sightings in Goldendale, the town of Klickitat, Bingen/White Salmon, Glenwood, Husum, and other neighborhoods throughout Klickitat County; also cougars and bears are a major concern and a problem for the farmers and ranchers in our County, noting livestock and domestic animals are being killed by cougars and bears on our County regularly. Sheriff Songer reported on the cougar sightings in the area, noting the cougars removed were turned over to Washington State Wildlife Agent Dan Bolton. Sheriff Songer advised the Washington State Supreme Court ruled arrest for simple possession of drugs is unconstitutional; if law enforcement discovers an individual in possession of heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, acid, or any other illegal drug, the officer no longer can arrest the individual for possession of a controlled substance, noting law enforcement officers can seize the illegal drugs from the person but no arrest will be made. Chief Jail Deputy Carmen Knopes provided a staff update on a training schedule and the court process currently being utilized, followed by an inmate transportation schedule. Chief Jail Deputy Knopes advised of the medical/mental health of the inmates, noting they have contacted Comprehensive Health 30 times since January, of those 30 phone calls, 14 responses were received to come to assist with crisis evaluations and detainment, noting some calls are to request information regarding an inmate;

		Comprehensive Health has also performed substance use disorder evaluations for inmates to be enrolled in a treatment plan. Chief Jail Deputy Knopes thanked the Board for the HVAC System and Control Board upgrades, followed by an update of the new inmate phone system, which was installed in two and half days, noting the Chirp devices used for inmates to text has been very well received. Undersheriff Mike Kallio thanked the Board for their support and stated he has appreciated the support. Karen stated they submitted an updated budget for 2021, increase in salaries from the Union Bargaining Agreement. A discussion was held regarding the illegal drug possession charges and Driving Under the Influence charges, followed by a request if the 2nd Amendment Resolution has been approved by the Prosecuting Attorney. Chairman Sauter thanked Undersheriff Kallio for his service, followed by a discussion about the inmates who were released due to the Blake decision and what the future jail population will be. Chairman Sauter stated this could heavily impact Counties' budgets regarding potential lawsuits.
Lunch Recess		The Board recessed for lunch at 11:26 AM.
		Call to Order/Roll Call:
Regular Meeting for Tuesday, March 30, 2021		Chairman Sauter reconvened the meeting at 1:00 PM; Opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present: David M. Sauter, Jacob L. Anderson, and Dan Christopher.
		Agenda:
Business Agenda		Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): the Business Agenda as presented.
		Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes:
Approval of Meeting Minutes	*	Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): The Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2021, as presented.
		Citizen Comment:
		Administrative Assistant Volunteer Coordinator, Kelly Brown from the Safe Space Children's Advocacy Center of the Gorge requested to stake signs on the Courthouse lawn and either side of the main entrance, as well as hang flyers on the doors promoting justice, hope, and healing for child abuse victims and their families. Goldendale resident Linda Blanchard stated she is very concerned about the potential fire hazard solar panels will bring if they are covering the ground and dry grass is under and all around them. Sheri Bousquet stated her appreciation for Board enacting a solar farm moratorium and would like to continue the discussion regarding the Conditional Use Permit.

	(CUP) Process and looks forward to working on more projects together in the future for the betterment of Klickitat County. Ms. Bousquet inquired how citizens go about changing County Ordinances, specifically related to larger projects that are using the CUP Process and how can they be made more strict. Commissioner Anderson stated he has suggested that larger project developers do some public outreach; the CUP process is outlined in RCW and permitting processes, there are mitigated processes that citizens can use to appeal projects, but the County cannot tell constituents what they can and cannot do with their land. Rociel Demmick reported on projects in Benton County that were going through the State of Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council Process and have since withdrawn their applications; Ms. Demmick stated she agrees with Ms. Bousquets earlier comments in regards to larger projects going through more than the CUP Process.
Public Meeting: To consider final approval of Boundary Line Adjustment BLA 2020-10, Applicant: John Trosper.	Public Meetings/Public Hearings/Bid Openings: Granted (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): Final approval of Boundary Line Adjustment BLA 2020-10, parcel No's 02-15-1852-0018/00 and 02-15-1852-0019/00, granting final approval; Applicant: John Trosper. Attendance: Assistant Planner Denice Lee in the chambers, various county employees, and residents via telephone. Chairman Sauter opened the public meeting to consider approval of Boundary Line Adjustment BLA 2020-10, Parcel Nos. 02-15-1852-0018/00 and 02-15-1852-0019/00 and he requested a staff review. Assistant Planner Denice Lee stated Boundary Line Adjustment No. BLA2020-10 is a proposal to adjust the common property line between parcels 02-13-1762-0011/0002-15-1852-0018/00 and 02-15-1852-0019/00. The proposed boundary line adjustment is located in the Wishram vicinity. Ms. Lee advised that an administrative review of this boundary line adjustment has been completed. Signatures have been obtained from the Road, Health, and Planning Departments, and the Treasurer's Office. All conditions attached to the preliminary approval have been met.
Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Executive Director Jessica Metta	Miscellaneous Reports/Comments: Attendance: Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) Executive Director Jessica Metta, various county employees, and residents via telephone. Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Executive Director Jessica Metta provided an overview presentation about MCEDD and its role in the Columbia Gorge region, noting the promotion is to facilitate family-wage jobs. MCEDD Executive Director Metta reported on the regions served, stating the three main areas of focus are Business Assistance; Technical Assistance; Regional Coordination.

