

**Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

Morning Workshop Session

Chairman Dan Christopher called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Commissioners present: Jacob Anderson via zoom, and Lori Zoller and Dan Christopher in person.

Workshop Session Agenda

9:30 AM – Elected Official Report/Update: Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel: At 9:30 AM Chairman Christopher announced that the board will be convening into executive session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation for fifteen (15) minutes. At 9:45 AM it was announced that the executive session will be extended for five (5) minutes. Executive session ended at 9:50 AM. The Board convened back into regular session. No action was taken.

9:57 AM – Public Works/Road Department Update:

Attendance: Interim Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Interim County Engineer Seth Scarola, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Interim Director Hunter provided an update on the consent agenda items.

Interim County Engineer Scarola provided an update on the Construction program and Road Designs.

Interim Director Hunter provided an update on the East and West end maintenance projects and the upcoming facilities events.

Interim Director Hunter discussed the replacement schedule for the HVAC filters in the new building and the tour of the Dallesport Wastewater Treatment plant this Wednesday.

Interim Director Hunter requested and received permission to schedule the Franchise Agreement Hearing.

Interim Director Hunter discussed the Park Planning Grant.

10:12 AM – Natural Resources/Economic Development Department Update:

Attendance: Economic Development Specialist Richard Foster and various County elected officials, employees and members of the public, present, in person and via Zoom.

Specialist Foster stood in for Director Dave McClure to provide an update on the Department of Commerce Grants, CGRA, MCEDD, Federal EDA funding, Klickitat Mill Site tour, Small Business Innovation Fund Grant Requests, Workforce Development, Community Development Project Funds, Klickitat County Childcare Committee and WSU Broadband Grant.

10:23 AM – Code Compliance Update:

Code Compliance Officer Jorge Sendejas and various County elected officials, employees and members of the public present, in person and via Zoom.

Code Compliance Office Sendejas provided a code compliance update on his open and closed cases, stating his caseload is now 25 open cases.

Board Pending:

Commissioner Anderson provided an update on House Bill 1756.

At 10:43 Chairman Christopher announced the Board would be convening into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (1)(d) to review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs. At 10:58 Chairman Christopher announced that the Executive Session would be extended ten (10) minutes. At 11:08 Chairman Christopher announced that the Executive Session would be extended ten (10) minutes. At 11:18 Chairman Christopher announced that the Executive Session would be extended ten (10) minutes. At 11:28 Chairman Christopher announced that the Executive Session would be extended ten (10) minutes. At 11:38 Chairman Christopher announced that the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes.

Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously). To recess for lunch at 11:43 AM.

Commissioner's Business Meeting

Chairman Dan Christopher reconvened the meeting at 1:00 PM, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. All three (3) Commissioners were present. Commissioner Anderson participated via Zoom.

Agenda:

Approved (M/Zoller, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): Business Agenda as presented.

Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2023 and January 17, 2023 as presented.

Citizen Comment:

Attendance: Bob and Kathy Moco of Goldendale, Dave West of Centerville and various County elected officials, employees and members of the public present, in person and via Zoom.

Delmar Eldred of Goldendale commented on being a Constitutional County.

Gabriel Gilbert commented on adding Child Care to the Economic Development 5 year plan and voiced her opinion on a calculated smear campaign of one of our Commissioners.

Pat Arnold commented on missing the Code Compliance update and creating a Constitutional County.

Sheri Bousquet commented on the County Assessors method of appraisal for Renewable Energy sites.

Lynn Mason commented on the ongoing Animal Shelter project.

Dave Barta of Goldendale commented on House Bill 1333.

Commissioner Zoller responded to the comment from Mr. Eldred and Ms. Arnold, Mr. Barta and Ms. Gilbert.

Commissioner Anderson responded to the comments from Ms. Arnold, Ms. Gilbert, Ms. Mason and Mr. Barta.

Commissioner Christopher responded to comments from Ms. Gilbert, Ms. Arnold, Ms. Bousquet, Ms. Mason and Mr. Barta.

Miscellaneous Reports/Comments:

Dallesport Community Deliberative Assembly: Further discussion regarding taking over ownership of the Dallesport Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mr. McNeal read aloud correspondence stating interest in the Dallesport Wastewater Treatment Plant and requesting copies of reports and contracts.

A discussion followed in regards to support and obtaining information.

Robert Brown read aloud the contract between Klickitat County and Klickitat County Public Utility Department Articles 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5 and 9.6 to clarify the reports requested.

Consent Agenda:

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): Consent Agenda with 8 items.

- 1) ***(C02823)** 2023 Independent Contractors Agreement between Glenwood Rodeo Association and Klickitat County for reimbursement of costs from lodging tax revenue received by the county of not more than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).
- 2) ***Retainage Bond** between Klickitat County and Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company (subcontractor is Total Energy Management). In the penal sum of Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty One Dollars and Five Cents (\$53,431.05) in lieu of the County withholding 5% monetary retainage.
- 3) ***(#O020723)** Ordinance in the matter of allowing Klickitat County the option to grant use of its facilities and waive rental fees for organizations and groups benefiting Klickitat County youth.
- 4) *** Concurrence to Award Contract and Contract Bond with Stripe Rite Inc.** for the 2023 Annual Striping Contract RN 642-23, for the total bid amount of \$585,638.00.
- 5) ***Personnel Authorization** to begin advertising process to fill a soon to be vacant Coordinator position in Goldendale at Grade 71, Step 1-3 (\$33.16-\$35.17 per hour) within the Noxious Weed Control Department
- 6) ***Notice to Vendors and scheduling a bid opening** for March 7, 2023 at 1:30 PM for the purchase of Liquid Asphalt for the 2023 paving season.
- 7) ***An alternative work schedule request** for Real Property Appraiser III (Brian Huber) within the Assessor's Office for a flexible work schedule of four-10-hour days per week, Monday through Thursday, 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM: and for Real Property Appraiser II (Kacie Davenport) within the Assessor's Office for a flexible work schedule of four-10-hour days per week, Tuesday through Friday, 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM.
- 8) ***Resolution No. 02623** in the matter of seeking to provide additional compensation for New Employee Diana Gilderhus, Health Department Clerical Administrative Assistant III, for interpreter services.

Voucher Certification and Payment Approvals:

Approved Warrants (M/Zoller, S/Anderson). Passed unanimously): Accounts Payable: (#319616 - 319679) for a total of \$214,076.94 for the date ending February 6, 2023.

Approved Warrants (M/Zoller, S/Anderson). Passed unanimously): Accounts Payable: (#319680 - 319709) for a total of \$58,377.47 for the date ending February 6, 2023.

There were no Payroll warrants requiring approval.

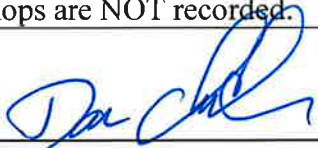
Unfinished Business:

The Board discussed House Bill 1756.

Chairman Christopher discussed signing up as personally opposed to some Legislative Bills and clarified that he would only speak on behalf of the county if the Board was unanimous in opposing a certain Bill.

(2:05 PM)Approved (M/Zoller, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. There is no scheduled workshop on Thursday, February 9, 2023.

*Reference Document on File. The Board of Commissioners' minutes are action minutes. A digital recording is on file as part of the official record and available on file 02-07-2023 Board of County Commissioners Meeting. Please Note: All Commissioner meetings and workshops are open to the public to attend. Meetings are recorded, Workshops are NOT recorded.



Approved: **Dan Christopher**
Chairman of the Board



2-21-2023

Date