

**Klickitat County  
Board of Commissioners  
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, May 4, 2021**

| Topic                                           | Agenda Item - Comment/Disposition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Morning Workshop Session – Tuesday, May 4, 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                 | <b>Workshop Session Agenda</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Legislative update                              | <p><b>9:30 AM - Legislative Update</b></p> <p>Attendance: Legislative Lobbyists Zak Kennedy (via teleconference), various county employees, and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Legislative Lobbyists Zak Kennedy advised there will be multiple attorneys challenging a lot of the changes due to unconstitutionality, noting a democratic legislator was wearing a dinosaur costume during the wrap-up session.</p> <p>Legislative Lobbyists Kennedy advised of the changes in the Blake decision, stating there is a lawsuit in Pierce County.</p> <p>Legislative Lobbyists Kennedy advised defunding the police movement has shown an increase in crime and the recall of the Governor's movement.</p> <p>Legislative Lobbyists Kennedy advised many counties are rolling back to Phase II and the continued closure of the State Capital Building.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter stated he has been reviewing the state budgets and is continuing to work with and be advised by the Washington State Associations of Counties.</p> <p>A discussion was held about the need to reach out to legislators during the offseason with the thought that next year's legislative session will be remote, noting it was very difficult to participate in the discussions remotely.</p> |
| Public Works/Road Department Update             | <p><b>10:00 AM – Public Works Department Update</b></p> <p>Attendance: Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey, Public Works Deputy Director Jeff Hunter in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey provided updated pictures for the furniture in the Commissioner's Office and Chambers, followed by a brief discussion of each Commissioner's preference for their office.</p> <p>An update was provided on the projects being funded by the State this year, noting no new projects received funding but previously requested projects were fully funded.</p> <p>Public Works Director Kelsey reported he had a pre-construction meeting with Stripe Rite Inc. for the annual striping contract, noting their paint is scheduled to arrive next week; followed by an update on the June 1st start date for the reconstruction of Old Mountain Road and the Roosevelt Drainage Repair that will begin this June.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|                                    | <p>Director Kelsey reported on the west and east end crews' projects, noting the west end crew is hauling State Department of Transportation grindings in Klickitat and placing them onto the Wahkiacus Heights Road and grading roads in the area.</p> <p>Director Kelsey reported on the grant-funded safety projects for 2021 and Guardrail repairs from damage this last winter.</p> <p>A report was given on the progress being done on the new Klickitat County Services Building, stating the original contract end date was the end of November and the contractor's new end date is the end of September; the furniture will be installed mid-October to early November with a move-in date of mid-November.</p> <p>Director Kelsey advised the Courthouse entry contractors have adjusted their schedule to accommodate the noise and in July the American Disabilities Act Entrance will move to the west side of the building through the basement.</p> <p>Director Kelsey stated that the Road Rally is scheduled for May 22nd, followed by advisement of a super load haul on the Roosevelt Grade and the closure May 12th from 10 AM to May 13th at 6 AM.</p> <p>A discussion was held about naming the new County Services Building as well as the conference rooms, the Board was in agreeance a survey will be sent out to the employees for name suggestions.</p> <p>The Board requested a report on the minor maintenance done on the Catherine Creek TrailHead by adding parking; the goal was to restrict parking in the roadway, Director Kelsey stated spots were made available and they have been used, noting safety concerns for citizens was the reason for adding the parking in the area.</p> |
| <p>Sheriff's Department Update</p> | <p><b>10:30 AM - Elected Official Report/Update</b></p> <p>Attendance: Sheriff Bob Songer, Chief Civil Deputy Karen Elings in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Sheriff Bob Songer reported on calls for service from January 1<sup>st</sup> to current and civil papers served during that same time frame.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer provided a staff update, noting that Deputy Tim Neher will be promoted to the management position of Undersheriff after Undersheriff Mike Kallio retires; Deputy Robert Bianchi will be assigned as a detective for the Klickitat County Sheriff's Office.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer requested the Board sign the proposed Sanctuary 2nd Amendment County Resolution in support of Klickitat County remaining a Constitutional County, Chairman Sauter inquired why this resolution is important. Sheriff Songer advised it sends a message that Klickitat County supports The Constitution, supports concealed carry, and supports the citizens' rights. A discussion followed regarding the oath of</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|                                                                                                                         | <p>office for elected officials; the system that is in place; the protocols that the County Commissioners have to follow.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer advised that if there is an unconstitutional law he will not enforce it if it were to proceed through the court system that would override his decision.</p> <p>The Board expressed their support for the Constitution and Sheriff Bob Songer, but they do not want to cause a large controversy over signing a Sanctuary 2nd Amendment County Resolution.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer advised he was not in support of the Federal funding process and the States Labor and Industries division related to the COVID-19 restrictions.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer advised that he is in the process of having Sergeant Joe Riggers research body cameras and the price to outfit the deputies and corrections deputies with them, noting it will provide accurate documentation of interactions when conducting violator contacts and the same with Corrections Officer interactions. The Board was in favor of the County Sheriff's Office looking into and purchasing body cameras.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer stated the Klickitat County Sheriff's Office Marine Division is available to assist with boat inspections; the officer will come to your residence to do the inspection.</p> |