	MCEDD Executive Director Metta reported on the Gorgelink Transportation Assistance MCEDD has helped with, Regional Planning, and the MCEDD five (5) year strategic plan. Chairman Sauter requested information regarding the Scenic Area Loan Fund the MCEDD Committee supported and when the funds will be available and the programs that will need to be set up to facilitate the funds. MCEDD Executive Director Metta stated she will have more information shortly and will follow up with the details. A discussion was held regarding Klickitat County's 10-year Economic Development Plan and MCEDD's 5 year Economic Plan.
	Unfinished Business:
Assessor Crista Schroder and Human Resources Manager KC Sheridan	Attendance: Assessor Crista Schroder, Chief Deputy Assessor Jessica Byers, HR Manager KC Sheridan, Human Resources & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via telephone. Assessor Crista Schroder requested and received verbal approval to proceed with the Assessor's Office Re-Organizational Chart to include an Analysis/Appraiser I or II in the Assessor's Office to allow for growth and promotions, followed by a staff update. Assessor Schroder stated her support for the compensation study proposed on this afternoon's agenda by Human Resources & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave
Human Resources & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave	Human Resources & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave requested and received verbal approval to proceed with conducting a compensation study for regular (non-represented) employees, noting that the last compensation study was conducted twelve years ago; HR Director Robb Van Cleave stated he would like to include counties in Oregon that are similar in size to Klickitat County. Director Van Cleave stated he supports including the Elected Officials in the study. Chairman Sauter inquired about the use of Oregon State counties, noting that it could be challenging if the union negotiations include Oregon Counties, a discussion followed regarding the timeframe of wage studies in the surrounding counties. Director Van Cleave provided clarification that union contracts are not allowed to use State counties for wage comparable studies. Commissioner Christopher inquired about the Social Media Policy and the Facebook accounts being set up for the County. Director Van Cleave will report back when the policy has been discussed with all departments and offices.

	HR Manager Sheridan requested and received verbal approval to update a current nurse's pay scale to reflect years of service. Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel requested and received verbal approval to proceed with the advertisement process for a Legal Administrative Assistant I, II, or III / Child Support Enforcement Coordinator within the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad requested approval to proceed with the revision of the Planning Department organization chart, followed by a discussion to include a Long-Range Planner or Senior Planner to the Department. HR Director Robb Van Cleave stated after the Compensation Study is complete the Long Range Planner position pay salary may increase, followed by a discussion about the Long Range Planner job description. Planning Director Mo-chi Lidblad will come back with a further recommendation and request verbal approval. No decisions were made.
Ordinance for review and consideration	Approved (M/, Christopher S/Sauter): Commissioner Anderson was opposed. Ordinance O033021 regarding adopting a moratorium on commercial/industrial solar projects subject to a Conditional Use Permit process, providing for a public hearing, and providing that the moratorium, unless extended, shall sunset within six months of the effective date of adoption. Prior to the motion, a discussion was held regarding the moratorium process, the sunset date, the public hearing process, and the time of day the hearings should be held. The Board agreed on May 4, 2021, to hold the public hearings at the Commissioners meeting room in Goldendale. Commissioner Anderson stated if the developers go through the State of Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council Process the Board made a mistake.
	Department Update/Report:
Public Health Department Update	Attendance: Public Health Director Erinn Quinn, Treasurer Greg Gallagher in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via telephone. Public Health Director Erinn Quinn reported on the COVID-19 case count; the current phase of the County under Governor Inslee's Roadmap to Recovery Plan, including the current metrics that are being considered. Director Quinn stated the Klickitat County Health Department has administered 2,500 COVID-19 vaccines to date, per the Washington State Department of Health Klickitat County has administered over 11,000 COVID-19 vaccines to residents, noting they are currently vaccinating Phase 1B, Tier 2, and the next phase of vaccination eligibility is currently set to open March 21, 2021. Director Quinn reported on the Isolation Housing Facility; the WIC services; Family Planning clients served, followed by an Environmental Health update.

Treasurer Greg Gallagher: Office Update.	Elected Official Report/Update: Attendance: Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Fiscal Manager Jenn Bartley, Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad, Human Resources & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via telephone. Treasurer Greg Gallagher reported on Klickitat County's Top Taxpayer Analysis by Industry. Treasurer Gallagher reported on the Treasurer's Office hours, noting they are closed during lunch at this time, followed by a COVID-19 procedure update, noting two (2) taxpayers can be in the lobby at one time. Treasurer Gallagher encouraged entities and citizens to continue utilizing the drop box out front on the north side of the Courthouse. Treasurer Gallagher reported on the Finance Committee Meeting held last week; noting he will be doing a supplemental budget request in the first supplement budget process. Treasurer Gallagher stated the County Services Building Bond expires on April 1, 2021, and requested guidance on the way the Board would like to proceed. A discussion was held regarding utilizing fund 125 and using the interest and in-house payment options, a brief discussion was held regarding incoming payments and payments from funds. Treasurer Gallagher will follow up with Auditor Sorensen and come back with more information concerning the audit process of in-house payments. Treasurer Gallagher reported on the tax title sale that was held last Thursday, stating all the tax title properties were sold and all have been settled up, noting the properties now are back on the tax rolls. Treasurer Gallagher reported there was a drug seizure surplus property in Lyle that was not sold and will continue to look at options to sell just the land at the assessed value, noting surplus properties are different than tax title properties. A resolution will follow lowering the price of the property and providing a tax title report for the property before the next auction. Treasurer Gallagher reported he did a lot of advertisements for the auction and received a positive response, followed by a thank you to the Treasurer's staff for all their hard work. Treasurer Gallagher provided a brief report on the activities of the office.
Voucher Certification and Approval	Payment Approvals: * Approved Warrants (M/Christopher. S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): Accounts Payable: (#304725 - 304791) for a total of \$1,189,225.77. Combined Payroll: (#217786 – 218054, County Benefit Warrants #304700 - 304707, Electronic Transfer #922) \$1,046,184.28.