|                                                                                                                         | <b>Board Pending:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>Issues as determined by the Board of Commissioners</p> <p>Executive Session:<br/>Discussion of a public employee</p> | <p>There were no items for discussion under Board Pending.</p> <p>At 11:10 AM, Chairman David M. Sauter announced that the Board would be convening into Executive Session with Human Resource and Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave and Department of Emergency Management Director Jeff King in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss the performance of a public employee. Chairman Sauter noted that the session would last twenty (20) minutes. At 11:30 AM it was announced the Executive Session would be extended fifteen (15) minutes. At 11:45 AM it was announced the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes. At 11:50 AM it was announced the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes. At 11:55 AM it was announced the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes.</p> <p>The Board convened back into Regular Session at 12:00 AM. No action was taken.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Lunch Recess                                                                                                            | The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 AM.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Regular Meeting for Tuesday, May 4, 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| Business Agenda                                                                                                                                       | <b>Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):</b> the Business Agenda as presented.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Approval of Meeting Minutes                                                                                                                           | * There were no meeting minutes presented for approval.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Citizen Comment:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Comments will be limited to seven (7) minutes per individual                                                                                          | <p>White Salmon Metropolitan Pool District President Lloyd DeKay reported on the status of the White Salmon Pool project, noting the funding sources being used to construct the pool. President DeKay stated they plan on beginning construction in July 2021.</p> <p>A discussion followed about the bond funding used for the new County Services Building and if the pool could potentially be able to utilize the same funding avenue. President DeKay stated due to the time frame they will not be able to utilize bond funding.</p> <p>White Salmon resident Lisa Evans and Republican Party Leader thanked Llyod DeKay for his work on the pool. Ms. Evans requested the commissioners declare the County a Common Sense County; Ms. Evans stated the mental health of our community, our kids, our small businesses, and our schools are suffering due to the COVID-19 mandates.</p> <p>Goldendale resident William Potter stated he supports Lisa Evans's comments and would like to declare the County a Common Sense County.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter inquired if the full Board is in support of the Benton County letter of support request for a Behavioral Mental Health Facility in the Tri-Cities, the full Board was in support and will sign the letter addressed to Senator Patty Murray.</p> <p>Human Resource Manager KC Sheridan requested and received verbal authorization to proceed with the advertising process of a full-time Communications Officer in the Department of Emergency Management.</p> |
|                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Public Meetings/Public Hearings/Bid Openings:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Public Hearing: To consider a supplemental budget and amendments for the 2021 budget for various funds and departments in the sum of \$17,595,942.00. | <p><b>Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): Resolution No. 05421</b> in the matter of a public hearing on the supplemental budget and amendments for the 2021 budget for various funds and departments in the sum of \$17,595,942.00 and directing that the County financial records shall reflect these changes.</p> <p>Attendance: Fiscal Manager Jenn Bartley, Human Resources &amp; Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, various county employees and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Prior to the adoption of the resolution, the public hearing proceeded as follows; with Chairman Sauter opening the hearing and asking for a staff report.</p> <p>Fiscal Manager Jenn Bartley provided an overview of supplemental budget requests and amendments to the 2021 budget. Fiscal Manager Bartley summarized Various departments have requested supplemental appropriations for the 2021 Budget.; General Fund #001: Board of County Commissioners (\$6,500), Sheriff (\$139,168), Human</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                 |   | <p>Resources (\$57,600); Fund #125 Cumulative Reserve (\$5,036,028); Fund #137 Public Health (\$802,491); Fund #107 Emergency Management (\$19,500); Fund #127 Emergency Management (\$5,000); Fund #135 Emergency Management (\$28,055), Fund #201 Treasurer Long Term Debt (\$10,000,000); Fund #307 Capital Projects (\$1,501,600).</p> <p>Chairman Sauter opened the public hearing to receive public comments in favor of or opposed to the proposed budget supplemental and amendments, noting there were no comments made, he requested a motion be made.