		For a combined total of \$2,235,410.05 for the date ending March 29, 2021.
Pay Estimate		Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): Pay estimate No. 11 to Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company in the amount of \$1,001,008.59; excluding retainage in the amount of \$47,723.52 and including 7.5% sales tax in the amount of \$75,075.64, for a payment amount of \$1,028.360.71, for the County Services Building Project, Contract No. C03120.
		Consent Agenda:
	* * * * * * * *	Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): the Consent Agenda with twenty (20) items. 1) Letter and Resolution No. 03721 in the matter of appointing Frank Hewey of Goldendale, Washington to serve on the Klickitat County Veterans' Advisory Board, filling Position No. 2, representing Commissioner District No. 2, to an unexpired two (2) year term, expiring December 19, 2021. Effective December 19, 2021, Frank Hewey is hereby reappointed to serve on the Klickitat County Veterans' Advisory Board filling Position No. 2, representing Commissioner District No. 2, to an additional two (2) year term, expiring December 19, 2023, and Letter and Certificate of Appreciation to Keith Johnson for his service as an initial member of Klickitat County Veterans' Advisory Board. 2) Resolution No. 03821 in the matter of revising the Natural Resources/Economic Development Department's Organizational Chart to reflect adding an Office Manager II position and a Temporary Casual Clerical Administrative Assistant I, II or, III, to allow for promotions. Effective March 23, 2021. 3) Agreement (C06021) between Klickitat County (Prosecuting Attorney's Office) and Heather C. Yakely, Special Deputy Prosecuting Attorney with Kutak Rock, LLP. For the purpose of providing legal services to the County, the Assessor, and the Prosecuting Attorney in connection with Regional Disposal Company Tax Appeal, BTA No.'s 19-148, 19-149, 19-150, 19-151, 19-152, 19-153, 19-154, and 19-155, and associated proceedings. The cost is \$335 for Heather Yakely, \$250 for associates, and #110 for paralegal work. This contract shall expire on December 31, 2022. 4) Signature authorization forms for the new Commissioners for the E21-079-20 SHSP Grant Award. 5) Recognition of years of service on the Klickitat Citizens Review Committee and Technical Committee. Ken Bales has served on the Klickitat County Citizens Review Committee for 16 years, Jason Moon has served 2 years, Diane Driscoll has served on the Klickitat County Technical Committee for 7 years, David has served for 10 years, and Jay McLaughlin has served 6 years. 6) Letters and Resolution No. 03921 in the matter of appointing members to the Klickitat Technical Committee for the Klickitat Lead Entity to three (3) year unexpired term. 7) Letters and Resolution No. 04021 in the matter of appointing members to the Klickitat Citizens Review Committee for the Klickitat Lead Entity to three (3) year unexpired term.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 8) Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to hire a Victim Witness Coordinator at Grade 39, Step 1 to 5, within the Prosecuting Attorney's Office * 9) Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to hire a Maintenance/Vegetation Management Technician at Union Grade, Step 1, within the Public Works Department. * 10) Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to hire two (2) White Salmon flaggers and two (2) Goldendale flaggers at Grade 32, Step 1 to 3, within the Public Works Department. * 11) Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to hire two (2) Engineering Department Summer Labor Engineers at Grade 33, Step 1, within the Public Works Department. * 12) Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to hire a Public Works Foreman at Union Grade, Step 1, within the Public Works Department. * 13) Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to hire an Office Manager I or II at Grade 37 & 38, Step 1 to 3, within the Natural Resource/Economic Development Department. * 14) Memorandum from the Planning Department scheduling a public meeting to be held Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 1:30 PM, to consider approval of a rezone 2020-01. A rezone of 80 acres from Forest Resource to General Rural. Within the Trout Lake vicinity. Applicants: Dean Enterprises, LLC. * 15) Addendum A to the Service Agreement (C06121) between Klickitat County (Public Health Department) and Luminare for the purpose of adding additional cost related to the implementation of the software which was unforeseen work of integration with the Washington State Immunization Software that will assist in online scheduling and documentation of vaccines for mass vaccination clinics decreasing the overall burden of the administrative COVID-19 vaccine requirements, this software will be utilized by Klickitat County Health Department, Klickitat Valley Health, and Skyline, effective March 22, 2021, the additional cost is \$10,000, to be paid by COVID-19 funding. * 16) Notice to contractors and scheduling a bid opening to be held April 27, 2021, at 1:30 PM for Countywide Edge Lines, CRP 357, to provide for the improvement of 2.00 miles of Trout Lake Highway, 6.80 miles of Canyon Road, 3.95 miles of Woodland Road and 1.5 miles of Sunnyside Road by the installation of extruded thermoplastic line and other work, all in accordance with the Contract Provisions, and the Standard Specifications. The approximate project cost is estimated to be between \$100,000 and \$200,000. * 17) Notice to contractors and scheduling a bid opening to be held April 27, 2021, at 1:30 PM for Countywide Edge Lines, CRP 358, to provide for the improvement Trout Lake Highway, Canyon Road, Sandridge Road, Six Prong Road, Oak Ridge Road, Sunnyside Road, Olson Road and Garrison Road by the installation of new warning signs and posts, removal of existing signs and posts, removal of existing flexible guideposts and other work, all in accordance with the Contract Provisions, and the Standard Specifications. The approximate project cost is estimated to be between \$350,000 and \$650,000. * 18) Final Acceptance and Release of Retainage for the Klickitat County Radio Tower Electrical Repairs Contract C13020 for \$61,704.14, certifying all contract requirements have been met by Day Wireless System for the electrical improvements, in the amount of \$61,704.14. |
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	* 19) Resolution No. 04121 in the matter of updating the policy and procedures for priority programming techniques involving county roads, pursuant to WAC 136-14-020, WAC 136-14-030, and WAC 136-14-040. Klickitat County's existing Priority Programming Policy was signed on March 13, 1972, this is a complete update and rewrite of the Priority Programming Policy. * 20) Resolution No. 04221 in the matter of Designation of County Crisis Responders to perform mental health investigations, initial detentions, and other duties and responsibilities in accordance with RCW 71.05 and other applicable RCW's and WACs as they now exist or are modified in the future. The Board of County Commissioners hereby appoints Leslie Knight and Amy Williams to the list; removing Jaime Olguin, Noel Kuntzmann, and Jonathan Douglas. Effective March 30, 2021.
Prosecuting Attorney Update	Attendance: Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel, various county employees, and residents via telephone. Commissioner Anderson inquired about the Prosecuting Attorney's Opinion Request submitted seeking guidance regarding expanding the Dog Ordinance in the White Salmon area, the Board will follow up at a later time after reviewing the guidance. A discussion was held regarding the 2nd Amendment Resolution proposed by Sheriff Songer; Prosecuting Attorney Quesnel stated the County cannot enact regulations less or more restrictive than the State.
	Board Pending
Issues as determined by the Board of Commissioners	Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad advised of a zoning error in the Wishram area, noting the Planning Department's suggestion would be to zone within each parcel and not create more zoning issues by doing split zoning. The Board was in support of anything in the urban area be converted to urban zoning. Planning Director Lindblad requested to reorganize the Planning Department by including a Long-Range Planner and a Senior Planner position. HR Director Van Cleave advised he can look into different ways to fill the County's open positions right now and report back on the specialized hiring process in the Planning Department. Commissioner Anderson reported on the White Salmon/Hood River Bridge Committee, and the funding for the Bridge being provided from Washington State. A brief discussion was held regarding the funding options and the possibility of the bridge being in a private sector generating revenue; the Board was in support of continuing to keep the project in the public sector.
Adjournment	Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 PM. 9:30 AM for the scheduled workshop.