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                 |   | <b>Miscellaneous Reports/Comments:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Klickitat County Childcare Committee members Human Resource & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave and Klickitat County Child Care Project Coordinator Johanna, Roe |   | <p>Attendance: Klickitat County Child Care Project Coordinator Johanna Roe, Human Resource &amp; Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, various county employees, and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Klickitat County Childcare Committee members Human Resource &amp; Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave and Klickitat County Child Care Project Coordinator Johanna Roe; reported on the committee's activities to address the childcare needs of our rural families.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter clarified since the Public Works Building is being considered as the potential childcare building and it belongs to the Public Works Department, it will need to be purchased from the Public Works Department, returning the money to the Road Fund.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                 |   | <b>Payment Approvals:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Voucher Certification and Approval                                                                                                                                              | * | <p><b>Approved Warrants (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):</b></p> <p>Accounts Payable: (#305449 - 305521) \$127,072.69 for the date ending May 3, 2021. There were no Payroll Warrants requiring approval.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                 |   | <b>Consent Agenda:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                 |   | <p><b>Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):</b> the Consent Agenda with nine (9) items.</p> <p>1) Agreement (<b>C08121</b>) between Klickitat County and The Goldendale Sentinel for publication of all legal notices and delinquent tax lists as well as notices to be published by a newspaper of "general circulation" for the 2021-2022 contract period at a rate of \$7.50 per column inch for each insertion. This agreement is effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.</p> <p>2) <b>Resolution No. 05521</b> in the matter of the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners declaring their support and willingness to work with the Lyle Community and all parties to develop safe legal access to the Klickitat sandbar.</p> <p>3) Intergovernmental Agreement (<b>C08221</b>) for combined State and Local Voters' Pamphlet between the State of Washington, Office of the Secretary of State and Klickitat County (Auditor's Office) to cooperatively publish and distribute to all residents of the relevant jurisdiction a combined Voters' Pamphlet during elections in which the state publishes a Voters' Pamphlet. This agreement shall begin on the date the last party executes this agreement and shall expire on June 30, 2026.</p> |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>4) Memorandum from the Planning Department scheduling a public meeting to be held Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 1:30 PM, to consider approval of a Boundary Line Adjustment, BLA 2020-09. Parcel numbers 04-15-0500-0007/00 and 04-15-0550-0002/00, in the Goldendale vicinity. Applicants: Samantha Plante/Erin Forrest.</p> <p>And</p> <p>A memorandum from the Planning Department scheduling a public meeting to be held Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 1:30 PM, to consider approval of a Boundary Line Adjustment, BLA 2021-01. Parcel numbers 04-11-3151-0001/00 and 04-11-3151-0002/00, in the Husum vicinity. Applicants: Derek Goodwin/Janet Bixby.</p> <p>5) Independent Contractors Agreement (<b>C08321</b>) Amendment No. 2 between Klickitat County (Economic Development Department) and Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of extending the period of performance from December 31, 2020, to December 2021, and increase the not to exceed the budget of from fifteen thousand \$15,000 to a total of (\$40,000).</p> <p>6) A purchase request from the Department of Emergency Management for the purchase of two (2) Samsung 5mp Dome Cameras, accessories, mounting brackets, and installation of both on the Emergency Management facilities perimeter; at the cost of \$2,620.85 which includes installation and tax.</p> <p>7) A purchase request from the Department of Emergency Management for the purchase of 1 3150HR Operator 24/7 Chair, with a 21" seat width, black alternative leather, swing arm, partial foot ring base, safety casters – DEMO S/N 54875-100720-1, with a factory warrant expiration of October 31, 2026.</p> <p>And</p> <p>A purchase request from the Department of Emergency Management for the purchase of 1 3150HR Operator 24/7 Chair, with a 23" seat width, black alternative leather, swing arm, partial foot ring base, safety casters – DEMO S/N 51512-012020-1, with a factory warrant expiration of January 31, 2026. Both chairs will be at the cost of \$3,278.75 which includes applicable tax.</p> <p>8) Request for concurrence to award the bid to Hicks Striping &amp; Curbing, Brooks, Oregon for the Countywide Edge Lines, CRP 357, as bid in the amount of \$88,010.40.</p> <p>9) Request for concurrence to award the bid to Thompson Bros., Vancouver, Washington for the Countywide Guide Posts and Signing, CRP 358, as bid in the amount of \$470,937.20.</p> |
| <p>The purpose of said hearing is to take testimony (pursuant to RCW 36.70.795) on Ordinance O033021, a moratorium on commercial/industrial solar projects subject to a conditional use permit process.</p> | <p><b>Public Hearing:</b></p> <p>Attendance: Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad in the Chambers, numerous County residences were present, and due to COVID-19 restrictions the provided testimony and then left to allow others to enter the room; Sixty-four members on Zoom.</p> <p>Chairman David Sauter stated the Board will be conducting a public hearing on the moratorium the Board adopted on March 30, 2021; and taking testimony from anyone in favor of continuing the moratorium, and from those opposed to the moratorium. The moratorium is only applicable to those commercial/industrial solar projects that are not located completely inside the County's Energy Overlay Zone, and therefore require a conditional use permit. The projects that are sited inside the Energy Overlay Zone will go through the EOZ permit process and are not subject to the moratorium.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

Chairman Sauter disclosed the Board toured two solar projects in Prineville, Oregon on Thursday, February 25, 2021, and requested if any Board members had any ex parte contact.

Commissioner Christopher stated he will be adding approximately 170 emails to the record.

Commissioner Anderson stated he has had multiple Community Council Meeting conversations as well as emails.

Jack Compton - Goldendale stated he is not in favor of the solar farm projects. Would like to continue the Moratorium.

Robert Morrow - Goldendale thanked the Commissioner for having this public hearing, Mr. Morrow would like to discontinue the moratorium and would like the county to deal with the solar projects within the County not through the State.

Tai Wallace - Cypress Creek Renewables opposed the continuation of a moratorium stated RCW noting an emergency does not exist, the comprehensive plan encourages green energy plans. Would continue the opportunity to proceed through the Conditional Use Permit.

Rocil Demmick, Tucker Hill Road stated the Conditional Use Permit does not cover the solar projects properly. Ms. Demmick would like the moratorium to remain in place.

Delmer Eldrige - Goldendale resident would like the Commissioners to keep the moratorium in place.

Dave Barta - Goldendale resident requested the continuation of the moratorium and the County Energy Overlay Zone was not designed to oversee such large solar projects. Mr. Barta stated battery storage should be addressed as a safety concern.

Marcus Graefenhain - Santa Monica California - stated the Conditional Use Permit Process provides many guidelines to oversee green energy projects as well as the State Environmental Permit Application is some of the strictest in the United States. Mr. Graefenhain stated he is not in support of continuing the moratorium.

Candy Magnuson - Goldendale stated she is worried about water in the area, she stated the wells in the area are very low and high in nitrates. She is worried about pollution.

Debra Cramer - Goldendale, would like to see the moratorium continued. Stated she is concerned about the disposal and understands the financial incentive to build these projects.

Sarah Zwickle via zoom from Michigan spoke on behalf of her mother Lynn Wanless on Fish Hatchery Road, Ms. Swickle stated they are in favor of continuing the moratorium.