	Call to Order/Roll Call
Regular Meeting Extension: for Thursday, April 1, 2021	Chairman David Sauter convened the meeting at 9:30 AM. All Commissioners were present. Also in attendance were Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Auditor Brenda Sorensen, HR, and Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, and Fiscal Manager Jenn Bartley. Chief Deputy Auditor Heather Jobe and Solid Waste Director Ruby Irving were present via ZOOM.
9:30/12:00 PM	Finance Committee and Commissioners Budget training session and discussion regarding funds, revenues, and expenditures. Director Van Cleave and Fiscal Manager Bartley provided an overview of the various state and federal funding sources that will be available. Fiscal Manager Bartley provided a review of the America Rescue Plan's Coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funding that will help states, territories, counties, cities, and tribal governments cover increased expenditures, replenish lost revenue, and mitigate economic harm from the pandemic. Manager Bartley noted that the County will be receiving an estimated 4.3 million dollars with the first allocation expected any time between now and May. The second allocation is scheduled to be sent out in May 2022. The County has until December 31, 2024, to spend the funding. Manager Bartley advised that the cities of Bingen, White Salmon, and Goldendale would also be receiving America Rescue Plan funding. Director Van Cleave advised that additional dollars have been allocated for eligible revenue share counties (counties that have public lands). Director Van Cleave explained the payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) process. Director Van Cleave stated that the goal for today is to receive feedback from the Board to take back to the Finance Committee. The County needs to develop a planning process to determine how best to allocate the stimulus funding. Manager Bartley reported that the stimulus includes funding for broadband expansion. Director Van Cleave indicated that the President's infrastructure bill focuses on transportation and the improvement of roads and bridges. The Board discussed options for the use of the stimulus funding and how to best utilize the opportunity. Chairman Sauter noted that he doesn't want to waste funding by investing in Broadband when technology will change in 5 years. Commissioner Anderson indicated that this could be an opportunity to upgrade the County's accounting software and bring efficiencies and improvements for employees and the public, like paying bills online. Discussion followed regarding the Grant Committee and its functions such as providing guidance to departments and helping better manage the various grants.

		Commissioner Christopher noted that he would like a list of entities that would qualify to receive grant funding from the County. Following further discussion, Auditor Sorensen provided an overview of the yearend report, auditing practices, and impacts from findings, which can harm the County's credit standing. The Board discussed updating/upgrading the County's accounting software. Director Van Cleave indicated that it would cost \$1-1.2 million dollars for a new system and the conversion. Director Van Cleave asked how the Board wants to plan for the use of the stimulus dollars. The Board indicated they would like to start with workshops with Elected Officials and Department Heads to discuss long-term planning and how to manage into the future. The Board directed staff to schedule a workshop for April 15th at the fairgrounds to allow for physical distancing. The Board noted that they would like Elected Officials and Department Heads to submit ideas for one-time funding opportunities to improve efficiencies to better serve the public and employees and to prioritize ideas and include cost estimates. Manager Bartley provided an update on the PUD funding request to provide debt relief for customers having a hard time paying for utility bills. The Board discussed other agencies that provide programs to assist low-income citizens.
Adjournment (11:41 AM)		There being no further business Chairman Sauter adjourned the meeting.
	*	Reference Document on File Please Note: The Board of Commissioners' minutes are action minutes. A digital recording is on file as part of the official record and available on file BOCC-Meeting 3-30-21.

S/Jacob Anderson
Approved: Jacob Anderson
Vice-Chairman of the Board



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