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|                                                           | <p>Klickitat County General Manager Jim Smith has not taken a position on the issue and is listening in to the public hearing on this important land-use issue and will be better informed on the PUD's obligations. Some can directly interconnect with the Bonneville Power Administration and some will need to connect through the PUD's connection and the developers will be required to follow all the land use requirements that are being discussed and will be required to pay all the connections cost, there will be no impact in costs to citizens.</p> <p>Goldendale resident Olga Hodges stated she has recently moved here and is appealing to the Board as a mother and the future of her new family to not allow solar farms as they do change the feel and flavor of the area.</p> <p>Romeos Solis employee of Cypress Hill Renewables Santa Monica California stated he is opposed to the continuation of the moratorium, stating no emergency exists and that it warrants the moratorium.</p> <p>Sheri Bousquest - would like the moratorium to continue, and reviewed the ordinance as it was written.</p> <p>Goldendale resident Russ Hanson is not opposed to solar and would like it to be sensibly sited and regulated. Stated he is in favor of continuing the moratorium.</p> <p>Amy Hanson from Goldendale reported on her and her husband's recent move to the area and would like to continue the moratorium.</p> <p>Goldendale citizen Victor Baca stated this is more of an emergency moratorium and would like it continued because of the lithium-ion battery storage and the incredible fire danger.</p> <p>White Salmon resident Dennis White stated he supports the continuation of the moratorium until the ordinances can be reviewed and updated.</p> <p>Jane Watson Bid Springs Road - Is in support of the moratorium but is also in favor of solar but on a more personal scale. Ms. Watson stated she is concerned with her well and the water in the area.</p> <p>Roy Dick from Toppenish, a member of the Rock Creek Band and stated he is speaking on behalf of the tribe. Mr. Dick stated he does not see the need for so many solar panels and fears the lack of area that his family will be able to gather their traditional foods.</p> <p>Bonnie White from White Salmon is in support of continuing the moratorium.</p> <p>Closed for verbal comment until 6 PM tonight, written testimony will be open till 5 PM Friday, May 7, 2021.</p> |
|                                                           | <p><b>Board Pending:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Issues as determined by the Board of Commissioners</p> | <p>Commissioner Christopher requested to appoint the Lodging Tax Advisory Member appointments. Economic Development &amp; Natural Resource Director David McClure advised the applications have been submitted to the committee members and their</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|                                                                                                                                                        | <p>the meeting is this Monday, followed by a discussion about the type of open seats on the committee.</p> <p>Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad requested guidance on whether to apply for The Washington State Department of Ecology Grant for the Shoreline Master Plan Update. The Board was in support of applying for the grant.</p> <p>Correspondence noted for the record: A letter to Senator Patty Murray expressing support for the Benton County's funding request for the Three Rivers Behavioral Health Recovery Center in the Tri-Cities, Washington.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Adjournment (3:32 PM)                                                                                                                                  | <p><b>Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 6:00 PM tonight to continue the Public Hearing to take testimony (pursuant to RCW 36.70.795) on Ordinance O033021, a moratorium on commercial/industrial solar projects subject to a Conditional Use Permit Process. There are no workshops scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2021.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>Call to Order/Roll Call</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Regular Meeting<br>Extension: Continued Public Hearing to take testimony in favor of or opposed to continuing the moratorium pursuant to RCW 36.70.795 | <p>Chairman Sauter called the meeting to order and welcomed all, and then introduced himself, Commissioner Dan Christopher, and Commissioner Jacob Anderson.</p> <p>Below is a brief synopsis of the testimony offered, noting a video recording of the complete hearing is part of the official record and available on the County's website. There were approximately thirty (30) members of the public present, which were divided into two (2) groups to provide physical distancing. Staff present: Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad. There were numerous people also present via zoom.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter stated that this is a continuance from the 2:00 PM public hearing on the moratorium the Board adopted on March 30, 2021; and testimony will be taken from anyone in favor of and those who oppose the moratorium.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter advised that the moratorium is only applicable to those commercial/industrial solar projects that are not located completely inside the County's Energy Overlay Zone, and therefore require a conditional use permit. The projects that are sited inside of the Energy Overlay Zone will go through the EOZ permit process and are not subject to the moratorium.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter opened the public hearing and disclosed that the Board toured two (2) solar projects in Prineville, Oregon on Thursday, February 25, 2021. He requested disclosures or ex parte contacts from the Board, with none being announced.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter read aloud the rules for the hearing, noting that the hearing is being recorded, therefore everyone's cooperation will be appreciated.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter open the public hearing for public testimony and read the name of the first person on the sign-up sheet.</p> |

Mike Lummio, Pine Forest & Knight Road, Goldendale, spoke in support of the moratorium, explaining the negative impacts of industrial solar projects from his perspective as a biologist.

Danielle Clevidence, Goldendale spoke in support of the moratorium and finished presenting Mr. Lummio's comments. Ms. Clevidence provided examples of possible dangers from solar projects and other hazards from her experiences as a military quality assurance person for 30 years.

Dana Peck, Foster Road, Goldendale, spoke in favor of a short-term moratorium, noting that he played a role in the development of the original energy overlay zone.

Goldendale resident Jim Hill asked the Board to lift the moratorium and allow property owners to use their property to benefit their families. He also stated that he wants the County to make decisions regarding solar development and not the state.

Ralph Harvey, Goldendale, testified in support of the moratorium and commented on the hazards related to the batteries and possible leakage into the creek and groundwater.

Edward Binar, Turkey Road, Goldendale, spoke in favor of the moratorium and expressed concerns for loss of farmland, wildlife, fire danger, batteries, and cleanup. Mr. Binar stated that big solar corporations do not care about the citizens of Klickitat County.

Steve Heitmann, White Salmon area stated that he is a solar system engineer who has lived off the grid and has been a strong supporter of solar since 1974. His original intent was to oppose the moratorium, now he supports a 3-6 month moratorium to allow the public to become correctly educated and to enable the Commissioners to review and update planning ordinances.

Wayne Potter, Goldendale, supported the moratorium and expressed habitat concerns for endangered species.

Thomas Holub, Rimrock Road Goldendale, supports a short-term moratorium, suggested that the County re-evaluate its long-term position on solar and consider that some things are more important than increasing the tax base. Scenic beauty needs to be considered.

Jeff Albin, Garrison Road, Goldendale spoke in favor of the moratorium, noting that large-scale solar developments are a benefit to the companies, not the citizens. He spoke in support of rooftop solar and expressed concerns about environmental hazards.

Julie Chantry, Finn Ridge Road, Centerville spoke in favor of the moratorium and expressed concerns over aquifers being poisoned from the solar panels and environmental damage.

Raeann Binar, Turkey Ranch Road, Goldendale, spoke in favor of the moratorium being extended. Ms. Binar stated that the County needs new ordinances, regulations and she asked the Board to do the right thing and extend the moratorium.

Elaine Harvey, Hill Road, Goldendale, stated that she is a member of the Rock Creek Band of the Yakama Nation and her ancestors were from here. They have fishing; hunting and gathering rights and these projects are proposed to be on ceded lands. The treaty of 1855 supersedes county and state laws. These projects have affected her ancestors, now her, and their future generations. Ms. Harvey expressed her support for the moratorium and opposition for all solar, wind, and pump storage projects.

Brosco Jim Jr. - Chief of the Rock Creek Band stated that his people were here first and these are original territories of the river people. He expressed concerns with the hazards created by large industrial solar projects, noting that Mother earth is getting exhausted.

Lynn Parish, Cedar Valley Road, Goldendale expressed her concerns and ask for the moratorium to be extended to give the County time to update and improve ordinances. She stated that she believes in property rights, adding that these projects should be built in residential areas and farm ground. Ms. Parish thanked CEASE for their work in stopping solar development.

Loren Corus, Cedar Valley Road, Goldendale, stated that he is in favor of the moratorium, commenting that it does not make sense to build an industrial solar project this far north and it is ridiculous to cover up prime farming land.

Debbie Wagner- Fish Hatchery Road, Goldendale, stated that she opposes industrial-scale solar facilities anywhere and supports the moratorium. Ms. Wagner commented that she feels the solar developments will become wastelands and they will damage the underlying farmland.

Greg Wagner, Fish Hatchery Road, Goldendale, stated that a 6-month moratorium is needed pending the County establishing a Solar Overlay Zone to protect the County. Solar should only be in inappropriate areas and should not use prime farmland. Mr. Wagner commented that solar is a scam and does more harm than good.

Adam Fahlenkamp, Brooks Memorial Park, Goldendale stated that he is opposed to the moratorium. His family has been here since 1888 and dryland farming is becoming more difficult, solar could be the income stream to keep farmers going. He would rather see some of his less productive acres put into solar rather than residences.

Paul Enyart Goldendale farmer commented that bringing in solar is an avenue where landowners can be a part of solving a major problem. Many large landowners have thought it over and this is the most viable option for farmers in the area. The nation is moving towards needing more electricity. Mr. Enyart commented that we already have serious issues with runoff from the chemicals and fertilizer that are used in farming.

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|             | <p>Ashley Cooper, Goldendale, stated she supports the moratorium and is personally opposed to solar here in the county. She also commented on the lack of transparency, noting that as soon as a proposed project comes into the county the citizens should know about it. She supports setbacks, environmental impact studies for each project and does not like the appeal fee structure.</p> <p>Justin Bousquet, Husum asked if written comments would be posted online. It was noted that they would be part of the official record.</p> <p>Monica George, via Zoom, stated that she is in favor of the moratorium and shares many of the same concerns already expressed.</p> <p>After everyone who wanted to provide comment had finished, Chairman Sauter closed the public hearing to further oral public testimony and called for Board discussion, noting that written comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM on Friday, May 7, 2021. The public hearing will be continued to May 11, 2021, for Board deliberation.</p> |
| Adjournment | <b>Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):</b> There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|             | <p>* Reference Document on File</p> <p>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 05-04-2021.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

  
Approved: David M. Sauter  
Chairman of the Board



05/25/2021

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